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THE *Globe* of Wednesday contains the following paragraph:—

"FENIAN HIGH TREASON,

"REWARD OF £10,000 FOR THE MURDER OF THE PRINCE OF WALES.
"NEW YORK, Wednesday.

"The *United Irishman* makes a fresh sensation this morning by a new outrage, which can scarcely escape the interference of the authorities.

"It publishes an offer of £10,000 for the body of the Prince of Wales, dead or alive.
"This outrageous proclamation is signed 'Shaun O'Neil,' and is dated Dublin."

The *Times* of Thursday confirms the atrocious paragraph in its main features in these words:—"This week's issue of O'Donovan Rossa's newspaper, the *United Irishman*, contains a telegram from Dublin, signed 'Shaun O'Neil,' saying that it has been decreed to offer a reward of 10,000 dols. for the body, dead or alive; of the Prince of Wales."

Anything more outrageous, horrible, barbarous, or cowardly we cannot conceive. We trust that the American Government may deem it well to take notice of a proceeding which will be resented by every loyal citizen of Great Britain and its Colonies.

We are happy to announce that in consequence of our appeal, we understand, that several of our brethren are contemplating becoming Stewards for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Festival. Among them we are permitted specially to mention the W.M. of the Aldersgate Lodge, Bro. FROM. Last year the Aldersgate Lodge, which has always distinguished itself by its remarkable support of the Charities, sent in a very striking return to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. We trust that this good example will be followed by other lodges and brethren, and that Bro. TERRY will be rewarded by another effective proof of the large-hearted benevolence of our English Craft.

It is impossible but that all our readers who, though Freemasons, are always patriotic in sentiment and sympathy, must feel deeply the dark news from Khartoum, and the probable sad fate of the brave GORDON. We have many members of our Order of all services gallantly engaged in the Soudan, and our Bro. Lord CHARLES BERESFORD has been sent up to relieve Sir CHARLES WILSON and his party. We shall wish them "more power to their arm," a "good deliverance" from fanatic and implacable foes; yes, and a great and speedy triumph over formidable difficulties and countless dangers, and, above all, a thoroughly English vindication of the right and honour of our country, as they gallantly uphold her prestige and unimpaired position among the nations of the world. Since we wrote the above we fear that the latest reports points to the melancholy fate of the brave GORDON, who died at his post in the massacre of Khartoum,—of which the accounts are sickening. Many of the papers appeared in mourning on Wednesday. The gallant conduct of Bro. Lord CHARLES BERESFORD will be duly read and appreciated by the entire Craft.

We take this opportunity of congratulating R.W. Bro. LORD KENSINGTON, M.P., on his installation as Prov. G. Master of South Wales, West Division. His lordship was D.P.G.M. under his predecessor the late Bro. COL. LLOYD PHILIPPS, and is therefore well-known and respected in the province. We may anticipate, therefore, under the new *regime* a continuance of that prosperity which characterised the old. Full particulars of the event, which took place at Haverfordwest and passed off most satisfactorily, are reserved till next week.

A very interesting question of English Masonic jurisprudence has been raised in the last *Freemason*. It is, what is practically the effect of a suspension of a lodge? It is understood that there are two views on the subject. One is the old-fashioned one, that the suspension affects only the lodge and the members thereof suspended. The other, a novel view, we venture to think,—that the suspension not only affects the particular lodge,

but suspends all the Masonic privileges of all its members, so that they, though members of other lodges, cannot attend any Masonic meetings at all, during the term of the suspension. By the word suspension, though the Book of Constitutions does not define its effects, we understand, in common parlance, a cessation of the usual meetings of the lodge,—in fact, a stoppage *pro tem.* of its Masonic life and work. But a grave question arises if with out the distinct authority of the Book of Constitutions, we are to extend the consequences of such penalties, and to say that a brother who belongs, for instance, to a town and a county lodge, because the county lodge is at fault, is not to attend the meetings of a town lodge, of which he is also a member, which is not under an "interdict." In the construction and application of penal clauses we are never to "read within the lines," or seek to enlarge the penalty, or amplify the jurisdiction. The Book of Constitutions is singularly reticent as to suspension. It mentions it as a possible penalty under certain contingencies. But then it is always and only quoad the peccant lodge, or a certain brother or brethren so struck by sentence of suspension. The punishment is that that lodge is dormant for the time, and that the members of it cannot meet as a lodge. We need hardly point out to some of our readers the "reductio ad absurdum" to which the theory that the members of a suspended lodge cannot avail themselves of the privileges of another lodge of which they are also subscribing members, while the offending lodge is under sentence, might reduce us. Some of our highest officials might be unable to attend Grand Lodge if such really be the law, which we venture to doubt, supposing that one of the lodges of which they are members is struck by a sentence of suspension. Another point which must be considered is whether *outside* a particular lodge, which no doubt may be suspended, any brother can be suspended, except formally and by name. If a brother is suspended "nominatim," of course his Masonic privileges cease everywhere "pro tem." with a "power of appeal." Otherwise the suspension is restricted at least to the particular lodge and its members. Thus it will be seen that we have a pretty little "Crux" to exercise the ingenuity of those who like to discuss such points of difficulty, who interest themselves in questions of law and discipline, and think nothing too little, or great for the matter of that, which concerns the constitutional rights, liberties, and privileges of all the members of our common Order.

THE *Toronto World* tells us, as will be seen elsewhere, that a number of the American Grand Masters have already telegraphed their approval of the Quebec "Bull of Excommunication." We are very sorry for the American Grand Masters who have pursued so hasty and undignified a course, if they have done so. But we do not believe all that we hear. The more we think over the "Quebec Muddle," the worse and more hopeless it seems to us, a discredit to all professions of Brotherhood, a very melancholy commentary on the outcome of contemporary Freemasonry. The *Toronto World* admits, as our readers will notice elsewhere, as indeed it could not help doing, that the English lodges now working in Montreal are perfectly legal, and exist by virtue of a concordat made by Lord Zetland, representing the Grand Lodge of England, and Grand Master Wilson, of the Grand Lodge of Canada. The further comment is alike amusing and suggestive: "This concordat was honourably observed by both the Grand Bodies of England and Canada until the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec." The Freemason loyal to his principles, an admirer of honourable conduct, a believer in the reality of the professions and teachings of the Craft, may well ask, in bated breath—What next? The laughable idea that the Grand Lodge of Quebec "found its dignity hurt," and its "jurisdiction menaced," by the "existence of the lodges referred to," can hardly be seriously discussed in England. The Grand Lodge of Quebec is itself a "swarm" from the Grand Lodge of Canada, once also "excommunicated," and still an illegal association by the laws of the dominion, and therefore that it can be hurt in its dignity, or menaced in its jurisdiction by the existence of admittedly good legal lodges, seems something too absurd to contemplate or realize. We deeply regret the bad animus developed and the un-Masonic temper evinced; but we are thankful to remember that the course of our English Grand Lodge has been from the very first up to this hour tempered by dignity, animated by honesty, marked signally by true Masonic principles, and dominated by common sense.

SPECULATION is rife, the *Toronto World* says, in Canada as to what the Grand Lodge of Canada will do. The Grand Lodge of Canada will do nothing, we feel certain to forfeit its honourable character or its Masonic prestige. That it will itself deliberately disavow its own legitimate and straightforward Concordat with the Grand Lodge of England in favour of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, we do not for one moment believe. We sincerely sympathize with our good brethren

of the three Montreal lodges, under their sorry treatment, but from what we hear of them and know of them, they will be all induced we believe to treat the whole matter with absolute contempt, manfully avoiding any provocation themselves, overlooking equally sundry other manoeuvres and tricks, and acts of chicanery and double dealing, of which if they condescend to take no public or Masonic notice, they have the perfect right to complain of and to condemn.

THE COMING FESTIVAL.

Not many days hence will be held in the great hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, the annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the brethren who have kindly undertaken to aid Bro. Terry in raising the necessary funds for the year's expenditure will give account of their stewardship. That the account will be satisfactory we have no manner of doubt. The brethren who have placed their services for the occasion at the disposal of the Charity may be relied upon to do their work zealously and effectively. Many of them are veterans, who have borne their part at previous Anniversaries, and borne it well. Others are new to the work, but their inexperience will have the effect of stimulating them to make unusual efforts in order to secure an unusually brilliant result. We may, indeed, be certain of this, that whether the total subscribed exceeds or falls short of that of last year, the Stewards, as a body and individually, will be found to have done their duty. The question we have seriously to consider now is the effect which the result of their labours will have in meeting the exceptionally heavy requirements of the Institution. We commented on these last week, but we are satisfied the plea of urgency in this instance will not be looked upon as a mere figure of speech, and that our readers will need no apology from us for reverting to them again at the earliest available opportunity.

The Male Fund, as the senior and more costly of the two branches of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, claims priority of attention. Its authorised number of annuitants is 170, and in order to fulfil the obligations of the Charity towards these worthy old members of our Order, the sum of £6800 is annually required. At present there are twelve vacancies to be filled up, and there is always the sad possibility that more may occur between now and the day of election in May next. There will also have to be elected three "deferred annuitants," that is to say, three brethren who will be placed without further trouble on the Fund as the requisite vacancies arise. Thus, on the third Friday in May next, 15 certainly, and it may be more, will have to be chosen by ballot from an approved list, as already settled, of 46 applicants. There is, of course, a great disproportion between the numbers respectively of the vacancies to be filled—immediately and prospectively—and the candidates who have been adjudged worthy of acceptance; but, small as it is, there is always this consolation, namely, that if the disproportion has been smaller in some previous years, there are others in which it has been as great, if not greater. We know this is poor comfort indeed to the 30 poor old men—more or fewer—who, in any circumstances, will have to face the chances of another ballot, but the disappointment of some is inevitable, until, at least, that good time comes, when either there will be no more old Masons in want of help, or the Institution is financially strong enough to provide for all. However, it is something for us to know that, if there are 46 applicants on the list, the relief of fully one-third of that number is placed beyond the possibility of accident.

If we turn to the Female Fund, the prospect that meets us is pitiable in the extreme. There are more Annuitants on this than on the elder branch of the Institution, there being an authorised establishment of 182 widows, as against the 170 old men as stated in the previous paragraph. Yet, as a widow's annuity is only £32 a year, as against £40 in the case of an aged brother, the total required is about £1000 less, or in actual figures £5824. What, however, constitutes the extreme hardship of the prospect in this case is that, while there are no less than 81 candidates for election, there is absolutely not a single vacancy to be filled. Thus, but for the intervention of the Committee on Wednesday, as reported elsewhere, none of these 81 poor old women could have been helped immediately, and only three of them—the deferred annuitants—prospectively, until the time for another election came round. This, as we pointed out last week, would have been indeed a lamentable deadlock—81 old women, all of whom had seen better days, and many of whom may have lived in affluence, crying aloud piteously for aid, and there was absolutely none forthcoming. A state of things like this would have been little short of calamitous; but it is impossible to create vacancies, and equally impossible to say off-hand what fresh annuities can be granted. However, as we have just hinted, the Committee at their regular meeting on Wednesday, when they found themselves face to face with a return so lamentable, resolved, after a very long discussion, on increasing the annuitants on the Widows' Fund by 10, so that when election day comes round in May next, about 1 in every 6 of the 81 old ladies will be received upon the Fund. This is better than we had hoped, and who knows but what, if last year's total is equalled, it may be found possible to elect even a few more still? However, it is sufficient to know this much; what further may be found possible rests with the Craft, rather than the Committee.

THE CHAIRMAN.

Among the hardest of the many hard tasks which are continually devolving upon the Secretaries of our Masonic Institutions must undoubtedly be classed that of securing the services of efficient Chairmen at successive Anniversary Festivals. It is not every brother of distinction who cares or is able to assume the responsibility of conducting such a celebration to a successful issue, and Bro. Terry is to be congratulated on having enlisted for the approaching anniversary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution the sympathy and aid of so eminent a brother as Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Gloucestershire. There are also further reasons for congratulating him on the success which has attended this part of his arrangements. It is not the first time Sir Michael Hicks-Beach has presided on such an occasion, the Girls' School having enjoyed the advantage of his influence and advocacy in 1881. Moreover, he is eminently popular in his province, which, albeit of modest strength in comparison with several others, is nevertheless a well-ordered and harmonious body, and, above all things, loyal to the very backbone to the cherished principles of the Craft. He is also a practised speaker, who extorts the sympathies as well as commands the attention of his audience; while that his heart is in the cause he will advocate on the day appointed is shown by his connection with the Charities and the following record of services rendered both in the humbler and the more exalted spheres of Masonic duty.

Sir M. Hicks-Beach was initiated by dispensation, while yet under age, in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, on the 21st February,

1856, the ceremony being performed by his cousin, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, P.M.—now Prov. Grand Master Hants and Isle of Wight—who was temporarily in occupation of the Master's chair. In 1859 he joined the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, and in 1865 was elected its W.M. This, however, was not his earliest experience in that character. In 1861 he was installed W.M. of the Cotteswold Lodge, No. 592, Cirencester, and the same year was appointed Prov. G.S.W. of his native province. In 1865, the year of his presidency over Lodge No. 10, the late Lord Zetland conferred on him the collar of G.S.W. of England, and a few days later he became G. Pr. Sojourner in the Supreme Grand Chapter. In 1880, on the resignation of the late Lord Sherborne, the Prince of Wales appointed him his lordship's successor in the P.G. Mastership of Gloucestershire, an appointment which we need hardly say has given, both at the time it was made and ever since, the greatest possible pleasure to the Craft, both locally and generally. Early last year he was installed first M.E.Z. of the Royal Gloucestershire Chapter, No. 839, Gloucester, and in December his honours in this branch of Masonry culminated in his appointment and installation as Prov. Grand Superintendent of the newly-erected Royal Arch Province of Gloucester. It has already been stated that our distinguished brother presided in 1881 as Chairman at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, but this represents only a part, though we admit it is an important part, of what he has done in behalf of our Charities. To be as precise as possible, we may mention that he is a Vice-President of and has been twice Steward for the Girls' School, and is a Life Governor and past Steward of the Boys' School and Benevolent Institution. That such a brother will exert himself to the utmost in behalf of our old men and women is a foregone conclusion, and we can only hope that the Craft will show their sense of his valuable co-operation by supporting him generally as well as loyally at the appointed time.

EARLY EIGHTEENTH CENTURY ENGLISH FREEMASONRY—A STUDY.

I take to-day a period of 25 years, and I am sorry to say we have as yet, if ever we shall have, very little evidence about it in respect of Masonic life and work. There was a lodge at Alnwick, and probably at Swalwell, early in this period, and we may assume that there was a lodge at York, and that the four London lodges of 1717 had a history and previous existence. Alnwick seems to have been Operative, like Swalwell, in the main, and was probably, owing to its propinquity to Scotland, more Scottish than English in its general outcome. In the minutes of the Swalwell Lodge, now the Lodge of Industry, which actually begin in 1725, we find traces of a system at work which seems ancient; but appears to be different from what Bro. D. M. Lyon points out to be existent at the same period in Scotland. Up to the present time no traces of such Freemasons, except the Sloane MS., have turned up which seem to touch upon ceremonial in that early period, except certain attacks and alleged exposures, or quasi treacherous representations of what Freemasonry was.

About 1724, we gather, also in 1730, from certain counterfeit representations of Freemasonry in England, which gained currency, that good coin existed, but of which true examples can hardly be found to-day by the most enterprising seekers and collectors. When Payne put together his Regulations in 1720-21-22, and Anderson reproduced them in 1723, we have a right to assume, as a matter of fact, that a system of secret reception and formal ceremonial existed, for some time,—let us say, at any rate, "legal memory." What it was, is the one point all Masonic students would like to realize. We have, indeed, one witness who speaks of the state of affairs in 1717 boldly and confidently; but he "proves too much," and cannot be safely relied on. He declares the brethren who met in 1717 to be "rusty," ignorant of the true ceremonies; and as when he wrote this he was himself busily engaged in advancing a favourite little "vanity" of his own, not only does he decry a rival "emporium," but he abuses the "plaintiff's attorney." I do not think we need trouble ourselves much with Dermott. He wrote for a purpose, with an end to gain, patent to the critic and student to-day, and he was not particular in what he said, and sacrificed truth at the shrine of interest and faction. His bolder statement that a Third Degree ceremonial was invented upon the Second by the brethren in 1717, may be fairly dismissed at once as an after-thought and an invention. Indeed, it stands to reason that if the Third Degree was invented then, our Grand Lodge in 1723, 1738, &c., deliberately asserted what is not true. Therefore, though we are left without any actual evidence of a ceremonial up to 1725, except what the Sloane MS. affords and Dermott produces, and he is a discredited witness. We may assume from the "counterfeit's" existence that a real form also existed. We have prominently before us certain alleged rythmical portions.

If the rythmical form could be relied on or upheld as archaic, it would point to much antiquity of an alleged ceremonial. But can it? For some time I rather lean to its archaic evidence; but careful study leads me to doubt the value of it, and I am inclined to believe it to be *late*, if not arranged for the occasion. There is no ring about it, either of quaintness or reality. Had the Grand Mystery proved a similar form or the Sloane MS., I should have been ready to yield to such a "consensus" of evidence.

But on the whole I do not now think that the rythmical couplets, &c., have any certain value in them. At the same time, if any way authentic, they might preserve for us traces of an older form. The conclusion I wish to draw from this study is, the great need of caution, and the absolute impossibility at present of deciding the whole question. The two main views may fairly be contrasted and "weighed in the balance." On the one side you have the authoritative evidence of official statements in 1723, of a system (trigradal), existing in 1720, and we may fairly assume in 1717 and before 1717. We have a curious MS. whose transcription may be 1716 or 1717, or it may run back to 1680, which preserves an early seventeenth century diction, also a trigradal system. To assume, as some have done, that the Sloane MS. is merely that of an operative lodge or a mere "exposure," is clearly an unsound way of treating the document. It may be that or either, but it is certainly also much more. We must therefore await fuller light before we can with safety attempt in any way to decide this important question. Much may be said by way of hypothesis, more may be advanced by way of argument, a good deal may be put forward for illustration and explanation; but, as it seems to me, it is absolutely impossible for the Masonic student, critic, or historian to do more "as at present advised," than offer to agree with any ingenious explanation, or fair theory of what is and must remain for some little time a crux, well nigh irreconcilable even by the most zealous and painstaking searchers after Masonic truth.

THE MASONIC MUDDLE IN QUEBEC.

Considerable interest is evinced in Masonic circles over the action of the Grand Master of Quebec in issuing an edict of non-intercourse against the Grand Lodge of England. While the sympathies of the Craft here is openly extended to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, it is admitted that the English lodges now working in Montreal are perfectly legal, and exist by virtue of a concordat made by Lord Zetland, representing the Grand Lodge of England, and Grand Master Judge Wilson of the Grand Lodge of Canada. This concordat was honourably observed by both the Grand Bodies of England and Canada until the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. Latterly this body found its dignity hurt and its jurisdiction menaced by the existence of the lodges referred to, and petition after petition has been sent to the Prince of Wales requesting the withdrawal of the warrants. After considerable correspondence the matter finally came up in the Grand Lodge of England at its December communication, and that board unanimously refused to accede to the request of Quebec. This action seems to have annoyed the brethren in our sister provinces, hence Grand Master Johnson's edict.

This is how the matter stands at present, and all interest centres in the approaching meeting of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, which opens at Montreal on January 28th, when the edict of non-intercourse will be discussed, and most likely approved. Just now it seems as if the Grand Lodge of Canada will be drawn into the fight, along with the majority of American Grand Lodges. In the event of the Grand Lodge of Canada taking the Quebec side in this unfortunate quarrel it is said the Prince of Wales will authorise the chartering of English lodges in Ontario. Knowing ones predict a recognition of the Grand Lodge of Ontario should the Grand Lodge of Canada depart from a strictly neutral attitude. At present writing all is conjecture as to the course that will be pursued by the American grand bodies, but already a number of Grand Masters have telegraphed their approval of Quebec's position to Grand Master Johnson.—*Toronto World.*

OPENING OF THE BROWNRIGG LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

On Monday evening Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C., Deputy P.G.M. Surrey, attended at the Alexandria Hotel, Kingston Hill, to formally open the Brownrigg Lodge of Instruction, and for the enlightenment of the members he rehearsed the ceremony of consecration. There was formerly a lodge of instruction held under the warrant of the Brownrigg Lodge, No. 1638, at the Sun Hotel, Kingston, but it was so poorly attended that the meetings were discontinued. Meanwhile a few brethren had been assembling for mutual instruction, first at Bro. Kent's, and then, on his leaving Kingston, at Bro. Matthews's house, already named. The progress made by those who thus assembled was so marked that others of the fraternity wished to participate in the advantages thus obtained, and the consent of the Brownrigg Lodge was obtained for the tutelary branch to be moved to the Alexandria Hotel. Bro. John Drewett, J.W. 1638, undertook the duties of Secretary, and with the aid of Bros. A. Laurence, P.G.S.D. Surrey, I.P.M. 1638; Lane, P.M. 1638; Oldridge, P.M. 1638, and other good brethren. He was able to make all the arrangements and carry them out satisfactorily. The opening ceremony took place in the presence of a goodly assembly, all the neighbouring lodges being represented, and the admirable working of the V.W. Deputy P.G.M. made a great impression upon those who had not before witnessed it. The assisting officers were Bros. Elsam, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey, P.M. 889, &c., as S.W.; A. Laurence, J.W.; Bond, P.M. 889, S.D.; Oldridge, J.D.; and J. W. Mowman, S.W. 638, I.G.

After the ceremony the brethren entertained Bro. Arnold at supper, P.D.P.G.M. warmly congratulated all upon the start thus so well made for improvement in Masonic knowledge.

SOIREE AND BALL OF THE SHAKESPEARE LODGE, No. 1009, MANCHESTER.

On Monday, the 2nd inst., a most enjoyable gathering assembled in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, the object being to bring together the wives, sisters, and daughters of brethren belonging to this highly-esteemed lodge, and extend to them a taste of that hospitality for which Freemasons enjoy a reputation. To our mind soirees, although they may not be very profitable to a lodge from a financial point of view, nevertheless do a large amount of good socially, inasmuch as they afford the ladies a few hours' enjoyment, and give them an opportunity of cultivating each other's acquaintance, and observing that our grand principle of brotherly love is not a mere sham. It is some years since the Shakespeare Lodge ventured on a soiree, and the present one was simply the result of an impromptu conversation, held a short time since between Bros. Carter, W.M., Halden, and one or two others. The result was, however, a complete success, and the brethren who formed the Committee of Management are to be congratulated thereon.

The first portion of the evening was set apart for a concert, which took place in the lodge room. Bro. Frank Hollins, P.M., was entrusted with the arrangements for the concert, and our talented brother satisfactorily fulfilled his duties.

During the first part of the concert Miss Watson sang two songs most creditably, as also did Bro. Hollins. Bro. R. R. Lisenden contributed a humorous song, and also performed his imitations on the English concertina, and Miss Ellis played two solos on the piano.

The company, numbering 75, then adjourned to supper, which had been admirably laid out by Bro. Phillips, and when the company were seated a very pretty "coup d'œil" was presented.

After supper the toasts of "The Queen," "The W.M.," and "The Ladies" were proposed and responded to, and then the ladies and brethren assembled again in the lodge room, where the second part of the concert was gone through.

Miss Watson again delighted the company with her singing, whilst Bro. W. O. Pettitt played a solo and also sang.

By this time the banquet room had been cleared for

dancing, which was kept up until the small hours of the morning, when the company separated, after having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Bro. Slack performed the important duties of M.C., and right worthily he fulfilled them, being both courteous and energetic. Bro. W. O. Pettitt and a professional cornist played the dance music.

The following ladies and brethren were present: Bro. Carter, W.M., Mrs. and Miss Carter; Bro. George Hunt, P.M.; Bro. Hartley, P.M.; Bro. G. W. Wilson, P.M., and Mrs. Wilson; Bro. Statham, P.M., P.P.G.T., Mrs. Statham, and Miss Hardcastle; Bro. Frank Hollings, P.M.; Bro. D. Edwards, P.M. 1993, and Mrs. Edwards; Bro. Drinkwater, Mrs. and Miss Drinkwater, and the Misses Bowker; Bro. and Mrs. Brookes; Bro., Mrs., and the Misses Milne; Bro. E. Smith, Sec. 317, and Mrs. Smith; Bro. Allott, Mrs. Allott, and Miss Jackson; Bro. and Mrs. Halden, Bro., Mrs., and Miss Radford; Bro. and Mrs. Enticknap; Bro. and Miss Everatt, Mr. and Mrs. Pullen, Mr. and Mrs. Bennison, Mr. and Mrs. Farrel and Miss Turner, Mr. and Miss Evans; and Miss Start, Mr. and Mrs. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong, Misses Holloway, Beardsall, Watson, and Ellis; Bros. Craven, Kenyon, Rome, Stark, Everatt, Pettitt, and Allitt; Messrs. Smyley, Poppleton, Collins, A. B. Rome, Goddard, Simpson, Ward, Craven, Edwards, jun., and Bro. R. R. Lisenden, S.W. 317 (*Freemason*) and Mrs. Lisenden.

LODGE OF ISRAEL BALL.

A ball in aid of the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge of Israel, No. 205, was held on the 4th inst., at Cannon-street Hotel, under the distinguished patronage of Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress and several distinguished members of the Craft, in full regalia. The ball was in every respect a great success, the company mustering nearly 400. Messrs. Coote and Tinney's band was in attendance, Bro. J. Jarvis proving himself, as usual, an efficient M.C. The arrangements made by the Ball Committee were admirable, leaving nothing to be desired, and particular praise must be accorded to the Chairman of the Ball Committee, Bro. A. J. Henochsberg, P.M. 1502, and S.W.; Hon. Secretary, Bro. J. Da Silva, P.M.; Captain of Stewards, Bro. J. Jacobs, J.D.; and Deputy Captain, Bro. H. J. Phillips, P.M., by whom the ball was promoted, and to whose indefatigable efforts and exertions, both before and as Stewards during the ball, its success is mainly due. A capital staff of Stewards officiated during the evening, under the directions of their Captain, who carried out their duties to perfection and without a single hitch, and, considering the great company assembled, must be flattered for the efficient manner in which their various duties were performed.

We learn that, financially, the ball was a great success, and the proceeds will result far better than the Committee were led to anticipate. After providing a most enjoyable evening's entertainment, they will be able to hand over a good round sum to the Benevolent Fund of the lodge. We may add that this was the first ball held by the lodge, and the Committee have every reason to congratulate themselves on its success.

ENTERTAINMENT AT THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

On Friday evening, the 6th inst., Mr. Gerald Davies, son of Bro. Edward C. Davies, gave an entertainment—ventriloquial and mimetic—to the entire school. A large number were present, who professed themselves much pleased with the clever efforts of the young ventriloquist, and thanked him warmly, on behalf of the children, who were delighted with his performances, especially the scenes with his most amusing puppets.

A little additional variety was given by the pianoforte playing and singing of Mrs. E. C. Davies, who also received many courteous expressions of thanks and approval. The evening was brought to a satisfactory conclusion by the children enjoying a dance in the large hall.

PRESENTATION TO MR. H. J. HITCHINS.

On Thursday evening, the 22nd ult., at the Hotel de Paris, Leicester-square, in a large room kindly placed at the disposal of the committee by Mr. Vargues, the proprietor, Bro. Harry Paulton occupying the chair, and Mr. I. Simmonds acting as secretary, Mr. H. J. Hitchins was the recipient of a very handsome black marble clock, by Benson, and an illuminated vellum containing the names of seventy-eight subscribers, embodying the late directors, actors, actresses, and employes back and front, of the Empire Theatre. The clock and vellum bore the inscription:—"Presented to Mr. H. J. Hitchins on his resigning the post of Acting Manager of the Empire Theatre, by those associated with him during his tenure of office, as a mark of esteem and respect."

WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

A meeting of the General Committee of the above Institution was held on Friday, the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, under the presidency of Bro. Councillor J. Houlding, P.P.G.R. Nineteen applications were made on behalf of the children of deceased and distressed Masons to be placed on the list of candidates for election at the March Court of Governors, all of which were adopted for recommendation, it being mentioned that the expenditure for their education, &c., would involve the additional sum of £144.

The Committee further agreed to recommend that the sum of £30 should be granted for the advancement of children who had been on the foundation of the Charity. Four special applications on behalf of children as recipients of the full benefits of the Institution were referred to the House Committee for consideration.

On the motion of Bro. Dr. J. K. SMITH, P.P.G. Reg., seconded by Bro. Councillor W. J. LUNT, P.P.G. Treas., a vote of thanks was cordially passed to Bro. Houlding for his conduct in the chair.

The portrait of Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Prov. G.M. West Lancashire, presented to his lordship at the Town Hall on the occasion of the Masonic ball there,

was placed in its position in the large lodge room; and there was general praise accorded to Mr. Haynes Williams, the artist, for the admirable manner in which he had executed his commission.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee was held as usual at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last, the 7th inst. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., presided, and among those present were Bros. J. L. Mather, A. F. Godson, W. Roebuck, P.G. Stwd.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; R. Berridge, J. Moon, C. F. Hogard, Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; John C. Woodrow, T. Hastings Miller, Walter Hopekirk, H. Hacker, A. J. Caine, C. F. Matier, F. Adlard, Charles Belton, W. H. Saunders, T. Cubitt, P.G.P.; C. H. Webb, J. S. Cumberland, A. E. Gladwell, Geo. Motion, W. Maple, W. Paas, H. S. Goodall, Geo. O. Gillard, W. A. Scurrah, R. Barham, R. J. Taylor, G. P. Festa, and F. Binckes, Secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, and those of the last Quarterly Court and House Committee read for information, a letter from Messrs. Hopwood and Sons on behalf of Mrs. Creaton was read, expressing thanks for the resolution of sympathy with her at the death of Bro. Col. Creaton. The report of the Audit Committee was submitted, and a resolution passed in accordance therewith. Of two petitions submitted on behalf of candidates for the October election, one was accepted and the other rejected. Grants of £5 each were made to three ex-pupils. Vacancies on the House Committee caused by the election of Bros. Roebuck and Raynham W. Stewart were reported, and four brethren were nominated to fill them, namely, Bros. Charles Belton, T. Hastings Miller, Henry Venn, and W. H. Saunders.

The proceedings terminated with the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday afternoon, the 11th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., presided, and there were also present, Bros. Charles Greenwood, J. E. Gordon Robbins, J. M. Case, Charles Dairy, Charles Lacey, G. Bolton, C. A. Cottebrune, John Bulmer, William March, A. H. Tattershall, W. H. Goodall, Henry Moore, E. West, C. H. Webb, Charles Daniel, Edward F. Storr, Edgar Bowyer, E. W. Stanton, Thos. Cubitt, W. Hilton, John J. Berry, G. L. Moore, Dr. Jabez Hogg, and James Terry (Secretary).

After the reading and verification of the minutes, Bro. TERRY informed the Committee of the death of three annuitants, and one approved candidate for the May election. A letter acknowledging the vote of condolence with Mrs. Creaton on the death of Col. Creaton, P.G. Treasurer, was read, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, as was a letter from Miss Morris in reply to a vote of condolence on the death of Bro. James Norris, the Warden. A letter from Bro. G. B. Abbott was likewise read, acknowledging the compliment paid him by the Committee for his history of the Institution by voting him a Life Governorship. The Committee then voted the Report of the Institution to be presented to Sir Michael Hicks Beach, Bart., M.P., with the thanks of the Committee for his presiding at the next festival.

Bro. TERRY then reported that there would be 43 male candidates and 14 vacancies at the next election, and 75 widows and 2 vacancies. The state of the finances was as follows. He did not expect the festival would be as successful as the last by £2000; the last year's was the most successful the Institution ever had. On the 1st January, 1884, there was a balance on the male fund of £875 13s. 11d. On the 1st January, 1885, the balance was £486 10s. 10d., so that the income had been exceeded by £389 3s. 1d. £1000 had been invested, and the total invested funds on the male branch was £39,450.

Bro. CHARLES LACEY moved and Bro. GEORGE BOLTON seconded that 20 males be elected.

Bro. Dr. JABEZ HOGG, P.G.D., opposed the principle of investing money which ought to be spent and was subscribed for the purpose of being spent, in relief of distress. There were more distress cases now than ever, and the money should be used to the best of the brethren's ability. Let those who came after provide for the wants of the period. The liberality of the brethren might be trusted to meet every contingency, and the brethren had a right to spend all the money they got. If £14,000 were placed by the brethren in the hands of the Committee for use he was sure they were justified in spending it on cases of distress, but they were not at all justified in saving it up. He hoped they would be able to put more brethren on this year.

Bro. E. F. STORR, P.M., Treas. 22, agreed with all that had fallen from Dr. Hogg. They had no right to have such a large reserve fund.

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART said they must remember that these annuitants were elected for life. What was to be done if there was not enough money to give them?

Bro. C. H. WEBB thought they were justified in adhering to the 14 now proposed.

It was then resolved by a majority of one to elect 20 men, 17 immediate, and three deferred.

Bro. TERRY said the Widow's Fund stood thus: On the 1st January, 1884, there was a balance of £742 2s. 6d; and on the 1st January, 1885, £2075 9s. 10d.; or a balance of £1333 7s. 4d., besides £1000 which had been invested. The total invested capital to this fund was £26,000. The candidates were 77, and the vacancies two.

It was then resolved to elect 15 widows, 12 immediate, and three deferred.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

As the Prince of Wales was driving in a carriage to a fête given by Lord Murray, on Thursday, the 5th inst., at Cannes, it ran against a heap of stones, and the pole was broken. No further damage, however, was done, and another carriage having been procured, his Royal Highness went on his way to the fête.

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To Correspondents.

The following communications stand over—
Forest Lodge, 1852; De Grey and Ripon Chapter, 1356; Israel Chapter, 1502.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, Massachusetts, "Victorian Masonic Journal," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Keystone," "Newcastle Daily Journal," "Western Daily News," "Proceedings of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, Massachusetts," "Canadian Craftsman," "Stamboul," "Orient," "Oriental Advertiser," "Freemason's Journal," "Die Bauhütte," "Jewish Chronicle," "Voice of Masonry," "Le Moniteur de la Chance Universelle," "Piano, Organ, and Music Trades Journal," "Broad Arrow," "Sunday Times," "Freimaurer Zeitung," "Citizen," "Court Circular."



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1885.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
Does any one know anything Masonically of a Bro. John Gregory, of an "Irish lodge," professedly "16 years out of Masonry?"—Fraternally yours,

GOOD WILL.

SUSPENSION OF LODGES.

To the Editor of "The Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
I notice in last week's *Freemason* a letter asking your interpretation of the meaning of "suspension" of a lodge, and the editorial footnote in which you state that the fact of a brother happening to belong to a lodge suspended, clearly does not preclude him from attending another of which he is also a member.

This subject, which seriously affects the whole Craft, has lately been much discussed, and I have not yet heard an opinion adverse to that expressed by you. As you say (of a contrary interpretation), it "might have very serious consequences and certainly never was intended or so understood."

Take one case. A lay member of suspended lodge No. 000, is W.M. of Lodge No. 00. Is he, because he belongs to the unfortunate No. 000, to lose his rank of P.M. and his consequent membership of Grand Lodge?

But, sir, I have a surprise for you. Within the last three months the Board of General Purposes, at a meeting presided over by its President, and at which the Grand Registrar was present, ruled that no member can, during the suspension of his lodge, attend any other to which he may belong or be invited.

Such an interpretation of an unwritten law is so unjust to the Craft that it must not be allowed to pass without a protest.—Yours fraternally,

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It is scarcely possible to say much that is new about a work of this kind, which has already been issued during a long term of years, and which consequently has already established itself a place in public estimation. Moreover, "Cosburn's Directory," as its name implies, contains lists of the inhabitants of the place in the four counties mentioned in the title-page, with the names of their several occupations and places of abode, Newbury, as a matter of course, having a very full share of attention bestowed upon it. There is also furnished all needful information as to institutions, churches, postal arrangements, carriers, &c. In fact, it would be somewhat difficult to want anything of local importance which is not described, or respecting which whatever is likely to be of interest is not mentioned. We trust that as "Cosburn's Directory" has succeeded in obtaining the support it deserves during the 12 years it has existed, so it may have before it even a longer and more prosperous career still.

MASONIC YEAR BOOK FOR THE PROVINCE OF SUFFOLK. A.D. 1885, A.L. 5885. Ipswich: S. H. Cowell, Butter Market.

We always extend a hearty welcome to this class of Masonic publication. They are of immense assistance to the lodges and brethren in the district, for whose particular benefit they are in the first instance issued, and as the custom of issuing them becomes more general, a better and clearer insight into the constitution of our English Freemasonry becomes inevitable. Moreover, though Suffolk is in no need of any such outward and tangible evidence of its zeal for the Craft, there is no doubt the interest generally taken by the members of a province in what is passing in their midst, is of a more resolute character, when we find the publication of Calendars, Year Books, and the like encouraged. In the case of this Suffolk Calendar the Provincial Grand Secretary, who appears to have charged himself with its compilation, has done his work in a neat and business-like fashion. He has collated all necessary details as to the Officers, Past Masters, and membership of the lodges, chapters, Mark lodges, &c., within the county, and to these he has appended a brief

but sufficient sketch of the Masonic Institutions, as well as a tabular statement showing the voting strength of the members. The information respecting these matters is well arranged, and the manner in which the little work has been printed and published is most creditable. We are glad to see it is intended to issue this calendar annually.

EAST ANGLIAN HANDBOOK FOR 1885. Twenty-sixth year of publication. Norwich: *Argus* Office, St. Giles. Lowestoft: *Standard* Office, London-road. London: 130, Fleet-street.

This is an old friend, whose re-appearance at this season of the year is always a subject of congratulation. A characteristic of the "East Anglian Handbook" is the really valuable mass of information it contains, this information being so varied and interesting as to place it in the rank of local histories. Thus, in addition to a sketch of the "Past East Anglian Year," we find well-written articles in the "Ornithological Invasions of East Anglia," "Traditions, Superstitions, and Folklore, chiefly relating to the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk," "Peculiar tenures in Norfolk," "The Development of local Breeds of Stock," and "Norfolk and Suffolk Deer Parks," with a tabular record of "East Anglian Occurrences in 1884." These are only a part, though of course a very important part, of the contents of the present issue, but they will serve to give an excellent idea of the claims which the Handbook has on the support of the public, while the fact of there being a large array of matter of general interest likewise included must have the effect of greatly enhancing these claims. As a book of reference, especially among agriculturists, this "East Anglian Handbook" will be found invaluable.



506] THE "CHEVALIERS DE L'ORIENT."

Almost all the French writers consider the creation of this High Grade body to be later than that of the Empereurs de l'Orient, &c. Bro. Speth claims an earlier formation, and mainly as it seems on the authority of Tschudy. Now Tschudy was the Baron Theodore Henry de Tschudy who wrote under the name of "Chevalier de Luzy," he was born in 1724, and seems to have died in Paris in 1769, though some say so late as 1784. Some of his works appear to have been published after his death, if the earlier date be correct, as they bear the date of 1781. He was orator of a lodge at St. Petersburg, and is credited with bringing from St. Petersburg the Order of Knights of Palestine and the East, a sort of directing Grade which seems to correspond with the Clerical observance of Starck and Co. in about 1766. His authority is not very great, and if Bro. Speth rests upon it, he will find it I fear a "broken reed," as St. Petersburg in the palmy days of its High Grades was a fertile source and mother country of "ordens labeln," says rightly, the "Handbuch." Tschudy founded a grade of his own, and a chapter of his own called "Theodore," at Metz, his birthplace, about 1765. I believe myself, the "Chevaliers" were a "swarm" from the "Empereurs," not that it matters much. It is quite clear that they were not anterior to, but posterior to the "Empereurs" as Pirlet, who was certainly connected with them in 1761, does not sign the Patent of Morin, though he was then admittedly a member of the Conseil des Empereurs. Indeed, Daruty thinks the Patent dates more properly from 1762 than 1761. The name of the "Chevaliers de Palestine et de l'Aurore," not "Orient," rather therefore "Dawn" plays a conspicuous part in the old High grade traditions, going up to Ramsay. Tschudy was an enthusiastic supporter of the "Rit Ecossais," and probably in that age of "invention" took up a good name and made the most of it.

A.F.A.W.

507] ADONHIRAMITE MASONRY.

It is not correct to assume that what is understood as Adonhiramite Masonry was generally received much before the last two decades of the eighteenth century. There may be occasional allusions, but the Adonhiramite system, such as it is, is quite late, and its writers are late too. The use of Adonhiram, quite a mistaken one, seems to have arisen at Paris, and may probably mark the intersection of certain High Grades with Craft traditions, about 1760, certainly not earlier, though an allusion to Adonhiram is said to be earlier. Being a blunder in itself as relates to Craft Masonry, we need not lay much store by it, as it is simply a phasis of development and terminology, which means very little, and leads to nothing.

MASONIC STUDENT.

508] THE CHAPITRE DE CLERMONT.

The Chapitre de Clermont most probably named after the Comte de Clermont, and not the Jesuit College of Clermont, as some German writers think, seems to date from 1754, and professed to collect under one head various High Grades of previous formation and existence. There had however, been before it, seemingly a body naming itself "Souverain Conseil, Sublime G. Loge du Grand Globe Français." This body is also mentioned about 1780. The haze in which the above early history of the High Grades is involved, is increased by Clavel's contention, (if he be of any authority), that the Irish Chapters preceded the Scottish Chapters. The earliest printed allusion to the High Grades called "Maitres Ecossais," Scottish Masters, seems to be in a work of 1744, termed "Le Parfait Maçon," as Findel points out. But it has been said that there are traces of the Scottish Chapters so early as 1728, which is the Ramsay legend, of an order "of the Royal Arch" in 1736, attached to Scottish Chapters. Scottish Grades were, it is said, introduced by a Graf Von Schmettau at Hamburg in 1742, and of an order of St. Andrew and Scottish Masonry professed by the Lodge Union at Berlin in 1749. Much confusion exists on the subject; some have thought that the Knights of Palestine and the East had an earlier independent existence, as an emanation from a system of Ramsay. The actual Grade of Chevaliers de

l'Orient seems to be later than the High Grade Council of the Emperours of the East and the West, to have been a short lived schism, and then to have died out utterly. French officers seem to have taken the Chapitre de Clermont system to Germany,—and in Berlin, in 1760, under Count Tilly and Baron Von Printzen, a Chapter of Clermont was opened composed of seven Grades, the three last being Knight Elect of the Eagle, Illustrious Knight or Templar, Sublime Illustrious Knight. The Chapitre de Clermont seems to have faded away, and to be absorbed into the "Conseil des Empereurs. In Germany, under Rosa's patronage and labours the Clermont Chapter spread, but took the name of the Knightly Jerusalem Order. "Ordo Equestris Hierosolymitanis."

MASONIC STUDENT.

509] RAMSAY.

According to "Hermes," quoted by Daruty, the discourse is attributed to Ramsay by name as G. Orateur without any date in a M.S. Ritual of the Clermont Grades. In 1741, in an almanack published at Paris, Daruty says, on Findel's authority, he is termed "Mr. de R. Grand Orateur de l'Ordre. According to Daruty the oration was really delivered by Ramsay, March 21, 1737. Looking at the two letters of Ramsay to Cardinal Fleury from Lemontey's Memoires de la Regence et de la Minorite, de Louis XV., &c., I am inclined to think despite Daruty, that Ramsay never did deliver this address, which he says he has to "read to-morrow in a General Assembly of the Order," under date March 20th, 1737, but that in consequence of the King's disapproval he then and there withdrew from Freemasonry, and that the address was published, though not delivered by him in person. The M.S. authority given in Hermes is of course assumed to be before 1741, though when exactly is not stated. In one ascription of it to Ramsay it is said to be delivered at the reception of new brethren, and was really most probably written by Ramsay, and probably the origin of the Chivalric movement, so-called, though it in no way connects Ramsay with the High Grades, a fact which, despite the high authority of Findel, is more than doubtful.

A. F. A. W.

510] THE G. L. ANGLAISE OF FRANCE.

It would seem from Findel in the English edition of 1866 that in or about 1744 the "Provincial G. L. of France," as it is sometimes called, took the name of the "Grand Loge Anglaise de France," and issued certain "General Regulations," which appeared at Altenberg in the "Zeitschrift fur Freimaurer," translated into German. We do not seem now to have a known copy of these "Reglemens Generales" and of the "Statuts," &c., in French, unless they be preserved in the minutes of the G. L. in the archives of the G. O. of France. It would almost seem that from Lord Derwentwater this body had different names—the Prov. G. L. of France, the G. L. Anglaise of France, and the G. Loge of France. Findel thinks it is the same body as the "Grande Loge de la France dite de Clermont;" but that is, I feel sure, the "Ecossais Body," which came out of the Chapitre de Clermont. That the Respectable Loge de St. Jean was not the G. L. of France seems to me as clear as day, nor neither was it identical with the Provincial G. L. of France or the G. Loge Anglaise, neither had any of these bodies anything to do with Scottish Freemasonry, which was entirely really separate and distinct.

M. S.

511] LOGE DE JERUSALEM.

As I ventured to anticipate in my last, the question of Morin's Patent is narrowing down to a discussion of the Statutes of 1755, and here I join issue with Bro. Woodford. It is well to point out that the question cannot be settled by a reference to the employment in these Statutes of Scots terms, and for this reason—we both admit their use. Bro. Woodford argues that because of their presence the articles cannot be those of the Grand Lodge of France. I maintain that their very use proves that in 1755 the Grand Lodge of France was permeated with Scots doctrine. One line of reasoning, standing by itself, is as good as the other; therefore we must have recourse to other means. When I said the terms were those of Symbolic Masonry I of course meant provided it were already tinged with Scots Masonry. Bro. Woodford says the Grand Lodge never called itself the Grand Lodge of St. John of Jerusalem, but always either *Grande Loge Anglaise* or *Grande Loge de France*. How does Bro. Woodford know this? Can he point to one single document of this lodge previous to 1771? We have references to the Lodge by Lalande and Chaussée, and naturally they always gave it the short title in ordinary use, just as we always talk of our own Grand Lodge "tout simple." Who ever thinks of speaking, except in official documents, of the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons? And, barring these Statutes and Morin's Patent no official document, not even a circular, of the first French Grand Lodge is in existence. Its full and exact title is therefore probably unknown to us. Now let us look into matters a little closer. On the election of Clermont (not previously) in 1743 we first hear the name of *Grande Loge Anglaise*. But wherefore the qualification of *Anglaise*? Not because it was in communication with England, not because it was a Prov. Grand Lodge of England, not because its lodges were chartered by England, not because its officials were Englishmen. Anderson's remarks in the 1738 Constitutions utterly forbid such a supposition. Why, then? Well, I take it simply for this reason: Circa, 1740, a so-called Scots Masonry, had sprung up, claiming a superiority which Grand Lodge repudiated in Art. 20 of its Statutes, 11th December, 1743. In order to emphasize its dissent from this Scots Masonry, pretending to hail from Heredom Kilwinning, the Grand Lodge of France adopted the title *Anglaise*—thus laying stress on its claim to work pure and unadulterated English Freemasonry. But Circa 1755, this title of *Anglaise* was dropped, and we get simply *Grande Loge de France*. From this fact we may deduce two inferences. I.—That a revision of the Statutes had taken place, for without revising some part of them the title could not be altered, as it is evident that one of the very first sections of any Constitutions would define the title of the body. II.—That the elimination of the qualification *Anglaise* implied a less acute feeling of enmity to the Scots Masonry. Now as regards the alterations of the Statutes, which I take as in the highest

degree probable, we know of no Statutes of this date except those in question, and we know of no other body from outside evidence, which at this time published its Statutes. The inference is therefore that the ordinances in question are those of the *Grande Loge de France*. Secondly, as regards the subsidence of former rivalry, we know this much, that, from 1740 onwards, Scots mother lodges were established in the South (principally) which were in direct rivalry with the Grand Lodge, warranting Symbolic Lodges independent of that body; that in 1754 the Chapitre de Clermont was established at Paris, and that it quickly admitted a great number of prominent and highly placed Paris brethren, and we can scarcely doubt, that amongst them there were numbers of Grand Officers. But we hear of no rivalry between these bodies; no single lodge of France has ever claimed to have been established in the first instance by the Chapitre de Clermont. It is probable that the chapter merely grafted its subordinate chapters on existing lodges, and in fact occupied much the position of our Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masonry; we may go further, and almost presume that the Clermont Chapter was deliberately established by Grand Lodge as a counterpoise to the Scots mother-lodges. If this were so, and there is no proof for or against, the first thing to do would be to drop the invidious distinction *Anglaise*, and so to revise the Statutes as to make them efficient in the new order of things. The Clermont Chapter was established 1754; the word *Anglaise* was eliminated Ca. 1755, and a code of ordinances appeared in 1755. Does the matter become clearer to Bro. Woodford? But as fresh Degrees were invented it would become necessary to increase the scope of the chapter, failing which its value as a friendly counterpoise would diminish. Accordingly, in 1758 we hear no more of the chapter, but we do hear of the Sovereign Council of the Emperours. Is one a development of the other? Who can say more than that probably it is so! And now let us turn to the Statutes. If my suppositions are justified, Bro. Woodford will admit that the use of Scots terminology is in my favour, not against it, and therefore no more need be said on this subject. If Bro. Woodford can produce anything beyond Thory's mere assertion that G. L. of France never coquetted with the Scots Degrees, the terminology tells in his favour. But do not let us forget that Thory, Clavel, Besuchet, Ragon, Daruty, De la Chaussée, and all the others were high degree-ers, and that Thory especially has not scrupled to tell any amount of lies to back up his enmity to the G. Orient and to pure Craft Masonry. Therefore his assertions and those copied from him are valueless, unless well corroborated. He has not even hesitated to wilfully prevent the quotation from Anderson, to which I have already alluded, which shows either immense reliance on the sheep-walking proclivities of his compatriots (fully justified in the sequel), or callous indifference to being found out. Bro. Woodford says the original book of the Statutes is very scarce. So far as I know, it is more than scarce, scarcer than unique; it is absolutely non-existent in France or elsewhere. We obtain our knowledge of these Statutes as follows: In consequence of the presence in the Palatinate of French troops, French lodges were erected in Frankfort Ca. 1754-5. One of these was "*De l'Alliance de la Fidélité*." This lodge gradually expired, and its founder—an artist—became a member of the English Lodge of Unity in Frankfort, and delivered (for a consideration) all the beautifully-illuminated documents of this lodge to the "Unity." Amongst these was a splendidly-executed copy of these Statutes, on parchment, in the shape of a Mason's apron, dated 1761. From this sole and unique copy Kloss extracted and published 23 Articles out of 44. No French author had previously ever alluded to them, and, from the date of the English translation in the "*Masonic Magazine*," 1853, I am inclined to think that it is only a reproduction of Kloss of 1852. If I am wrong Bro. Woodford will kindly correct me. And here let me correct the "*Masonic Magazine*" translation. I pin my faith to the accuracy of Kloss in such matters. Art. XI., quoted by Bro. Woodford, should read: "Only such persons shall be admitted as are of *honest birth*, of good habits, and lead a moral life, who fear God, and are baptised." Not one word is said of *honorable birth* as equal to noble birth; the expression is *Ehrbarer Geburt*, not *Ehrlicher* or *Adeliger*. There is thus nothing un-Masonic in this, or unusual in Symbolic lodges, for the greater part of German Symbolic lodges insist to this day on Christianity, which pre-supposes baptism. And now I propose to show from the fragment with which Kloss presents us that these ordinances are the Statutes of the *Grande Loge de France*. The title is as follows: (italics are mine): "Statutes drawn up by the respectable Lodge St. John of Jerusalem, in the Orient of Paris, governed by the most high and most mighty Lord Louis de Bourbon, Count Clermont, Prince of the Blood, Grand Master of all the regular lodges of France. To serve as a rule for all those of the kingdom." Weigh well these words; they are directed to all the lodges of the kingdom, which therefore includes the Scots and other lodges, and is an evidence that through the fusion with the Chapitre de Clermont Grand Lodge now professed to exert its sway over every Masonic body. But Clermont is Grand Master of all the regular lodges. Now, if the document emanates from a Grand Lodge of Perfection, these words would certainly be omitted as invidious, and the ordinances would be addressed to all lodges of perfection. The Grand Lodge of Perfection could never acknowledge that lodges not in communion with it were regular. Furthermore, the expression "all the regular lodges of France" is the habitual phraseology of all French Grand Lodge circulars (vide Kloss. Bibliographie, Nos. 4121, 4124, 4129, 4132, 4142, &c. &c.) Assuming this document to be the code of a Grand Lodge of Perfection, the title would show the following anomalies: That its Grand Master is not described in any way by any Rite of Perfection title, but by his Grand Lodge of France title only, which title in itself would imply irregularity in the status of Lodges of Perfection, and be therefore out of place in the document; and the Statutes, instead of being addressed to those lodges who would acknowledge the power of the Grand Lodge of Perfection, are stated to serve all the lodges of the kingdom. This, coupled with the fact (undisputed) that nowhere can we find the least allusion to a supposed Grand Lodge of Perfection, should be conclusive. But Art 33 is a clincher! "Private lodges shall be adorned like, and the officials shall occupy the same places as in the *Grande Loge de France*, of which matters each separate Master is instructed, &c." Now, if the issuer of these Statutes is the supposed and fictitious Scots Respectable Lodge of St. John, would

it not hold *itself* up as the model? Would it point to the example of the Grand Lodge of France? Could it assume that its private lodges and Masters were acquainted with the customs of a rival rite, nay, *instructed* in them? Does not Bro. Woodford perceive that the Lodge of St. John of Jerusalem and the Grand Lodge of France are one and the same—the full and the abbreviated title of the same body. Is it not perfectly clear that the Lodge St. John of Jerusalem is the Grand Lodge of France, and inasmuch as the Patent of Morin is issued by the Grand Wardens and Members of the Grand and Sovereign Lodge of St. John of Jerusalem, it is no longer contestable that Grand Lodge of France did execute Morin's Patent. Remember at this date there existed for a few months (1761) two Grand Lodges of France. The quarrels between the Emperors and the Knights, *i.e.* the nobility and the plain citizens, had caused the severance. One Grand Lodge, that of Chailion de Jonville and Lacorne evidently fused with the Emperors, no longer a mere compact as in 1755 similar to our Royal Arch Chapter, but a veritable fusion: and for this reason the Respectable Lodge becomes Grand *Sovereign*. And lest it should be deemed extraordinary that a Grand Lodge should assume a particular name like a private lodge, let me mention the Grand Lodge of the Sun, at Baireuth; the Grand Lodge of Unity, at Frankport; the Grand Lodge Royal York, in Berlin; the Grand Mother Lodge of the Three Globes, Berlin; the Grand Lodge Alpina of Switzerland; the Grand Lodge of Concord, at Darmstadt. Why not also the Grand Lodge of St. John of Jerusalem in the Orient of Paris? Will the editor please excuse my long *note*; but when such an authority as Bro. Woodford makes an assertion, which after prolonged study I hold to be erroneous, it becomes my duty to make more than a counter assertion. His prestige would outweigh my bare statements unless properly backed up. I am obliged to enter into very minute details in self defence and out of regard for the interests of historic truth.

G. WM. SPETH.

512] SOME QUERIES.

Will any of your correspondents kindly inform me what are the dates of the different editions of the following works: "Preston's Illustrations," "Hutchinson's Spirit of Freemasonry," "Prichard's Masonry Dissected," "Browne's Masonic Master Key," "Ahiman Rezon," by Lawrence Dermot, and the same work by Thos. Harper? A correct list of the several editions of these interesting works will interest many young Masons.

A STUDENT IN MASONRY.



Craft Masonry.

FORTITUDE AND OLD CUMBERLAND LODGE (No. 12).—This lodge met on the 2nd inst., at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C. Present: Bro. Bedell, W.M.; Georges Pigache, S.W., W.M. elect, O. F. Peall, J.W.; D. Rolls, P.M., Treas.; A. Snellgrove, P.M., Sec.; D. Nichols, P.M., P.G.S.; Coombes, P.M.; W. Browne Kidder, P.M.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.M., P.G.D.; A. H. Lilley, P.M.; and L. Ruf, P.M. Visitors: Bros. Ramsay, P.M., P.G.W. Middx.; Curlier, P.M.; Valerani, S.W. 1687; Jarvis, G.S. Surrey; J. E. Shand, P.M., Sec. 1563, 2030; and others.

Bro. Nicholson was raised to the Third Degree, after which Bro. Georges Pigache, S.W., was installed W.M. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Bedell. The brethren then adjourned to an excellent banquet, Bro. Pigache presiding, and giving the loyal and other toasts with his usual genial and happy style; in response to his own health, stating how gratified he was at gaining the chair of K.S. in the lodge his father-in-law, Bro. W. Nicols, P.M., introduced him soon after his arrival in Old England. Considering the difficulty he has had with our language, his efforts to obtain and work the position is highly commendable. During the evening Bros. Pigache, Ramsay, and others sang some capital songs, and Bro. W. Rolls gave a recitation, and altogether this was a most auspicious meeting. We must not omit to state that during the evening a telegram arrived from Bro. Eugene Delacoste, P.M. 1627, cousin of the W.M., Bro. Pigache, with congratulations and apologies, &c., for his enforced absence.

ST. THOMAS'S LODGE (No. 142).—This old lodge met on Saturday last, at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, Bro. S. W. Yockney, W.M., presiding. The Past Masters present were Bros. George Powell, Frederick Thos. Dubois, Fredk. Macaulay, A. V. Haines, James W. Lambert, James Lewis Thomas, and Wm. Battye. The visitors were Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec.; Ernest Flint, 121; George Thomas, 1194; Chas. Rowl, 464; E. N. Du Bois, 1216; E. Andrews, 186; George Cordwell, P.M. 3; H. Massey, P.M. 619, 1928; John C. Lamell, S.W. 214; F. West, G. Stwd., P.P.G.R. Surrey, W.M. elect 4; Douglas W. Tough, S.W. 905; Henry S. Hughes, S.W. 1556; Wilhelm Ganz, P.G. Org.; and R. C. C. White.

Bro. H. A. W. Reeves, P.M. 507, and a member of 650, was elected a joining member. By the courtesy of the W.M., Bro. F. Macaulay, P.M., passed Bro. Augustus Hyndeman Macaulay to the Second Degree. Bro. Yockney, W.M., afterwards installed Bro. James Tatlock, J.W. and W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge, and the following brethren were invested as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. H. Gamble Hobson, S.W.; Dunbar, J.W.; Wm. Battye, P.M., Treas.; George Powell, P.M., Sec.; Jas. Lewis Thomas, P.M., P.A.G.D.C., D.C.; Henry Reid, S.D.; A. F. Meaden, J.D.; T. C. Meade, I.G.; F. G. Bailey, P.M., Stwd.; and Walker, Tyler.

The report of the Audit Committee was brought up by the Treasurer, accepted, and ordered to be printed and circulated among the members. The reply of the late Bro. H. C. Levander's brother to the vote of condolence passed at last meeting was read and ordered to be entered on the minutes. After some other business the W.M. presented Bro. Yockney with a Past Master's jewel, and in doing so said that in his humble opinion there never was an I.P.M. who more deserved it than Bro. Yockney for good fellowship and good feeling.

Bro. Yockney, in acknowledging the gift, said it was a

great gratification to receive such a jewel, as it would always remind him of the great honour he had had in occupying the chair of W.M. of this lodge.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to a choice banquet. The usual toasts followed. Bro. W. Ganz, P.G. Org., replied on behalf of "The Grand Officers," Col. Shadwell Clerke, G.S., having been compelled to leave to fulfil another engagement. Bro. Ganz said the Grand Secretary had commissioned him to say how much he had enjoyed the ceremony of installation, so ably carried out by Bros. Yockney and Haines. He himself could bear testimony to the excellence of the work, having witnessed it. The Grand Officers were always glad to visit lodges and see installations, especially when the work was done well. He very much missed his old personal friend, Bro. Levander, who when alive was one of the masters at the London University, where two of his (Bro. Ganz's) boys were educated. Of course these occasional blanks must occur in all lodges; but still it was a satisfaction that they had other members coming forward to the chair who would maintain the character of the lodge, and he wished the St. Thomas's Lodge every success under the guidance of its present Master.

Bro. Yockney, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," said that in whatever capacity Bro. Tatlock had been placed in the lodge he had shown those qualifications which not only endeared him to the members of the lodge, but made the members feel certain that in the best sense of the term he was a most worthy Mason. He should not be able to propose such a toast as this in language which might be used with regard to himself, but he knew that he never looked with such confidence on the future of the lodge as when he was able to install the present Master in the chair of K.S.

The Worshipful Master, in response, said it gave him the greatest gratification to occupy the position of W.M. He wished he could look forward with the same confidence as Bro. Yockney, who had passed through all the terrors of the office during the year now commenced; but that which he had done in the St. Thomas's Lodge, if it had pleased the brethren, enhanced the pleasure which he experienced in consequence of the expression of their feeling. If he had done, as he hoped he had, he had been incited to do it by the example, as he had once before mentioned in the lodge, which had been set, not only to himself, but to all the members—certainly all the officers—by those who had gone before him, and who now sat on his left, and any honour that accrued to the Master must redound to them, because few persons could rise to any position without doing that which would bring them into the estimation of their fellow men. During the coming year, if spared, he should endeavour to do every thing in his power that would keep the lodge in the high position it now occupied, so that when he left the chair he might gain the same expression of opinion and goodwill as had been given vent to that evening.

In proposing the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. referred to each visiting brother specifically, and expressed the pleasure of the brethren at being associated with them.

Bro. F. West, Grand Steward, replying, said he was in the fortunate position of having that evening had somebody else to respond for him in another capacity, and it was not often one had that good luck, especially to have it done, as it had been, effectually. Bro. Ganz, a member of this lodge, had been good enough to help him out of any difficulty he might have been in in other circumstances. It was, therefore, easy for him to respond to the kind words of the W.M., and acknowledge the great hospitality of the lodge. The excellent M.C. of the lodge, Bro. Lewis Thomas, was a colleague in office with him in another lodge, and had given him the opportunity of visiting St. Thomas's Lodge on this and other occasions. He was glad to renew the acquaintance now, and hoped again to renew it. An installation night was a little interesting to him at the present time. Thanks to Bro. Ganz again, he was introduced into Masonry (perhaps they both appreciated the addition of years), and he (Bro. Ganz) saw him inducted into office in his mother lodge. He hoped to have the privilege of Bro. Ganz's presence when he was installed in No. 4 next Monday (the 10th inst.). Being present on an installation night reminded him of the ceremony he went through some years ago, and it refreshed his memory with regard to some points he had forgotten. It might perhaps interest the brethren to know that Bro. Ganz and he belonged to a lodge which omitted a portion of the installation ceremony. It was one of two lodges which did not owe allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England; their origin was not derived from the Grand Lodge of England, and the Master had not the responsibility of taking care of a piece of old parchment. But they observed one thing in the traditions of Masonry which they had to turn their attention to more than any other. Whether they had a charter or had not, he believed the oldest lodge and the youngest had in view to act as honourable, upright men, and to extend the right hand of fellowship to every one they came across. He hoped those principles would not be lost sight of. The smaller principle, which make people go in as if for a benefit society, was one which should be discouraged by everybody who had the principles of Masonry at heart. Freemasonry was a grand, noble, and ancient institution, and he hoped those larger principles would be encouraged, and the smaller ones wiped away. The smaller ones might be followed in private, but not in Masonry. He concluded by hoping that another year he might come and see the responsibility of taking charge of the warrant handed over to another Worshipful Master.

Bro. Cordwell likewise responded, and expressed the great gratification he had felt at seeing his old friend, Bro. Tatlock, placed in the chair. They had been many years on the most intimate terms of friendship, and there was no one it would have given him greater pleasure to see placed in the chair. He was sure that at the end of Bro. Tatlock's year of office the brethren would say they could not have made a better selection. Bro. Tatlock had Masonry at heart; there was no one took a greater interest in it, and when a man was so actuated they might be sure he would discharge the duties of any office he might be entrusted with.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing the toast of "The P.M.'s," said that he hoped the visitors would not think he was speaking disrespectfully towards them when he said he looked upon this toast as the most important of the evening. That which was most agreeable in all societies of men was the preserving of the traditions of the society among that collection of beings. The traditions were those things which endeared them to each other, which made them take an interest in that to which they belonged, and which, in

Masonry especially, formed the two conceptions which guided them in pretty well all they did. They had their own traditional history as regarded Freemasonry in general; they had the traditions of their lodge as regarded each lodge in particular; and possibly it was through those traditions in the past that they enabled Freemasonry to a very large extent to hold its high position in the whole known world. After that, he did not wish to grow poetical or musical, but there was something so very subtle in the subject which made the mind more open to impressions, and led it back into the long vista of memory wherein they found their chief enjoyment, and wherein that which was nearest to them was the most agreeable. In offering this toast he had described it as being the most important of the evening as regarded the lodge in particular. He should have associated the names of Bros. Yockney and Haines with the toast, as they had performed the ceremony of installation so beautifully, but, following out that idea, in years to come those who might be spared to the lodge would not look back to this evening with other feelings than those of gratification, and perhaps hopefulness, when their time should come to go through the ceremony in the same manner. He would have liked Bros. Yockney and Haines to address the lodge, because then the brethren would have had an opportunity in a different way of expressing their gratification with the style in which those P.M.'s did the work; but it was the wish of those brethren, kindly expressed, that he should not call upon them, but upon another old P.M. Therefore, while taking the opportunity of thanking them for what they had done that evening, he would call upon Bro. Dubois to reply to the toast.

The toast having been most heartily received, Bro. F. T. Dubois, P.M., replied. Those, he said, who had done the work of the lodge should, in all justice, have had the precedence. But he supposed their modesty was equal to their merit, and they had delegated the task to one whose modesty exceeded his merit. If they liked to invert the phrase they were welcome to do so. It would be impossible on speaking in behalf of the P.M.'s to omit the name of one who, for the first time for many years, had not been present at the installation—Bro. H. C. Lavender. The memory of that dear brother would be remembered as long as the St. Thomas's Lodge existed. Time might dim it, but they would never so wrong his memory as to forget him. They were sure that now he reigned with the stars above, and believed that his work was transplanted elsewhere. They regretted very much the absence of some of the other old P.M.'s, but hoped to see them among them again soon. While the ranks were getting diminished, they were nevertheless replenished, and gradually brethren were getting into the list of the fixed stars of the lodge, the P.M.'s. The W.M. had set an excellent example to the brethren that evening, in making short speeches. It was to be hoped that he and the coming Masters, as well as the P.M.'s, would have the best traditions of the lodge in their hearts, so that they might be preserved in the midst of the lodge.

In giving "The Treasurer and Secretary," the Worshipful Master said the Treasurer, Bro. Battye, was the father of the lodge. They had also Bro. Powell as the successor of Bro. Levander as Secretary. The lodge would at all times express their gratitude to him for undertaking those arduous duties. But he might mention that when Bro. Levander was taken ill, Bro. Lambert at very short notice undertook the secretarial duties at a time when they were most arduous. That was no light thing to do, and the fact that this evening had been a great success was in no small measure due to the exertions of Bro. Lambert. In the name of the lodge, he begged to thank Bro. Lambert for his truly brotherly act in undertaking the duties of Secretary. He was sure that the same spirit would actuate all the officers of the lodge.

Bro. Battye, P.M., responding as Treasurer, said the brethren must excuse his feelings on that occasion when he found his old friend Levander not occupying his usual place. It was on this occasion that his absence was more particularly noticed by all the brethren. Ever since 1875 he and Bro. Levander rose together to respond to this toast, which had always been received by the brethren in the kindest and most generous manner. His (Bro. Battye's) name was always kindly received, and, in return, he might say that as long as he occupied the position of Treasurer it would be a labour of love to work hard in that capacity for his mother lodge. It was a source of gratification to him to be elected year after year to occupy that distinguished position. He could endorse all the W.M. had said with respect to Bro. Lambert. It was a great thing to have his assistance. Without his aid the lodge would not have been so well served. Bro. Lambert had been most untiring in his zeal, and the lodge could not speak too highly of his services, or thank him too much. The newly-appointed Secretary had his life before him, and had yet to win the same love Bro. Levander had obtained; but he was not unknown to the brethren, and he would no doubt obtain as well deserved encomiums as Bro. Lambert.

Bro. Powell, P.M., also replied. It was just 23 years that night that he was initiated in the St. Thomas Lodge. It was 22 years ago that he and the present Treasurer rose together, as he (Bro. Powell) was in the Warden's chair, and Bro. Battye was in the chair in 1863, Bro. Gilbert in 1864, and he (Bro. Powell) in 1865. He hoped they might rise together many times.

Bro. Lambert, P.M., respected the kindly references to Bro. Levander. He felt very proud and honoured by the I.P.M. coming to him within one day of Bro. Levander's death (there was only one day intervened between the death and the meeting of the lodge) and asking him (Bro. Lambert) to occupy the position of Secretary. He took it willingly, for he thought it his duty to the W.M. and the lodge to do everything for the lodge that had endeared itself to him by the extraordinary kindness and goodwill it had shown him. From one and all of the brethren of the lodge—Masters, Past Masters, and brethren—he had received but unlimited kindness, and he felt bound to take the office, though perfectly aware how feeble and incompetent he was for it. He had been only a stop-gap in the old hulk while the very best materials were being selected to repair it. Bro. Powell was the best material, and they would have the best workmanship from him. With Bro. Powell's strong opinions, his thorough knowledge of Masonry, his judicious conduct, his tact and kindly spirit, any irregularities he would be able to clear and smooth away. It had been said that Queen Mary stated, that when she died "Calais" would be found written on her heart. He (Bro. Lambert) could well say that when he

died "St. Thomas's Lodge would be engraven on his heart," so much kindness had he received from the members of the lodge. As long as he had health and strength, life and means, his services would be placed ungrudgingly at the disposal of the lodge. It was a grand old lodge, composed of many excellent, good members. Long might it continue to be so. They endeavoured to carry out the Masonic virtues, and he trusted it might long continue in this course.

The Worshipful Master in giving "The Officers" hoped that those brethren would keep up the traditions of the lodge.

The S.W. responded, and said he was sure that at the end of his year the W.M. would express his thanks to the officers for what they had done.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings, which had been enlivened by some delightful pianoforte music performed by Bro. W. Ganz.

ST. ANDREW'S LODGE (No. 231).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Thursday, the 5th inst. The chair was occupied by Bro. Michael Maybrick, and there were present Bros. the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, M.A., P.G. Chap.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.; Thomas Fenn, President Board of General Purposes; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec.; James Smith Carter, G.J.D.; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Charles A. Murton, P.G.D.; J. Messent, P.G.S.B.; R. Fitzhugh, P.M., P.P.G.W. Notts.; J. Topliss, P.M., P.G.J.D. Notts.; Carter, P.M., P.P.G.W. Herts; Octavius Hansard, P.M., P.G.S.; Geo. Chapman, P.M. Newstead Lodge, Notts; Vickers, W.M. Newstead Lodge, Notts; Starkey, P.M.; Houle, P.M.; Rev. A. S. Fuller, P.M. 25, Dublin; Dr. J. H. Paul, P.M., P.S.S.; Robbins, P.M.; Bridger, P.M.; Gregson, P.M.; E. R. Cutler, P.M.; Edwards, P.M.; Calkin Lewis, P.M.; Mason, I.P.M.; Keirle, W.M. elect, S.W.; Bailey, Percival, and many others. Letters of apology were read from Bros. Sir John Monckton, P.G.W.; J. Reginald Hanson, Alderman R. Fowler, M.P., P.G.S.W.; Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter King at Arms), G.D.C.; Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., P.G.J.W.; Horace Jones, G.S. of Wks., and others.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., after which the chair was taken by Bro. John Messent, P.M., P.G.S.B., who, for the 26th consecutive time performed the duties of the Installing Master in the lodge, placing in the chair in his usual able and impressive manner, Bro. Keirle, S.W. of the lodge, who appointed the following officers: Bros. Harding, P.M., Treas.; H. Cutler, Sec.; Bishop, S.W.; Dixon, J.W.; Bouilly, S.D.; Beach J.D.; W. Chubb, P.M., I.G.; Western, P.M., D.C.; and Hoblyn, P.M., A.D.C.

No business was transacted or other ceremonies performed, and the lodge adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, at which about 100 brethren sat down. The customary toasts were given, that of "The Grand Officers" being acknowledged by Bros. the Rev. Ambrose Hall, M.A., P.G.C., and F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., who was especially called upon. Bros. the Rev. A. S. Fuller, P.M. 25, Dublin, and Vickers, W.M. of the Newstead Lodge, Nottingham, responded on behalf of "The Visitors." The evening, which was one of very great interest, was enlivened by a selection of music, under the superintendence of Madame Marie Belval.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 3rd inst., when there were present among others Bros. Appleton, W.M.; Stranger, S.W., W.M. elect; H. Higgins, P.M., acting I.W.; Feuillade, J.D.; Longley, I.G.; Foalé, D.C.; Feuillade, sen., Hon. Org.; W. Mann, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Koch, P.M.; George Everett, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B., Middx., P.M.; Köhler, P.M.; Webb, P.M.; Cockburn, I.P.M.; W. Pope, P.M.; Reinardt, Tyler; and others. The visitors were Bros. Greenwood, P.G.S.P.; J. Terry, P.P.G.W., Sec. R.M.B.I.; Martin, W.M. 188; C. Everett, W.M. 2012; J. Pope, P.M. 1305; Perkins, S.W. 192; Thompson, 169; Harvey, 177; Sims, 851; Salter, 861; Sanders, 861; Hodges, 1310; Taylor, 1310; H. E. Price, 1744; and others.

Bro. Stranger having been duly presented, was installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Appleton, W.M., assisted by Bros. G. Everett, as S.W.; Higgins, as J.W.; Webb, D. of C.; and Walls, I.G. The officers invested were as follows: Bros. Plowman, S.W. (by deputy); Feuillade, J.W.; W. Mann, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec. Longley, S.D.; Foalé, J.D.; Cruse, I.G.; Westley, D. of C.; Ruffler, A.W.S.; Feuillade, sen., Hon. Org.; and Reinardt, Tyler.

A Past Master's jewel having been presented to the I.P.M., two gentlemen were duly initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was served in the large hall, and gave every satisfaction. The usual toasts followed. A selection of music was given by Bros. Webb, Walls, Sanders, Feuillade, and Miss Cockburn.

MARQUESS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1489).—The above lodge met on the 6th inst. at the Metropolitan Asylum Almshouses, Balls Pond-road. Bro. Wm. Gray, W.M., opened the lodge, and was supported as follows: Bros. George, S.W.; Tovell, P.M., as J.W.; Matthews, J.D.; Beck, as I.G.; R. H. Clack, E. Ashby, W. J. Bromley, R. J. Campbell, H. Patient, S. G. Patient, and others. Visitors: Bros. G. J. Pope, 1364, and G. H. Stephens, W.M. 2623, &c.

The business consisted of the raising of Bro. R. J. Clack to the Third Degree and conferring the Second Degree upon Bros. R. J. Campbell and W. J. Bromley. Owing to the absence of some of his officers, the W.M. was rather inconvenienced; but being perfectly master of the work in hand, he went through the labours of the evening in a highly creditable manner, having enlisted the assistance of the visiting brethren—Bro. Pope kindly acting as S.D., and Bro. Stephens as I.P.M. and D.C. Bro. J. H. Clack, 193, was unanimously admitted a joining member of the lodge, and the business ended. A comfortable little spread was next disposed of, and the usual toasts followed. Bro. Tovell, I.P.M., in giving the toast of "The W.M.,"

said previous to his going into the chair the brethren well knew what an excellent worker Bro. Gray was, and their anticipations were fully realised, as the work in the lodge had proved. He was sure all the brethren would join heartily in toasting the health of their W.M., Bro. Gray, and wish him plenty of work.

Bro. Gray suitably responded, and next gave the toast of "The Visitors." Unlike former times, there were only a few brethren visiting, namely, Bro. Stephens, W.M. 1623—an old friend in private life, and a fellow-worker in Masonry for years—and Bro. Pope, 1364, also another old Masonic acquaintance; and he (Bro. Gray) was greatly indebted to those brethren for their assistance in lodge.

Bro. Stephens responded to the toast, and congratulated the brethren upon possessing quarters wherein to meet and carry on the duties of Freemasonry with surroundings befitting the dignity and importance of the Order. He also congratulated the W.M. upon his excellent working that evening, and that, too, under trying circumstances. Bro. Gray had, however, surmounted all difficulties, and he could well understand that the brethren were proud of their W.M. "The Past Masters" were next toasted, and Bros. Tovell and Walford each responded, both reviewing the early history of the lodge, and stating their opinion that under Bro. Gray's ruling the Marquess of Ripon Lodge would again take a foremost place in the Craft.

Great regret was expressed at the non-arrival of news of Bro. Wm. Stephens, P.M. of the lodge, who recently left England for a trip to Australia for the benefit of his health, of which happy event all the brethren were anxious to receive news. Bro. G. H. Stephens, by permission of the W.M., recounted how at the farewell dinner given to Bro. Wm. Stephens, P.M. 1489, his lodge was meeting in the same building, and he, as W.M., was invited to visit the meeting alluded to, and had much pleasure, in the name of Lodge 1623, in wishing Bro. W. Stephens a speedy relief from his illness, and a safe return to England. Bro. Stephens mentioned this as an instance amongst many of the warm feelings of friendship which unite the members of the Craft.

"The Lay Members" and "The Joining Member, Bro. Clack," were also honoured.

The proceedings were greatly enlivened by some excellent songs from Bros. Gray, Campbell, Bromley, Clack, Clack, and Stephens, the latter brother also giving a reading, and a pleasantly-spent evening was thoroughly enjoyed and the proceedings terminated.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).

—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, the 29th ult. Present: Bros. C. W. Smyth, W.M.; J. L. Payne, S.W.; A. Ferrar, J.W.; W. H. Brand, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Lee, P.M., Sec.; R. Polak, S.D.; G. Ferrar, J.D.; A. R. Olley, I.G.; W. Beasley, D.C.; J. H. Rich, Stwd.; H. G. Buss, Asst. Grand Sec.; Brasted, P.M.; Lorkin, P.M.; Chapman, P.M.; Dignam, P.M.; and a large gathering of members, with the following visitors: Bros. Clark, W.M. 1178; Bullwinkle, P.M. 1421; Fisher, P.M. 1405; Steel, P.M. 1194; Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx.; Dean, 45; Ashman, 942; Larter, 1602; Woodward, 1305; W. W. Lee, 1897; Smithers, J.D. 193; Eldridge, 1585; Weatherby, 80; Hubert, 45; Isaacs, 1816; Harwood, 813; Ayres, 1861; Hawes, 554; Woodman, W.M. elect, 1950; Catling, S.D. 1679; Clark, J.D. 1607; Stephens, W.M. 1623; and Fieldwick, P.M. 1364.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bros. Searle, Duncan, and Davies were raised to the Third Degree, after which Bro. John Lambert Payne, S.W., the W.M. elect, was installed as W.M. for the year ensuing, the ceremony being ably rendered by Bro. Lorkin, P.M. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. A. Ferrar, S.W.; R. Polak, J.W.; W. H. Brand, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Lee, P.M., Prov. Asst. Grand Sec. Middx., Sec.; G. Ferrar, S.D.; A. R. Olley, J.D.; W. Beasley, I.G.; J. H. Rich, D.C.; W. Wright and W. Simpson, Stwds.; and J. J. Marsh, Tyler. Bro. Payne, W.M., commenced his tenure of office by initiating in a very impressive manner Messrs. H. Pearce, S. Stokes, J. Taylor, and G. French. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. C. W. Smyth, I.P.M., in recognition of his efficient services as W.M. during the past year. The sum of ten guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution on the list of Bros. Smyth and Dignam, Stewards representing this lodge.

After several propositions had been received for the next meeting, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was served in the usual satisfactory manner, under the personal supervision of Bro. Clemow. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Buss, Asst. Grand Sec., returned thanks for "The Grand Officers."

Bros. T. Clark, Fieldwick, and Woodman responded to the toast of "The Visitors," who received the usual cordial welcome. After the remaining toasts had been given, a most enjoyable evening was terminated by the Tyler's toast. During the evening the proceedings were enlivened by the vocal abilities of Bros. Brasted, A. Ferrar, G. Ferrar, Woodman, Rich, W. W. Lee, and Dunn. Bro. Dean rendered valuable assistance at the pianoforte.

WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).

—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, W.C. Present: Bros. W. Brindley, W.M.; J. Wade, I.P.M.; J. Gibson, S.W.; G. Boulton, P.M., J.W. (pro tem.); R. C. Halpin, M.A., Chap.; T. H. Meredith, P.M., Treas.; R. J. Scott, Sec.; Coleman, S.D.; W. Mimms, J.D.; J. C. Young, Org.; Brookson, P.M., I.G. (pro tem.); Glover and Lackhurst, Stwds.; Lackland, Tyler; Wray, P.M.; Simpson, Leslie, Fraser, Woolstein, Woolven, McCulloch, Matthews, Young, Rose, Bolton, Goode, and Somerville. Visitor: Bro. Mullins.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. In accordance with the Book of Constitutions, the bye-laws of the lodge were read by the Secretary. Bro. Blackman having been passed to the degree of F.C. by the W.M., Bro. Lewis was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously that "Hearty good wishes" for the safety and speedy return of the members of the lodge—Bros. Capt. Butterworth, P.M., and Sergt.-Major Foulson, J.W.—and several other brethren who are proceeding to Egypt for service in the Sudan. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed in due form.

ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Monday, the 9th inst., at the Castle and Falcon Hotel, Aldersgate-street. There were present Bro. Samuel White, W.M., who was supported by Bros. S. Benton, I.P.M.; E. Y. Jolliffe, S.W.; W. H. Froom, J.W.; J. Derby Allcroft, P.M., P.G. Treas., Treas.; E. Anderton, S.D.; George Vickery, J.D.; A. B. Hudson, D.C.; Joseph Renals, I.G.; C. W. Lovett, Org.; M. R. Webb, F. Crookford, and Fuller, Stewards; George Kenning, P.M.; Alfred Brookman, P.M.; J. Schotter, G. Rawlinson, J. Larkin, W. W. Thompson, H. Matthews, and Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec. Visitors: Bros. Edgar Bowyer, P.G. St. Br.; P. Saillard, T. Benskin; J. L. Mather, P.G.S.D. Herts; W. P. Hopkins, S.W. 1385; W. O. Jameson, G. Bull, Chas. Putter, E. E. Harding, T. Ludgrin, E. W. Stillwell, W. Maddeson, Alderman John Staples, W.M. 2020; Col. Peters, P.G. S.B.; J. J. Avery, P.P.G. Treas. Devon; G. T. Mathew, W. R. Roberts, P.M. 181; Dr. GreatRex, P.M. 22; and W. Lake, P.P.G. Reg. (Freemason).

Apologies were received from the Lord Mayor, Sir John B. Monckton, and other distinguished brethren who were unable to be present.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 10th November last were read and confirmed. The report of the Finance Committee, showing, as usual, a favourable balance-sheet, was received and adopted. In view of the urgent need of increased support for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, arising from the fact of such a large number of female applicants, and there being no vacancies, it was resolved unanimously that the sum of £25 be voted from the funds to head the list of the Steward representing the lodge. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring Master in recognition of his services during his year of office. W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, then installed the W.M. elect, Bro. Froom, into the chair of King Solomon, the ceremony being rendered in his customary faultless manner. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Samuel White, I.P.M.; E. Anderton, S.W.; G. Vickery, J.W.; Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, Chap.; J. D. Allcroft, Treas.; E. Y. Jolliffe, Sec.; Renals, S.D.; Hudson, J.D.; Crookford, I.G.; Lovett, Org.; Martin, D.C.; Fuller, Steward; and Thomas, Tyler.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to an admirably served banquet, presided over by the W.M.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W.G. Master, the Prince of Wales," having been proposed and loyally honoured, the W.M. gave that of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past." They had several Grand Officers present, but he would ask Bro. J. D. Allcroft, Past Grand Treasurer, to respond.

Bro. Allcroft said the song that had just been sung, "Take thy Banner," was particularly applicable to Bro. Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br., who was present, and he (Bro. Allcroft) would have been content to reply as an officer of the lodge, but he obeyed the command of the W.M. He had by favour of the Craft been elected to the purple, and in common with the Grand Officers he had endeavoured to carry out the duties of his office.

Bro. Samuel White, I.P.M., said it devolved upon him to propose the next toast, and no one could do it with greater pleasure. Their P.M.'s, like good old port, seemed to improve with age, and the present occupant of the chair was a worthy successor to a good line. But for his native modesty he thought Bro. Froom might have occupied the chair before, but they were glad that he had now arrived at that position, and he felt sure the work he had done before was a guarantee of the manner in which he would carry out the duties of his office, and he spoke the feelings of all present in drinking the "Health of the W.M., with hearty good wishes."

The W.M. thanked the proposer for his kind expressions, and if they could only say at the end of his term of office the kind things he had been pleased to say of him then he should be amply repaid for all he might have done.

The next toast the Worshipful Master said was that of "The Installing Master, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.," who had very ably installed all his predecessors in the Aldersgate Lodge. They all appreciated his valuable services, and thanked him heartily for coming there on that occasion.

Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke thanked the brethren for their kind and feeling response to the toast. He hardly knew how he had drifted into the position of Installing Master, but it gave him great pleasure to respond to their wishes in this respect. He was much flattered at the proud position they had placed him in from year to year.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Health of the Visitors," remarking that if there was one Masonic feature more than another the Aldersgate Lodge prided itself on it was hospitality. They had a member present whose rank and titles were too numerous to recount; but he gave them all a hearty welcome, and he would ask Bro. Alderman Staples, W.M. of St. Botolph's Lodge, to respond.

Bro. Alderman Staples, on behalf of himself and the other visitors, thanked them for the toast, and for their kind hospitality. The only difficulty he had in responding as a visitor was that there were so many around him connected with the Ward that he could hardly realise the fact of his being a visitor. He congratulated the W.M. on the position he had gained in the lodge, and equally congratulated the brethren and himself in belonging in these days, when there was so much disloyalty abroad, to an Order that reckoned loyalty as its leading principle.

The toast of "The Past Masters of the Lodge" followed, the W.M. remarking that they had now quite an illustrious line of Past Masters, each of whom, from their first W.M., Bro. Allcroft, to the last, Bro. White, had all performed their duties to the satisfaction of the lodge.

Bro. White responded. The next toast was that of "The Officers," and the W.M. associated the toast with the name of the S.W., Bro. Anderton, who had been initiated in the lodge, and had steadily worked his way to S.W.

Bros. Anderton and Jolliffe replied. Much regret was felt at the absence of Bro. the Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, through a severe attack of sore throat—his physician forbidding his leaving the house.

General sympathy was expressed for the respected Chaplain of the Lodge, Bro. the Rev. Richard Lee, who has recently sustained a severe bereavement by the loss of two children.

The musical arrangements were under the able direction of Bro. Matthews, assisted by Miss Ada Patterson, Miss Rose Dafforne, Mr. H. Schartau, Mr. Sidney Tower, Mr. W. G. Forington; and, at the pianoforte, Mr. Alfred Izard.

ST. LEONARD LODGE (No. 1766).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge was held at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on the 4th inst. Bro. James Funston, W.M., presided, there being also present Bros. A. A. Clement, I.P.M.; L. Stean, P.M.; E. Benjamin, P.M.; J. A. Jones, P.M.; E. Walker, S.W.; F. Matthews, J.W.; Rev. H. G. Henderson, Chap.; J. Cox.; R. Drysdale, S.D.; H. J. Thrower, J.D.; L. Harrison, I.G.; W. Beasley, D.C.; E. T. Clark and T. Douglass, Stwds.; and J. Very, Tyler. There was also a good attendance of members and visiting brethren.

A ballot was taken for Mr. W. H. Jones and Mr. W. E. Johnson, who being unanimously elected, were impressively initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by the W.M. and his officers.

Bro. Funston intimated that the Chaplain and himself would represent the lodge as Stewards at the forthcoming festival in aid of the Royal Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.

The entire proceedings were of the most harmonious and enjoyable character, and the new W.M. was heartily congratulated on the success of the occasion.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 1949).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Brixton Hall, Acrelane, Brixton, on Saturday, the 7th inst. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. W. E. Farrington, W.M., with the following members: Bros. H. Baldwin, S.W.; C. Kipling, J.W.; W. Day, Treas.; H. Lovegrove, P.M., Sec.; R. Poire, S.D.; E. Newby, D.C.; C. J. Axford, I.G.; A. E. Albert, W.S.; H. Martin, A. Jones, W. Kirkland, R. Evans, J. D. Sprague, H. Durham, and R. Potter, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. C. A. Rambert, 1326; W. E. Pankhurst, 551; F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx.; G. Moorman, 1058; S. Richardson, 183; C. H. Phillips, W.M. 1086; G. Read, P.M. 720; G. Moss, P.M. 1201; E. A. Francis, 1658; S. Reeve, 2048; G. Stevens, P.M. 1216, &c.; J. W. Moorman, 1038; H. M. Williams, S.W. 1986; W. H. Simons, 1086; A. J. Bellis, P.M. 1901; A. Pitman, 1986; E. S. Dane, 1158; J. Mason, 309, P.P.G.D. Middx.; W. R. Palmer, 143; R. H. Harvey, P.M., P.Z. 952; F. Farrington, 1589; J. Bamber, 1589; C. Lee, 1624; and W. H. McBurney, 186.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. J. D. Sprague and Bro. C. A. Rambert (of 1326), at the request of the W.M., were passed to the Second Degree. The Audit report, as printed, was accepted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The chair was then taken by Bro. H. Lovegrove, P.M., and Bro. H. Baldwin, S.W., was presented by the W.M. The ceremony of installation was proceeded with, Bro. J. Stevens acting as D.C., and Bro. H. Baldwin was placed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom and saluted. Bro. Farrington was invested as I.P.M. The officers appointed were as follows: Bros. Kipling, S.W.; R. Poire, J.W.; W. Day, Treas.; H. Lovegrove, Sec.; Axford, S.D.; Newby, J.D.; Albert, I.G.; Evans, D.C.; Kirkland, Wylie, and Jones, Stwds.; and Potter, Tyler. Bro. Farrington proposed, and Bro. Kipling seconded, a vote of thanks to Bro. H. Lovegrove for his able rendering of the ceremony of installation. The W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. J. Stevens for his services as D.C. Both motions were carried unanimously. The W.M. presented the lodge jewel, with collar, and silver collar jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning), to Bro. Farrington, I.P.M., for his services. The proceedings concluded, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, and spent a pleasant evening.

ST. BOTOLPH'S LODGE (No. 2020).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 2nd inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. In the temporary absence of the W.M., Bro. Alderman Staples, the S.D., Bro. H. H. Wells, occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. P. Saillard, S.W.; T. Benskin, J.W.; H. S. Legge, Treas.; W. Lake, Sec.; B. Norman, S.D.; E. W. Stillwell, I.G.; E. J. Husey, D.C.; F. W. Harris, G. M. Sayle, Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G. Chap.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; and T. Murray Janes. Visitors: Bros. T. Cubitt, P.G. Purst.; Alfred Brookman, C.C., P.M. 1657; Nelson Reed, P.M. 1572; Dr. Greatrex, P.M. 22; R. Clay Sudlow, W.M. 263; C. A. Legge, 902; H. Wright, J.W. 1827; E. Y. Jolliffe, S.W. 1057; and W. H. Froom, J.W. 1057.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the Auditor's report received and adopted. The acting W.M. then proceeded to pass Bro. Harris to the Degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Alderman John Staples, who had been re-elected to the office of W.M., was then duly presented and again installed in the chair of King Solomon, Bro. Wells performing the ceremony in a most impressive and faultless manner. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. P. Saillard, S.W.; T. Benskin, J.W.; H. S. Legge, Treas.; W. Lake, Sec.; H. H. Wells, S.D.; B. Norman, J.D.; E. J. Husey, D.C.; E. W. Stillwell, I.G.; G. M. Sayle and F. W. Harris, Stewards; and R. W. Goddard, Tyler.

The W.M. announced his intention of going up as a Steward at the next Festival of the Boys' School.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was admirably served in the large hall. The W.M., Bro. Ald. Staples, presided, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

CHICHESTER.—Union Lodge (No. 38).—Thursday, the 5th inst., was again a red letter day with the brethren of the above lodge (the senior lodge on the Provincial roll of Sussex), the occasion being the installation of Bro. Lieut.-Col. Lord Algernon Gordon Lennox as W.M. for the ensuing year. It was matter for regret that the popular Grand Master of the province (Sir W. Burrell, M.P.) and his Deputy (Bro. J. Henderson Scott, P.G.D.) were prevented by other engagements from attending, but there was a numerous and representative gathering of Masons from various lodges in the province and elsewhere. Bro. Lloyd, the retiring W.M., presided, and among the P.M.'s of the lodge present were Bros. Raper, P.P.G.J.W.; A. Smith, P.P.G.S. of W.; G. Smith, P.P.G.D.; F. W. Gruggen, Prov. G. Stwd.; O. N. Wyatt, P.P.G.S. of W.; C. P. Henty, P.P.G. J.W.; H. M. Davey, P.P.G. Chap.; and others. Among the visitors present were the Prov. Grand Wardens for Sussex (Major General Randolph and Major G. C. D'Albiac), the Prov. Grand Sec. (Bro. V. P. Freeman); Bros. Geo. Campbell, W.M. 271; W. Nell, W.M. 732;

G. L. Stobbs, W.M. 175; T. W. Dean, W.M. 1110; S. B. McWhinnie, P.P.G.D., W.M. 1947; Wm. Miles, W.M. 1776; A. T. Long, Prov. G. Stwd., P.M. 1726; A. W. Lambert, P.P.G.O. Lincoln; T. H. Crouch, P.P.G.D., P.M. 851; T. R. Thomson, 1726; C. W. Allen, 295; E. G. Charpentier, 1903; H. K. Law, 608; W. Kinsey, 694; A. Lloyd, J.D. 1726; and C. Benham, 1293.

The ceremony of installation was performed by the retiring W.M. in the most masterly manner, and Lord Algernon subsequently appointed and invested his officers for the year as follows: Bros. Lloyd, I.P.M.; W. H. Barrett, S.W.; H. E. Breach, J.W.; Davey, P.M., Chap.; J. H. Hawes, Sec.; G. C. Inkpen, S.D.; W. Doman, J.D.; Geo. Smith, P.M., D.C.; Buquet, I.G.; Budden and Fielden, Stwds.; and W. A. Beatson, Tyler.

A severe domestic bereavement prevented the attendance of Bro. St. Clair, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., who had been elected to the office of Treasurer, which he had held continuously since 1870; and the state of his health kept Bro. W. Dean away, or he would have been invested as Organist. At the conclusion of the lodge business, in the course of which a P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Lloyd in recognition of the manner in which he had filled the chair during the year, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where they partook of a sumptuous repast, most admirably served by Bro. P. Purchase, of the Globe Hotel. The newly-installed W.M. presided, and gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

The toast of "The W.M." was proposed by the Mayor of Chichester, Bro. Raper, who spoke of the distinguished services to Masonry which have been rendered by various Dukes of Richmond, and also by the Earl of March, who himself recently filled the chair of the Union Lodge, as well as that of G.S.W. of England. Bro. Raper also spoke of the good qualities of the W.M., and evoked much applause by an eloquent allusion to the midnight march on the fortifications of Tel-el-Kebir, at which Lord Algernon was present.

The toast was warmly welcomed, and was responded to in a happy strain.

Several other toasts were given, interspersed with songs from Bros. R. Raynham, 1706, of the choir of St. Paul's Cathedral; Miles, Kinsey, Fielden, Breach, and a telling recitation by Bro. Charge. Bro. Raynham, whose singing was highly appreciated, also acted as accompanist. It should be added that the arrangements of the Stewards, Bros. Buquet and Wyatt, were in every way perfect; and the room was tastefully decorated with a choice collection of palms and other greenhouse productions by the kindness of Bro. H. H. Moore.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—The annual installation meeting was held on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall. Lodge was opened shortly after four p.m. by the W.M., Bro. J. Rubie, P.M., P.P. G.J.W. Somerset, and the following officers and brethren: Bros. T. Ames, S.W.; W. Peach, J.W.; T. P. Ashley, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., Treas.; C. W. Radway, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., Sec.; T. E. Wilson, S.D.; W. L. Baldwin, J.D.; T. Wilton, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., Dir. of C.; J. Foote, Org.; W. B. Gregory, I.G.; J. G. Wilton and W. H. Reynolds, Stwds.; R. B. Cater, P.M., P.G. S.W. Stwd.; T. B. Moutrie, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; C. Baldwin, R. J. Jervis, W. H. Bartlett, J. Gardiner, and others. Visitors: Bros. B. H. Watts, W.M. 53; T. E. S. Jelly, P.M. 976, P.P.G.S.W.; Jas. Greenfield, P.M. 246, P.P.G.D.C. Gloster; and others.

Lodge having been opened and the summons read, the minutes of the last regular lodge were confirmed, and also the lodge of instruction minutes read. Apology for the absence of the very esteemed D.P.G.M., Bro. Else, was made, through indisposition, to the regret of the brethren; as also from Bro. E. T. Payne, Prov. Treas., P.G.D. Eng., and many others from unavoidable circumstances.

The Worshipful Master said he had received a letter of regret of enforced absence from their esteemed Bro. Dr. H. Hopkins, P.M., &c., who for the first time during his Masonic career of 37 years was compelled, through ill health, to be absent from the installation ceremony. He, however, asked Bro. Rubie's acceptance of a beautiful Masonic chart, designed and executed by himself, the chart being much admired.

Bro. Rubie desired thus publicly to express his great thanks to Bro. Hopkins, P.M., for his many acts of kindness, at the same time he was instructed by Bro. Dr. Hopkins to ask the lodge's acceptance of bound volumes of the *Freemason* from 1869 to 1884 for the lodge library. These were received by acclamation, and a vote of thanks carried. Bros. T. Wilton, P.M., and C. W. Radway, P.M., presented Bro. T. Ames, as the W.M. elect, to Bro. T. P. Ashley, the Installing Master. After the usual preliminaries a Board of Installed Masters was regularly opened, and Bro. T. Ames was duly installed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. The loving cup, presented by Bro. Dr. Hopkins, having received its customary attention, the Board was regularly closed. The W.W., after the usual salutations, invested and appointed his officers, viz.: Bros. J. Rubie, I.P.M.; W. Peach, S.W.; T. E. Wilton, J.W.; T. P. Ashley, P.M., Treas.; C. W. Radway, P.M., Sec.; T. Wilton, P.M., D.C.; W. L. Baldwin, S.D.; W. G. Gregory, J.D.; J. E. Wilton, I.G.; W. Foote, Org.; T. Brown and W. H. Reynolds, Stewards; and S. Bigwood, Tyler. The Installing Master gave the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren in Bro. Ashley's genial and Masonic manner, and the appreciation of all present. The W.M. returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him, and trusted to earn the approbation of his brethren. Bro. Ashley announced that, in accordance with Bro. White's bequest, it was the time to present the outgoing W.M. with the jewel provided by Bro. White's liberality, the brethren having testified that Bro. Rubie had merited the distinction. Bro. Ashley remarked that this year was the 50th of Bro. White's membership, and he had shown his regard for his mother lodge by handing down a jewel, to be called Bro. White's jewel, to future Masters. The Trustees had had a specially designed jewel prepared, which would be the means of keeping one uniform pattern, and he (Bro. Ashley) had now the pleasure of pinning it on the I.P.M.'s breast.

Bro. Rubie, in response, expressed his gratification that he should be the first to participate in the kindly gift of his old and esteemed friend, Bro. Edmund White.

The Treasurer, advancing to the dais, said: W.M. and brethren, we have already expressed our great regret that Bro. Dr. Hopkins, P.M., is not with us this evening; but he has not forgotten the old lodge. I now stand as his

representative, and will read portion of a letter I have received from him, the other part being of a personal character, and, brethren, you will soon learn to what extent our dear Bro. Hopkins is participating with us in our lodge meeting to-day:—

"14, Belvedere, Bath,
"January 31st, 1885.

"Dear Bro. Ashley,

"Some years ago, in drawing up my will, I made provision for a legacy to each of the Craft lodges of which I have been W.M., sufficient to give to each the rank of Vice-President of one of the Masonic Benevolent Institutions, and to endow every chair with votes in perpetuity. I added a clause to the effect that should I pay this amount during my life the legacy is to be cancelled. By care and economy in not living up to my income I am now in a position to offer to the Royal Cumberland Lodge a donation of one hundred guineas, to be paid in the name of the lodge, to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Widows, of which it will thus become a Vice-President, and the W.M., I.P.M., Treasurer, Secretary, D. of C., Senior and Junior Wardens, Senior and Junior Deacons, and I.G. will each have votes in perpetuity. Kindly inform me whether my proposal is accepted, and, if so, I will at once send you a cheque for the amount. I must, however, accompany it with one request, namely, that the members use their influence to obtain the annuity for the widow of my late esteemed friend Dr. Tunstall, whose name is on the list for the election in May next. I shall feel obliged if you will abstain from mentioning the contents of this note to anyone before the communication of them to the lodge.

"Believe me, yours very sincerely and fraternally,

"HENRY HOPKINS, P.P.G.S.W. Warwick,
"P.M. 41, 43, 958, &c."

Bro. Ashley, after reading the foregoing, said: Brethren, again we have the strongest evidence of the great interest our Bro. Dr. H. Hopkins takes in the old lodge, and he felt assured they would thoroughly appreciate his exceeding great kindness.

Bro. T. Wilton, P.M. (ex-Mayor of Bath), addressing the W.M., said: This lodge has on very many occasions during our Bro. Dr. H. Hopkins's residence amongst us been the recipient of his great liberality. When we look round this hall, and see our walls adorned with his handi-craft, to him are we largely indebted that our lodge became Vice-Presidents of the Girls' School, and in many directions and ways have we had proof of his love for our Order, and now, to crown all his previous magnanimous gifts, we are surprised by this most handsome donation to the lodge of one hundred guineas to the Widows' Fund. Truly our Bro. Hopkins has carried out the duties of a Mason with bounteous hand.

The following was carried by acclamation: "That the grateful and unanimous thanks of all the brethren present at the installation meeting of the Royal Cumberland Lodge, February 5th, 1885, be conveyed to W. Bro. Dr. H. Hopkins for his highly generous gift to this lodge of one hundred guineas towards the Benevolent Fund, thus qualifying the lodge as Vice-Presidents, and endowing all the chairs in perpetuity. With the sincere wish that Bro. Dr. Hopkins's life may yet be spared for many years of usefulness, Masonically and otherwise."

Votes of thanks to visitors were duly proposed and responded to, and the lodge was closed in harmony, after which the brethren adjourned to the Grand Pump Room Hotel to the banquet, when about 50 sat down, under the W.M.'s presidency. During the evening Bro. White's loving cup, as well as Bro. Dr. Hopkins's cup, were appreciated.

GUERNSEY.—Mariners Lodge (No. 168).—The members of the above lodge met on Wednesday, the 4th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Le Marchant-street, for their usual monthly meeting, and to listen to a lecture, entitled "Random Notes on Freemasonry," from W. Bro. Emra Holmes, P.M. 531 and G.I.I.C., 31st. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. S. Coombes, and the minutes of last regular and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. The final revision of the bye-laws having been completed, the W.M. introduced the lecturer to the members, who, by the way, did not visit this lodge for the first time, but has been, through his genial and entertaining manner, a welcome visitor for some time past at the meetings and at the festive board. After briefly prefacing the lecture,

Bro. Holmes said it would be difficult, nay, almost impossible, to say all that he could say on our beloved Masonry in the brief hour to which he must limit himself on that occasion; but he thought he might suggest—for he could do no more than suggest—sufficient to enable some brother better qualified than himself to treat at greater length on the subject of his lecture. He did not pretend to preach any new doctrine, or to have discovered any fresh secret; but he only aimed at leading his younger brethren into the same road as he had travelled, to follow the same channels of information to which he had obtained access. He did not profess to be a teacher, but only a student, and he said there might be many before him better qualified than he was to speak on the subject; but he was sure all would listen with a kindly indulgence to what he advanced, and forgive his zeal if any doubted his discretion. The lecturer then proceeded to trace the antiquity of the Craft in a powerful and able manner, saying that he was of opinion that there were points of similarity between the ancient mysteries of Egypt and Greece to warrant us in the belief that they were, in fact, a kind of spurious Freemasonry, as Dr. Oliver teaches. He would even go further, and say that there is a strong resemblance to a true Freemasonry in some of them, though veiled and obscured with much that was false and impure. Speaking of Freemasonry from a Christian point of view, the worshipful lecturer said that Masonry without Christianity, in a Christian country, could not be said to be complete. A brief, but interesting, review of the different degrees in Masonry and their work having been described, the constitution of Grand Lodge and the appointment of Grand Officers were dealt with, the latter in the following words: "I think it will be generally admitted that the appointments to office are unsatisfactory. Men become members of Grand Lodge of whom the Craft knows nothing, and who, I venture to say, know as little about the Craft; and noblemen are pitch-forked into the W. and S. who have never been Masters of lodges, contrary to the Constitutions, and young gentlemen, simply because they are related to those highest in office, are made rulers of the Craft, the first principles of which they are lamentably ignorant of. Office is almost entirely restricted to

London Masons, whilst men like 'Lupus' and Bro. Hughan, who are ornaments to the Craft, and whose research and learning have done so much for Masonry, are left out in the cold." The lecturer next reminded his hearers of their privileges and obligations, and strongly insisted upon the declaration that the candidate for initiation into the mysteries of the Craft should be unbiassed by any mercenary or other unworthy motive; and whilst one could not help regretting that many had sought for admission within their portals simply for what they could get out of Masonry, still he would say that they ought all to serve their brother first, and the world outside afterwards. He was a great advocate for the "clannishness" of Masonry. If he (the lecturer) was in a town where there were half-a-dozen tradesmen or professional men, whose assistance he required, and one was a Mason and another was not, he would go to the Mason, as to a friend, in preference to him who was not one of them, for all he wanted. And this, he thought, we ought to do—serve our brother first, and then our neighbour or friend afterwards. Finally, the lecturer thanked the members for their attention to his lecture. It had been given with a view to make all more curious about, and more interested in, our great Institution, and if he had succeeded in suggesting one thought which might bear fruit and benefit the noble Order, he would be amply repaid.

At the close of lecture, the W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Emra Holmes, which was heartily responded to by the members and visitors present. At this meeting it was also decided to present to W. Bro. W. Thorn, I.P.M., a gold P.M.'s jewel, as a token of esteem, for services rendered in the chair during the year 1884.

After the business had been concluded, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a sumptuous repast had been provided by Mrs. Edwards, the veteran caterer of the Guernsey lodges. Afterwards the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and the brethren and visitors spent a most enjoyable and fraternal evening.

NEWTON MOOR.—Fidelity Lodge (No. 461).

The installation of Bro. J. Shenton took place, and the St. John's Festival was celebrated, at the White Hart Hotel, Bro. Wilde's, on Wednesday, the 28th ult., when the following brethren were present: Wm. Barker, W.M.; Jas. Shenton, S.W.; J. Hodgkinson, J.W.; J. Burkinshaw, Sec.; C. E. Brooke, J.D.; E. Dibley, I.G.; T. Harding, P.M.; H. Booth, P.M.; R. L. Barker, P.M.; W. Buckley, J. H. Danaher, T. Perrin, J. Oldham, J. Robinson, H. Cottam, J. Wilde, T. Harrington, G. Stafford, J. B. Sharples, J. T. Bourke, J. W. Turner, W. Lucas, and J. Aldred. Visitors: Bros. W. H. Dutton, W.W. 1166, P.G. A.D.C.; E. Andrew, 420, P.P.G. Org.; J. H. Roberts, P.M. 1322; J. Wood, P.M. 361; W. Kenworthy, P.M. 89; F. Drinkwater, P.M. 361; W. T. Jackson, I.P.M. 89; J. Hart, 467; W. Ramsden, P.M. 1166; G. Pugh, W.M. 210; S. Wilde, S.W. 361; R. Mason, P.M. 414; H. Kinder, P.M. 320; J. Fielding, 320; N. Dumville, P.M. 152; J. Whittaker, 277; and R. R. Lisenden, S.W. 317 (Freemason).

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, at the request of the W.M. and P.M.'s of the lodge, Bro. W. H. Dutton, P.G. A.D.C., was called upon to undertake the important duties of installing Master, and in due course the W.M. elect, Bro. Jas. Shenton, was presented, and, after the usual formalities, installed W.M. for the ensuing 12 months, proclaimed to, and saluted by, the M.M.'s as such upon their re-entrance to the lodge. Bro. Wm. Barker, I.P.M., subsequently invested the following brethren officers for the year: Bros. J. A. Hodgkinson, S.W.; Jno. Burkinshaw, J.W.; H. Booth, P.M., Treas.; W. Barker, P.M., Sec.; C. E. Brooke, S.D.; E. Dibley, J.D.; G. Stafford and J. Robinson, Stwds.; and W. Tetlow, Tyler. Bro. W. H. Dutton, P.G.A.D.C., subsequently delivered the three addresses, and concluded the ceremony of installation, after which "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren afterwards celebrated the Festival of St. John with a capital banquet, prepared for them by Bro. Wilde, who brought all the resources of his establishment to bear upon the serving thereof, and left no stone unturned to give what he certainly was successful in giving, namely, perfect satisfaction.

After dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The vocalists engaged were those well-known executants, Bros. M. Stafford, P.M. 1166; N. Dumville, P.M. 1011; J. Whittaker, 277; and J. T. Cartwright, who performed a selection of carefully-selected songs, glees, &c., all of which were well accompanied by Bro. Enos Andrew, P.P.G. Org.

During the evening we noticed our zealous Bro. Hodgkinson hard at work soliciting donations from the brethren in aid of the Cheshire Educational Institution, the result of his canvassing being £4 15s.

HUDDERSFIELD.—Truth Lodge (No. 521).

A meeting of the above lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Fitz William-street, on the 6th inst. Present: Bros. John W. Turner, W.M.; A. Armitage, S.W.; A. Graham, J.W.; Jas. Brierley, Treas.; J. E. Cooper, Sec.; Jas. Eccles, S.D.; J. H. Sterry, J.D.; Allen Jackson, P.M., D.C.; George Jackson, A.D.C.; Humphrey Wood, I.G.; T. Greenwood, Stwd.; P.M.'s, Bros. T. S. Higgins, P.P.G.D.C.; H. W. Wrigley, R. Williamson, P.G.J.D.; George Marshall, J. B. Matthewman, Joseph Varley, and Allen Jackson, P.P.G.J.D. Visitors: Bros. W. J. Sugg, P.M. 149; Jos. Longbottom, P.M. 1283; T. W. Crowther, P.M. 275, P.P.G.D.C.; John Shoemsmith, P.M. 1783; Charles Sinclair, P.M. 212; and S. H. Shaw, S.W. 652.

The lodge was opened by the W.M. and officers, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Walker was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by Bro. T. S. Higgins, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Bro. E. A. Beaumont by Bro. R. Williamson, P.M., P.G.J.D.; Bro. Wood by Bro. Geo. Marshall, P.M.; and Bro. Wray by Bro. John Shoemsmith, P.M. 1783. It is needless to say the raising ceremonies were performed in an effective and very impressive manner, as was also the traditional history and presentation of the working tools by Bro. George Marshall, P.M. The W.M., Bro. J. W. Turner, initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry Mr. Seth Dalton, after which the brethren expressed their good wishes.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall for refreshment of a satisfying and also pleasant nature.

HARWICH.—Star in the East Lodge (No. 650).—A special interest attached to the monthly meeting of this lodge, held on Tuesday last, from the fact that part of the business was the initiation of the Mayor of the borough, who is said to be the most youthful Mayor in the kingdom, having only attained his 25th year. The ballot having been unanimously declared in his favour, his Worship duly presented himself, and was initiated in a most impressive manner by W. Bro. F. R. Hales, the W.M. At the dinner which followed the lodge, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Initiate," remarking how gratified he was that it had fallen to his lot to be the medium of introducing his Worship into Freemasonry. He was sure from what he knew of Bro. Ward that he would become an active Freemason, and he trusted that some day his Worship would attain to the chair of his mother lodge.

The Mayor, in responding, thanked the brethren for the heartiness of their reception of him. It had long been his earnest wish to join the Order of Freemasonry. He had always understood that to be a good Mason was to be a good man, and he therefore trusted, as time went on, he should prove himself to be both.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).

The usual monthly meeting of the above influential lodge took place on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the High School for Boys, Brook Hill-road, Bro. W. Rees, W.M., presiding, supported by the following Past Masters, Officers, and others: Bros. C. Coupland, P.M. and P.P.G.J.W. Kent, Treas.; E. Denton, P.M. and P.P.C.J.D. Kent, Sec.; A. Penfold, P.M., D.C.; W. T. Vincent, P.M.; T. D. Hayes, P.M.; W. B. Lloyd, P.M.; R. J. Cook, P.M.; H. Mason, P.M.; R. Edmonds, I.P.M.; E. Palmer, S.W.; G. H. Letton, J.W.; T. R. Richardson, S.D.; C. H. Lawson, J.D.; W. Keeble, I.G.; W. B. Ledger, Org.; F. H. Johnson, Asst. Stwd.; W. J. Lardner, Tyler; Jos. Farrier, R. Courtown, Dr. E. Bryceton, W. H. Grafton, A. Moore, W. Sanders, A. Joskey, H. Malings, H. Delatouche, J. Griffiths, W. Young, D. K. Summers, C. Charlesworth, W. Pinkney, E. Lewis, and C. Jolly (Freemason) all of the lodge; T. Ovenden, W.M. 700; J. H. Roberts, P.M. 700; G. Spinks, P.M. 1536; J. Morton, 1536; H. Martin, 829; G. Porter, 700; G. T. Taylor, 700; A. Green, 1019; and Bro. Oxley, of London.

The only work before the lodge was the initiation of Messrs. A. W. Jackson and G. Campbell, both of Woolwich, which was happily effected, the work of the W.M. and his officers calling forth unstinted commendation. It was unanimously resolved that the officers of the lodge should wear gauntlets, and ten guineas was voted as a temporary relief to a distressed brother.

At the social board the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. Bro. H. Mason, P.M., who stands Steward for the "old people" at the coming festival, will, we are happy to say, take up some 150 guineas on his list. The Pattison Choir sang occasional music during the ceremonies, both of initiation and closing of lodge, and the whole affair was most enjoyable.

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD.—Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 951).

A meeting was held on Friday, the 30th ult., at the Masonic Hall. Present: Bros. Robt. Blizard, P.G.S.B., W.M.; P. D. Hoggood, S.W.; W. Austin, J.W.; Rev. A. Williams, P.M., Chap.; J. F. Nichols, P.M., Treas.; E. Gillman, P.M., Sec.; E. Denning, S.D.; A. C. Dixie, I.G.; J. Keen, Tyler; Francis Pegler, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; John Bullock, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Henry Sutton, P.M.; F. R. V. Witts, G. E. Dowman, G. F. Dowman, A. E. Dixie, and B. Hixon. Visitors: Bros. J. Brook-Smith, D.P.G.M. Gloucestershire; Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., Grand Senior Deacon, P.M. 82, W.M. 246; Dr. Kynaston, I.P.M. 82, P.P.G.C.; George Norman, P.M. 246, P.G. Reg.; R. W. White, P.M. 839, P.P.G.J.W.; W. G. Gillett, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; W. E. Hayward, S.W. 900; and C. C. Cassidy, 73.

Lodge was opened at five o'clock by the W.M., Bro. Blizard, and after the minutes had been confirmed, Bro. Austin was presented to the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Brook-Smith, as the W.M. elect. The ceremony of installation was gone through in the most impressive manner, the Wardens' chairs being occupied by Bros. Dr. Kynaston and G. Norman, Bro. R. W. White acting as D.C. After the W.M. had been saluted, he invested his officers as follows: Bros. Hoggood, S.W.; E. Denning, J.W.; R. Blizard, I.P.M.; Rev. A. Williams, P.M., Chap.; J. F. Nichols, P.M., Treas.; E. Gillman, P.M., Sec.; G. Dowman, S.D.; F. Dowman, J.D.; B. Hixon, I.G.; and J. Keen, Tyler.

"Hearty good wishes" having been expressed from the Grand Lodge of England and several neighbouring lodges, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was very well served by Bro. Hixon. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, satisfaction being expressed at the efforts being made by the province to support the Provincial Grand Master on the 25th inst., when the number of Gloucestershire Stewards will be large, and the evening was passed in a most pleasant manner.

MANCHESTER.—St. Thomas's Lodge (No. 992).

This lodge was held on Wednesday, the 28th ult., at the Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton, partly for ordinary business and to celebrate the Festival of St. John, which had been postponed from December 24th, on which day the installation of Bro. Garner took place. The members of the lodge had applied for a dispensation to hold their regular meeting on some more convenient day than Christmas Eve to the R.W.P.G.M., per the Prov. G. Sec.; but the application was refused, and therefore the members of the lodge simply attended the installation meeting in December, and postponed the St. John's Festival for a month.

Amongst those present were Bros. Garner, W.M.; H. Y. Rutter, I.P.M., acting S.W.; Brooks, J.W.; Faulkner, S.D.; Turner, J.D.; Welch, I.G.; J. J. Meakin, P.P.G.S.D., P.M.; Fisher, P.M.; Hall, P.M.; Hilton, P.M.; Johnson, P.M.; Hancock, P.M.; Moore, P.M.;

and a fair number of brethren. Visitors: Bros. Beresford, P.P.G.D. Cheshire; Joseph Snape, P.M. 1055; Jenkins, P.P.G.S.B.; Williams, 1011; and Stott, 999.

After the minutes of the installation meeting had been read and confirmed, the chair was occupied by Bro. J. J. Meakin, P.M. (at the request of the W.M.), who raised Bro. Millward to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., the working tools being explained by Bro. H. Y. Rutter, I.P.M. The addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren, which were purposely omitted at the installation meeting for want of time, were here delivered by Bros. E. Hilton, P.M., and J. J. Meakin, respectively, after which the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

At the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the I.P.M., Bro. H. Y. Rutter, being presented with a handsome gold jewel, as was Bro. the Secretary with a very chaste Secretary's jewel, both of which were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester.

ROMILLY.—Oakwood Lodge (No. 1126).

The installation of Bro. R. G. Walker took place, and the St. John's Festival was celebrated, at the Stock Dove Inn, on Saturday, the 31st ult., when the principal officers were present, and a fair muster of members and visitors. Bros. Drinkwater, P.M. 361; Stephens, P.M. 152; Fell, 815; Windebank, S.W. 1061; Harling, S.D. 1061; Thornhill, 1055; Lilly, Org. 1161; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and after confirming the minutes of the last meeting, and the usual preliminaries, Bro. H. Howard, P.P.G.J.D., commenced his duties as Installing Master, in which he was assisted by Bros. James Hartley, P.M., P.P.G.P., and the W.M., Henry Woodall. The W.M. elect, Bro. R. G. Walker, after being presented to the Installing Master, Bro. Silas Whipp, P.M., was, with all due rite and ceremony, inducted into the chair of K.S., and on the re-admission of all M.M.'s, proclaimed to and saluted by them.

The newly-installed W.M. appointed his officers for the ensuing year, and they were forthwith invested by Bro. Jas. Hartley, P.P.G.P., as follows: Bros. Henry Watmough, S.W.; Robt. W. Baker, J.W.; Rev. Henry Leathly, Chap.; Henry Woodall, I.P.M., Sec.; W. P. Brownrigg, S.D.; Walter Quine, J.D.; Wm. Connor, I.G.; and Wm. Harris, S.S. Bro. H. Howard, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., afterwards delivered the three addresses, and, there being no further business, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

From our own personal knowledge of Bro. Walker, and what we have been given to understand, the lodge will suffer nothing under his presidency, as he has already three candidates for initiation, personal friends of his own, and this number will be further augmented during his year of office. Since Bro. Walker's connection with the lodge he has proposed nine candidates, and has himself endowed the S.W.'s chair with five votes annually for one of the Masonic Charitable Institutions, and it is his intention to similarly endow the W.M.'s chair on or before his retirement therefrom, providing the J.W. follows suit. Such zeal for the welfare of a small lodge like this is not often exhibited, and is worthy of imitation. We wish Bro. Walker a successful year of office.

The brethren afterwards celebrated the Festival of St. John with a banquet, and during the evening glees, songs, &c., were sung by Bros. Mark Stafford, T. Wilkinson, G. Balfie, and W. Booth, the accompanist being Bro. R. W. Baker.

ELLAND.—Saville Lodge (No. 1231).

A meeting of this lodge was held at the lodge rooms, on Thursday, the 5th inst. Present: Bros. E. Farnell, W.M.; J. Emsley, S.W.; E. Sutcliffe, J.W.; J. Rhodes, Chap.; J. Dyson, Sec.; Dr. Whalley, S.D.; J. Smithies, J.D.; Dr. Whalley, D.C.; J. Rhodes, I.G.; J. Rhodes, Stwd.; J. Green, Tyler; Saville, I.P.M.; Walker, P.M.; Lewis North, J. Radcliffe, F. Radcliffe, and Taylor. Bros. Lee and Bolton were visitors.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. Sutton was then duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M. Bro. Emsley gave the working tools, Bro. Walker the north-east corner, Bro. Hallas the charge, and Bro. Dr. Whalley the tracing board and historical part. The lodge was then closed, after which the brethren went to refreshment.

WREXHAM.—Square and Compass Lodge (No. 1336).

The annual installation of the W.M. of this lodge and the Feast of St. John were duly celebrated on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., when a large number of visiting brethren attended to do honour to Bro. J. F. Edisbury, the W.M. elect. The ceremony of installation was most ably performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. C. K. Benson. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested the following as his officers: Bros. C. K. Benson, I.P.M. and Treas.; R. W. Evans, S.W.; A. Harris, J.W.; H. Roberts, Chap.; E. Smith, P.G.J.W., Sec.; T. J. E. Young, S.D.; J. C. Gittins, J.D.; G. P. Rowbotham, I.G.; G. Jones, Org.; W. Parris, T. Rose, and G. Catherall, Stwds.; and T. Lee, Tyler. A banquet was afterwards held at the Wynnstay Arms Hotel, when a large number of the brethren sat down to an exceedingly well-served repast. Amongst those present were the following: Bros. J. Salmon, P.P.G.J.W.; J. O. Bury, P.P.G.J.W.; B. Williams, P.P.G.J.W.; J. C. Owen, P.P.G.R.; R. Lewis, P.P.G.R.; A. F. Ackeroyd, P.G.C.; S. Spencer, P.P.G.S.D. Cheshire; W. P. Roberts, P.P.G.D.C. Oxford; W. Spraggon, P.P.G.A.D.C.; H. Thomas, P.M. 56; T. Swift, P.M. 1477; W. T. Parkins, P.M. 468; Capt. E. J. de Salis, P.M. 199; Major Giffard, P.M. 510; G. H. Adams, W.M. 1477; J. H. Parsons, P.M. 1432; T. Nabb, P.M. 721; C. W. Sellers, J.W. 425; G. Hughes, S.W. 721; and others.

Amongst those who contributed to the musical harmony of the evening were Bros. Giffard, W. Williams, 1609, and Curnow, 721. During the evening a valuable P.M.'s gold jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 2, Monument-place, Liverpool) was presented to Bro. C. K. Benson, I.P.M., by the members of the lodge.

LIVERPOOL.—Skelmersdale Lodge (No. 1380).

The annual installation meeting of the above lodge, which is looked upon by the brethren in the province of

West Lancashire as one of the chief Masonic events of the year, took place on Monday, the 2nd inst., at the Lathom Hall, Scaforth, the headquarters of the lodge. The interest attaching to the meeting was much intensified by the fact that the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, the Provincial Grand Master, and the first Worshipful Master of the Skelmersdale Lodge, was present and took a prominent part in the proceedings of the afternoon. The attendance of members was numerous, among those present being Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Deputy Grand Master of England, and Prov. Grand Master of West Lancashire, P.M.; Bros. R. A. Davies, W.M.; Fred Smitton, I.P.M.; Robert H. Exton, P.M.; Rev. T. W. Richardson, P.P.G.C., P.M.; Dr. W. S. Limrick, S.W.; T. A. Ryder, P.M. 1357, J.W.; E. Ford, P.M., Treas.; G. R. Ratcliffe, Sec.; G. H. Taylor, S.D.; H. M. Quick, J.D.; George Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., P.M., D.C.; P. Blackburn, B.G.; J. Almond, Org.; R. Brown, P.P.G. Treas., P.M.; John Duncan, jun., P.P.G.D.C.; William H. Ball, Tyler; J. J. Newman, T. R. Parker, J. C. Langley, Joseph Gregson, J. Fairhurst, P. Sword, S. S. Higginson, J. Christie, J. R. Atkinson, A. W. Harris, D. H. Edwards, W. J. Woosey, T. Ellison, S. Smith, R. B. Preston, Dr. Bernard, Farmer, and others. As is usual at the installation meeting of the Skelmersdale Lodge, there was a large and influential assemblage of visitors, including many Provincial Grand Officers and quite a host of W.M.'s and P.M.'s, the following visitors being amongst the number: Bros. J. Bell, P.P.G.J.D., P.M. 1609; T. Salter, P.P.G.J.D.; Jno. Ashley, W.M. 1356; S. E. Ibbes, P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. A. Smythe, P.M. 98; W. S. Davies, P.M. 216; T. Mawdesley, 216; R. Capper, 271; Jos. B. Sparks, P.M. 216; W. Mellor, P.M. 758; J. P. Bryan, P.G.O.; J. O. Marples, S.D. 1609; D. Cumming, 1609; J. B. Mackenzie, P.P.G.S.D., P.M. 1609; W. Constable, P.M. 292; Jas. White, P.M. 1334; J. G. Christian, 113; Dr. G. H. Evans, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Poole, P.P.G.S.W.; R. Wilson, P.P.G.S.D.; T. H. Sheen, P.M. 241; H. J. Nicholls, J.D. 2042; H. Ashley, W.M. 1356; G. Hulse, 241; and others.

After the lodge had been opened, the W.M. elect, Bro. Dr. Limrick, was presented for installation by Bros. R. A. Davies, W.M., and G. Broadbridge. The function of installing Master was most effectively fulfilled by Bro. F. Smitton. The newly-installed Master subsequently invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. A. Davies, I.P.M.; G. Ratcliffe, S.W.; G. H. Taylor, J.W.; G. Broadbridge, D.C.; E. Ford, Treas.; P. Blackburn, Sec.; H. M. Quick, S.D.; J. Gregson, J.D.; W. H. Edwards, I.G.; J. Almond, Org.; and Bro. W. H. Ball was unanimously re-elected Tyler.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, and before the lodge was closed, the R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. the Earl of Lathom, said he felt it an honour to present and invest Bro. R. A. Davies, the I.P.M., with a P.M.'s jewel, as a token of the esteem in which he was held by the brethren, as well as some recognition of the very admirable way in which he fulfilled the duties of the chairman during the past year. Evidence of this had been shown that day in connection with the working of the lodge, and, as he understood the jewel had not been provided from the funds of the lodge, but by subscriptions from the members, its value was very greatly enhanced. His lordship congratulated Bro. Davies upon the kindly spirit which was cherished towards him by the members of the Skelmersdale Lodge.

Bro. Davies, in acknowledging the gift of the jewel, which was of a very elegant design and richly enamelled, bearing the Lathom arms, said the lustre of the jewel had been very considerably increased by the spontaneity of the gift, and by the fact that it had been handed to him and placed on his breast by their illustrious and most popular Provincial Grand Master. He took it as an evidence of the goodwill of the brethren, and he would always look upon it with the greatest pride.

Subsequently the brethren present at the installation and a number who had been unable to get to Seaforth banqueted at the Bear's Paw, Lord-street, Liverpool, under the presidency of Bro. Dr. Limrick, the newly-installed Worshipful Master, who was supported right and left by Bros. the Earl of Lathom; R. A. Davies, I.P.M.; J. Poole, R. Wilson, T. H. Sheen, and others. Altogether about 90 brethren were present, who thoroughly enjoyed the very *recherché* banquet provided by Bro. J. Cobham, whose deep interest in the Masonic brotherhood has been evidenced on many occasions by very substantial donations to the Masonic Charities connected with the province.

After the banquet the W.M. gave the toasts of "The Queen;" "The M.W. Grand Master of England, the Prince of Wales," and "The Pro Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon," which were drunk with great cordiality.

Bro. R. A. Davies next proposed "The Health of the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master and Prov. G.M. of West Lancashire, the Earl of Lathom, and the Grand Officers Past and Present," Bro. Davies complimenting the brethren of the Skelmersdale Lodge on having among its list of members such a distinguished Mason as his lordship.

Bro. the Earl of Lathom, in acknowledging the toast, which was drunk with great enthusiasm, expressed the pleasure he felt at being once more among the brethren of 1380, and hoped he would long continue to enjoy their confidence and favour. He looked upon the Skelmersdale as a pattern lodge, especially in regard to its subscriptions to the Charities, and he trusted that it would go on setting a good example in this respect. In conclusion, his lordship said he had always endeavoured to do his duty as Deputy Grand Master of England, a high office to which it had pleased his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to appoint him, and he would always endeavour to discharge that duty to the best of his ability.

Other Masonic toasts followed, including that of Bro. Smitton, proposed by the Earl of Lathom, who paid Bro. Smitton a high compliment for the efficient manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony. The proceedings of the evening were agreeably enlivened by musical items by the brethren of the Apollo Lodge, including Bros. Major Nicholls, Lewis, Muir, Fargher, and Dr. Macpherson, assisted by Bros. J. P. Bryan, Prov. G.O., and J. Almond, the Organist of the lodge.

WIDNES.—Equity Lodge (No. 1384).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Alford Chambers, on Thursday, the 5th inst. The function of installing Master was most effectively fulfilled by Bro. Jonas Foster, P.M., and Bro. J. White invested and addressed the various officers. The W.M., Bro. W. W.

Copeland, appointed the following as his officers for the year: Bros. J. W. M'Tear, I.P.M.; T. Matthews, S.W.; Robinson, J.W.; J. Foster, P.M., Treas.; J. White, P.M., D.C.; J. Patten, Sec.; J. Hough, S.D.; T. Williams, J.D.; G. Clare, I.G.; F. Wilkinson and J. Goff, Stwds.

At the termination of the business of the lodge, a banquet was held at the house of Bro. Parkes, the Central Hotel. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly acknowledged. Bro. J. W. M'Tear, the retiring W.M., was presented with an 18-carat gold P.M.'s jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 2, Monument-place, Liverpool), as a token of the esteem in which he is held by the brethren.

WOOLSTON.—Claustentum Lodge (No. 1461).

—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 4th inst. Present: Bros. A. J. Brown, W.M.; R. Bell, S.W.; M. F. Curtis, J.W.; Geo. J. Tilling, P.M., Treas.; Walter Bowyer, P.M., Sec.; J. W. Danells, S.D.; E. T. Wise, J.D.; W. J. Miller, I.G.; W. H. Smith, Stwd.; C. Henley, Tyler; R. R. L. Rosoman, P.M.; D. O. Hobbs, P.M.; Jas. Methven, P.M.; Capt. R. W. Evans, P.M.; W. H. Chapman, P.M.; T. O. Spencer, Jas. Martin, Chas. T. Merck, E. A. Edwards, J. Smith, Dr. C. J. Symonds, Jas. Bowyer, G. A. Derrick, and J. T. Morten. Visitors: Bro. Rev. J. Reeve, Chap. 1030; and Chas. Semple, 262.

Bros. Bowyer and Derrick were passed to the Fellow Craft Degree. The Treasurer's balance-sheet for 1884 was presented and passed, the same being of a most satisfactory character, and showing that the lodge had expended in erecting and furnishing their new Masonic Hall the sum of £2075 9s. 7d.

NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).

—The election meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at Bro. West's, the Three Crowns Hotel, when a heavy night's work was got through in good style. Bro. Charles T. Lewis, W.M., presided, supported by the following officers and others, viz.: Bros. E. West, P.M. and P.P.G.J.D. Herts; Dr. W. Vance, P.M., Treas.; B. Brayshaw, P.M.; J. Elder, P.M.; A. T. Ives, S.W.; C. Jolly, J.W. (*Freemason*); J. Paul, S.D.; J. Savage, J.D.; C. Canning, I.G.; C. Jones and C. Hefford, W. Stwds.; and W. Page, P.M., Tyler.

The lodge being opened, the ballot was taken for Mr. W. Turvey, and proving unanimous he was initiated in due form. Bros. Buck and Child were then raised, both ceremonies being carefully performed by the W.M. Bro. Ives, S.W., was next unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing 12 months, and returned thanks. Bro. Vance, P.M., was re-elected Treas., and Bro. Page, P.M., was re-elected Tyler.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren partook of supper, after which the rest of the evening was devoted to harmony, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts being cordially responded to. Among the visitors were Bros. W. Sanderson, P.M. 169; W. Bidgood, Org. 700 and 13; H. Tufnell, 700; and H. Hancock, 1716.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).

—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, the 9th inst. There were present Bros. Sir F. G. Milner, Bart., M.P., W.M.; T. B. Whytehead, P.M.; G. Balmford, P.M., Treas.; G. Simpson, P.M.; C. G. Padel, P.M.; Major A. H. H. McGachen, P.M. 1901; Rev. Richard Blakenry, Chap.; A. T. B. Turner, S.W.; W. Brown, J.W.; Jas. Kay, Sec.; G. Chapman, S.D.; S. J. Dalton, J.D.; W. Lackenby, I.G.; E. Thackray, G. Irving, W. Wrigglesworth, Nance, Pearson, Wilkinson, G. Milner, C. L. Foster, Dodgson, Harding 1991; White, 1991; and Hall, Tyler.

The business consisted in the passing of Bro. Dodgson to the Second Degree. A candidate was proposed for initiation. Letters of apology were read from Bros. J. S. Cumberland, P.M.; M. Millington, P.M.; J. T. Seller, P.M.; and J. Blenkin, P.M., all of whom were unavoidably absent.

At the subsequent meeting for refreshment the W.M. gave the usual loyal toasts, after which, in responding to his own health, proposed by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, he said that the year was likely to be a very eventful one with the lodge in consequence of its taking possession of its own hall, and as far as he was concerned he should spare no pains to make the ceremonies on the occasion successful, and assured the members that he should at all times do all in his power to promote the welfare of the lodge.

Songs were given during the evening by Bros. McGachen, Turner, Thackray, and Whytehead, and a most pleasant meeting ended at eleven o'clock.

MANCHESTER.—Avon Lodge (No. 1633).

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 28th ult., at the Denmark Hotel, Chorlton-on-Medlock, when there was a large gathering of brethren anxious to rally round the W.M. elect, Bro. A. T. Forrest, S.W., and to testify by their presence on the occasion their appreciation of his many sterling qualities. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M. at 3.45 p.m., the following brethren being present: Bros. Byway, W.M.; Forrest, S.W.; Craven, J.W.; Whittaker, P.M., Treas.; Swinn, Sec.; Lyon, S.D.; Allitt, J.D.; Boylan, I.G.; Simpson and Farrington, Stwds.; Brown, I.P.M.; Bostock, P.M.; Leigh, P.M.; Macfarlane, P.M.; Cavanah, P.M.; Driver, Curtis, Squirrel, Green, Simpson, Farrington, and Burrows, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G.J.W.; Thos. Moore, P.M. 726, 295, P.P.G.S.D. Staffordshire; T. Schofield, P.M., P.P.G.J.D. West Lancs.; T. D. Hooper, P.M. 1009, P.P.G. Treas.; P. Wadsworth, P.G.T. Cheshire, P.M. 295; W. Jaffrey, P.M. 152, P.P.G.J.D.; A. Painter, P.M. 1633; E. Williams, P.M. 325; Jas. Needham, P.M. 295; Hy. Paulden, W.M. 204; G. T. Mullock, P.M., Sec. 204; J. R. Lever, P.M. 317, 204; Frank A. Huet, P.M. 1009, 696; G. V. Blaikie, P.M. 152; W. Nicholl, P.M. 317, 22 (S.C.); W. Corbett, P.M. 249; Thomas C. Butterworth, P.M. 152; Jos. Dickson, P.M. 1011; W. Rumsey, J.W. 1357; Thomas Uttley, S.D. 307; S. E. Jupp, J.D. 1140; W. A. Brabner, 1993; R. Bradshaw, 317; J. Willcox, 1140; Hugh Roberts, 1213; R. Livsey, 1730; A. Mark, 2102, 1798; W. Colbert, 209.

Mr. Emil Jaeggi was balloted for and duly initiated into the mysteries of the Order by Bro. Brown, I.P.M. Bro.

Bostock, P.M., afterwards occupied the chair and proceeded with the ceremony of installation, the W.M. elect being presented by the W.M., Bro. Byway.

This was the ninth anniversary of the consecration of the Avon Lodge, and we believe Bro. Bostock has on every occasion been the installing Master, and has each succeeding year eclipsed his efforts of the previous one. In this instance the ceremony was rendered in a most impressive manner, and proved beyond question that Bro. Bostock is a perfect exponent of this portion of Masonic ritual. After the brethren had saluted the newly-installed W.M. in the usual manner, Bro. Whittaker, P.M., Treas., acted as Investing Officer, and gave a few kindly words of advice and encouragement to each brother as he "collared" him. The following are the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Craven, S.W.; Lyon, J.W.; Whittaker, P.M., Treas.; Simpson, Sec.; Allitt, S.D.; Boylan, J.D.; Swinn, I.G.; Bostock, P.M., D.C.; Farrington, Squirrel, and Driver, Stwds. The addresses were forcibly delivered; that to the W.M. by Bro. Cavanah, P.M.; that to the Wardens by Bro. Macfarlane, P.M.; and that to the brethren by the installing Master.

After "hearty good wishes" from the numerous visitors the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to partake of what was, ostensibly a tea, but in reality a public dinner. It was served in most admirable fashion, and augurs well for the success of the new caterer for this lodge, Host Fulton. After dinner, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given and duly honoured,

Bro. George Macfarlane rose to propose what is usually considered the toast of the evening—"The Health of the W.M." He complimented Bro. Forrest on the admirable manner in which he had passed through the trying ordeal of installation, and said that although he (the W.M.) was a young man he was an old Mason, and had he been ambitious might have been the Master of a lodge years ago. Bro. Macfarlane remarked upon the fact that neither he (although three years since he occupied the position now filled by Bro. Forrest) nor the W.M., who had that day been placed in the chair of K.S., was a child of the "Avon," but that both had first seen Masonic light in that good lodge, the mother of many good Masons, the Bridge-water, 1213, at Eccles. He had watched the W.M.'s career from his Masonic infancy, and he was quite certain that the brethren of the Avon would never have cause to regret having entrusted the reins of government into Bro. Forrest's hands.

The toast was drunk with acclamation, and the Worshipful Master in briefly responding thanked the brethren for the honour done, not only in unanimously electing him to fill that chair, but also for the enthusiastic manner in which they had received the toast of his health. He alluded feelingly to the remarks of the proposer of the toast, and sincerely thanked Bro. Macfarlane for the kind words spoken about himself, and assured the members of the lodge that he would spare no effort to prove to them his genuine appreciation of their confidence in him. At the same time it would, he said, be premature and unbecoming in him to say much about the future; he would simply, in conclusion, ask them to wait till the completion of his year of office and as they prove him to praise him.

"The Healths of the Initiate," "The Visitors," and other toasts were proposed and responded to, in most cases briefly, on account of the time, one of the most pleasing incidents of the evening being the proposal by Bro. Cavanah, P.M., of "The Health of the I.P.M.," which he did in a few well-chosen words, and at the same time pinned a P.M.'s jewel upon Bro. Byway's breast, the cost of which had been, by a vote of the members, defrayed out of the lodge funds.

Bro. Byway thanked the brethren for this mark of their esteem, and said his services would in the future, as in the past, be at the disposal of the lodge.

Altogether a very harmonious evening was spent, the proceedings being enlivened throughout by humorous songs and recitations, the visitors contributing largely to this portion of the entertainment, prominent amongst them being Bros. Jupp and Willcox. Bros. Dickson, P.M., and Lever, P.M., rendered very efficient and highly appreciated services at the pianoforte.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES.—Thames Lodge

(No. 1895).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Rooms, when there were present Bros. B. Hunn, P.P.G.D., W.M.; A. Brakspear, I.P.M.; F. March, P.G. Stwd., S.W.; Rev. A. R. Pritchard, P.G. Chap., J.W.; G. E. Brakspear, P.G. Swd. B., Treas.; W. A. Simmons, Sec.; C. A. Robinson, S.D.; C. Bye, J.D.; E. Carlisle, M.A., I.G.; R. Rogers, Tyler; J. McBean, T. Sheward, J. Whitehead, W. H. Harrison, F. Headington, E. Tatham, and H. C. Buckeley.

The minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed, and a successful ballot was taken for a candidate for initiation. The W.M. then impressively raised Bros. Whitehead, Headington, and Sheward to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., and Bros. Tatham and Buckeley were duly passed to the degree of a F.C. A vote was granted from the Benevolent Fund to the W.M., to be placed on his list as Steward for the Benevolent Institution. A candidate was proposed for initiation, and, nothing further offering, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom, and the brethren left in peace and harmony, this lodge having supper only on the night of an initiation.

LIVERPOOL.—Apollo Lodge (No. 2042).

The installation meeting of the above lodge of Freemasons—the newest lodge in the province of West Lancashire—was held on Wednesday, the 4th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Bro. H. H. Smith, acting W.M., in the chair (in the absence of the late Bro. T. Skeaf, the first W.M. of the lodge). The other members of the lodge present were: Bros. R. Foote, I.P.M.; Rev. H. G. Vernon, P.P.G.C., P.M.; Thos. W. Sergeant, S.W.; Thos. Hatton, J.W.; Joseph Queen, Sec.; James A. Muir, S.D.; Major J. Nicholls, J.D.; D. Keith, I.G.; W. Brogden, J.S.; J. M. Smythe, P.M. 98; R. Hawley, W.M. 1473; E. Graham, J. J. Metcalfe, Thos. Lowton, A. H. Shaw, J. Busfield, R. Martin, Prov. G. Treas.; W. H. Quayle, and others. The visitors, who were numerous, included Bros. Dr. G. H. Evans, P.M. 1354, P.G.S.W.; R. Johnson, W.M. 1013; H. Denyer, 823; Thos. Crotney, 823; Turnbull, 823; T. Salter, P.P.G.J.D., P.M. 241; A. J. Bolton, 594; J. T. Callow, P.P.G. Treas.; J. B. McKenzie, P.P.G.S.D., P.M. and Treas. 1609; D. Cum-

ming, 1609; Thomas Howell, 249; M. Hart, P.M. 1013, P.P.A.P.; J. Kitchingman, 1547; G. Morgan, 1035; J. P. Bryan, Prov. G.O.; George Mitchell, J.W. 1035; W. Ludlow, 216; H. James, P.M. 203; D. Davies, 1675; and others.

After the ordinary business of the lodge had been disposed of, the W.M. elect (Bro. Thos. W. Sergeant) was presented for installation by Bros. J. Hilton, P.M., and R. Harley, I.P.M. 1473. The installation ceremony was most effectively performed, after which the newly-installed W.M. invested his officers for the year as follows: Bros. Thos. Hatton, S.W.; Joseph Queen, J.W.; H. H. Smith, P.M., Treas.; James A. Muir, Sec.; Major H. J. Nicholls, S.D.; David Keith, J.D.; Rev. H. G. Vernon, P.P.G.C.; Chap.; Robert Foote, I.P.M., D.C.; W. Lewis, I.G.; W. Brogden, George Eyton, and T. G. Fargher, Stwds.; A. B. Ewart, Org.; and E. E. Franklin Lloyd, Asst. Org. An excellent banquet was afterwards provided upstairs by Messrs. Galt and Capper, of Lord-street, and the usual Masonic toasts followed. In the course of the evening a capital programme was contributed to by the Apollo Glee Club, Bros. Fargher, D. Williams, Ewart, J. Cantor, J. Busfield, Major H. J. Nicholls, and others. The gathering was brought to a close by the Tyler's toast.

INSTRUCTION.

WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., when there were present Bros. Fraser, W.M.; Ogg, S.W.; Gibson, Treas., J.W.; Brindley, Acting Preceptor; A. Hayes, Act. Sec.; Montague, S.D.; Caughlan, J.D.; Adams, I.G.; Weekes, Tyler; Taylor, P.M. 1624; W. Vincent, P.M. 1624; Bowen, Ray, Saunders, Hambling, Holland, Salter, Purnell, Adamson, Woolstein, Forscott, Grist, Coleman, Leslie, Lane, Morgan, Folsom, Baker.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Woolstein candidate. Bro. Holland answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Holland candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Ogg, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in due form and perfect harmony.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 6th inst., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, when there were present Bros. Hume, W.M.; Wade, P.M., S.W.; Gilbert, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; P. Coughlan, Sec.; Taylor, S.D.; Gibson, Treas., J.D.; Purnell, I.G.; J. Musson, and W. B. Wilson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Wilson being the candidate. The ceremony was passing was then rehearsed, Bro. Musson being the candidate; Bro. Coughlan gave the lecture on the tracing board. Bro. Wilson, 144, was unanimously elected a joining member of this lodge. Bro. Wade having been unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, it was also unanimously carried that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the W.M. for having so ably performed the ceremonies of initiation and passing for the first time. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

SELWYN LODGE (No. 1901).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Friday evening, the 6th inst., at the East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich Green, when there were present Bros. Wimble, W.M.; P. M. Powell, S.W.; L. E. Eagle, J.W.; Stone, S.D.; Cattermole, J.D.; Shorter, I.G.; Morgan, Org.; P. M. Bellis, Preceptor; E. Eagle, Sec.; Davies, Hitchcock, Anderson, Phillips, Powles, F. Dadd, Burnett, W.M. 1901; J. Stevens, P.M. 726, 1216, and 1426; McNaughten, 291; S. Bannister, 1632; Langley, 1986; Bailey, 948; Stone, 1641; Channon, 1475; Cheese, 869; Neale, 1981; Omer, 1259; Wallis, 901; Keyse, 1314; Eedle, 1341; Tilling, 765; Pettit, 1632; Beneditti, 1155; Nomiss, 1158; Wills, 1901; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. then introduced Bro. Stevens to the meeting, and claimed their attention to his lecture, according to notice which had been issued. The lecturer soon gave evidence of an ability to secure such attention; and, having opened his subject by a brief history of Masonic ritual from what he considered to be about the date of the commencement of Speculative Freemasonry, he took up the numerous points of divergence in verbiage and practice, and kindly explained their causes and effects. That these points were numerous and afforded opportunity for considerable comment, may be inferred from the fact that lapse of time was forgotten alike by the lecturer and his audience, and the brethren were surprised to find that when Bro. Stevens was about only mid-way in the initiation ceremony they had given him their undivided attention for considerably over two hours. It was then arranged that an open discussion on some of the points which had been referred to, and the continuation and completion of the lecture, should be deferred to another evening, and Bro. Stevens expressing his willingness thereto, it was decided that the evening of Friday, the 27th inst., should be devoted to that purpose, the meeting to be held at 7 o'clock, instead of at the usual hour of 8. Bro. Stevens, who had received frequent favourable acknowledgments of satisfaction with his lecture during its progress, resumed his seat amidst considerable applause.

The following brethren were proposed and elected joining members: Bros. Tilling, Wilkinson, Field, Swann, Hunter, and others. The dues were then collected, and Bro. Powell was elected to occupy the chair of W.M. for next meeting. Bro. Bellis proposed, and Bro. Burnett, W.M. 1901, seconded, that a hearty vote of thanks be given to Bro. James Stevens for his valuable and instructive lecture, and the same be recorded on the minutes; also that Bro. Stevens be elected a honorary member of the lodge. There being no further Masonic business, the lodge was closed in due form.

Bro. Coleridge Kennard, M.P., presided on Saturday last at a fair trade meeting at Millwall.

Royal Arch.

KENNINGTON CHAPTER (No. 1381).—A meeting of this prosperous chapter was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 5th inst. Among those present were Comps. W. P. Webb, M.E.Z.; Köhler, H.; Appleton, J.; H. Higgins, P.Z., S.E.; Ayling, P.Z.; George Everett, P.Z., Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.D.C. Middx.; P.Z., and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the election of officers for the ensuing year took place, with the following result: Comps. H. Köhler, M.E.Z.; Appleton, H.; Ayling, J.; H. Higgins, P.Z., S.E.; H. J. Lardner, S.N.; Plowman, P.S.; George Everett, Treas.; and Reinardt, Janitor. Comps. Sims, Salter, and Gardner were elected Auditors.

A Past Principal's jewel having been voted to Comp. Webb, the convocation was closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. The usual toasts followed.

LIVERPOOL.—Stanley Lodge (No. 1325).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, when the following brethren were present: Bros. T. P. Chapman, W.M.; N. Robertson, P.M.; John Holme, P.M.; R. B. Burgess, P.M.; John Davies, S.W.; Thos. J. Jarman, Treas.; Thos. Guile, Sec.; W. Barnes, S.D.; J. H. Bradshaw, P.M., D.C.; John Boyle, Stwd.; Geo. P. Jones, Stwd.; Geo. S. Shenton, Org.; Wm. H. Ball, Tyler; Joseph Clark, John Pemberton, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; G. J. Bridgman, Thomas Carson, John Rawsthorne, Wm. Evans, Martin Nicholas, Wm. Johnson, P. Ross, H. Jones, Benj. Brown, John Smith, John Malkin, Ed. Griffiths, Wm. Almond, Thos. W. Johnson, J. S. Johnson, R. W. Bell, Charles Slater, Wm. Carson, Samuel Le Four, Thos. Bradshaw. Visitors: Bros. John Singleton, 1957; J. Rylands, 1576; Chas. Birchall, S.D. 1035; E. J. Woodburn, 1264; Thos. Munnerley, I.P.M. 1576; John Barnes, W.M. 1576; G. M. Lloyd, Sec. 1576; M. P. Elsbey, 1576.

Mr. Walter Lockwood was initiated into the mysteries of Masonry by Bro. T. P. Chapman, W.M.; and Bros. Thos. Bradshaw and Martin Nicholas were raised to the Supreme Degree by Bro. J. H. Bradshaw, P.M., D.C.; his son being one of the candidates for the same.

YORK.—Eboracum Chapter (No. 1611).—The annual meeting of this chapter was held on the 3rd inst., when there were present Comps. J. P. Seller, M.E.Z.; Geo. Simpson, H.; J. Todd, P.Z., as J.; J. Kay, S.E.; T. B. Whytehead, P.Z., as S.N.; A. T. B. Turner, as P.S.; W. Lackenby and S. J. Dalton, Asst. Sojs.; and several other brethren. The installation of principals took place and Comp. George Simpson was placed in the chair of Z.; T. B. Whytehead, P.Z. Comp. Millington, H. elect, being absent through illness, his chair was filled pro tem. by Comp. Seller, P.Z., and Comp. T. B. Whytehead, P.Z., was placed in the chair of J. by Comp. J. Todd, P.Z. Successful ballots were taken for Bros. W. Stephenson, E. Thackray, and C. L. Foster, and these brethren were duly exalted by Comp. Seller, P.Z., the mystical lecture being given by Comp. Whytehead, P.Z. The rest of the officers elect were invested as follows: Comps. Jas. Kay, S.E.; J. Blenkin, S.N.; W. Brown, P.S.; G. Chapman and S. J. Dalton, Asst. Sojs.; G. Lamb and W. Stephenson, Stwds.

Letters of apology were read from Comp. J. S. Cumberland, P.Z., and other companions, and after "hearty good wishes" the chapter was closed, the members afterwards supping together at the Queen's Hotel.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

HILDA CHAPTER.—The annual meeting of this chapter was held at York, on Friday, the 6th inst. There were present: Bros. C. J. Banister, 30°, S.G.I.G. for the N.E. district (who presided in the absence through illness, of Bro. M. Millington, M.W.S.); A. T. B. Turner, H.P.; Geo. Simpson, 1st G.; W. Brown, as 2nd G.; A. H. H. McGachen, C. of G.; T. B. Whytehead, P.S., Recorder, &c.; and C. D. H. Drury, Boyal Kent Chapter, No. 8. The minutes having been confirmed, Bro. Turner was installed in the chair by Bro. C. J. Banister, and the officers were appointed as follows: G. Simpson, H.P.; M. M. Reynard, 1st G.; W. Brown, 2nd G.; A. H. H. McGachen, G.M.; F. Waddington, R.; W. Fraser, C. of G.; S. Chadwick, H.; and T. B. Whytehead, P.M.W.S., Recorder. Several letters of apology for absence were read, and the report of the Auditors showed a balance in hand. A vote of thanks to Bro. Banister for his services was unanimously carried, and after the close of the chapter, the members dined at the Queen's Hotel.

HULL.—York Chapter of Redemption.—This chapter was opened by Ex. and Perfect Bro. F. A. Hopwood, M.W.S., assisted by the officers of the chapter. The M.W.S., elect, Bro. R. Huntley, was presented by Ill. Bro. Walter Reynolds, 31°, to Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, and Inspector-General of the North Eastern District, who installed him into the chair of his predecessors with his usual care and impressiveness, giving also the charge to the brethren present. The M.W.S. appointed the following officers and gave a suitable address to each, viz.: Bros. J. Campbell, High Prelate; H. E. Cousins, 1st Gen.; Edward Kipps, 2nd Gen.; Ill. Bro. M. C. Peck, 30°, P.M.W.S., Recorder, Treas.; Bros. W. C. Whiteside, G.M.; J. R. Ansdell, Raphael; Ill. Bro. Walter, 31°, P.M.W.S., D. of C.; Bros. Thomas Oates, Organist; W. W. Thackrah, Swd.; R. Fawcett Pudsey, Capt. of Guard; and W. Clayton, Equerry.

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Ill. Bro. Charles James Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, for his kindness in coming to install the M.W.S. The banquet, which was held in the dining hall, was presided over by the M.W.S., Bro. R. Huntley, who proposed the loyal and Masonic toasts in very suitable terms, and were all replied to most heartily, interspersed by most excellent music and some of the newest songs, bringing a truly enjoyable evening to an end.

Bro. F. Seager Hunt was present last week at a meeting of the Paddington Conservative Association.

PROPOSED NORTHERN COUNTIES LODGE FOR LONDON.

We hear there is a movement on foot to form, in London, a "Yorkshire" Lodge of Freemasons, to include those brethren resident in London who may wish to join such a lodge, and also to admit Yorkshiremen who may be duly qualified and who desire to join the Order. Any brother in London or in the provinces of West and North-East Yorkshire wishing to further the movement, may address letters to the Editor of this paper, and they will be forwarded to the proper quarter.

We also believe that it is intended shortly to issue a circular calling a meeting in London, the day of the meeting of Grand Lodge, on the 4th of March next, to consider the matter.

It has been suggested that the lodge should be called the Northern Counties Lodge, and to admit brethren from Yorkshire, Durham, and Northumberland, and form a club in connection with the lodge convenient to Freemasons' Hall, for the use of brethren attending the Masonic elections and Grand Lodge, and also form a library and museum of Masonic books, curios, &c., but this would mean greater expense than the suggested fees, &c., would warrant.

TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. F. ADLARD.

At the recent meeting on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., of the Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, No. 7, those who were fortunate enough to be present had the opportunity of witnessing a brief but interesting ceremony, one which must have been intensely gratifying, as well to the members of the lodge as to the principal personage concerned. Our readers are no doubt aware, from an announcement which appeared a short time back in these columns, that Bro. F. Adlard, whose connection with the Royal York Lodge of Perseverance has lasted for upwards of half a century, had resolved on laying down the office of Treasurer, to which for very many years past he had been annually re-elected. Of this circumstance his brother members made up their minds to take advantage, in order to bestow upon him some further mark of their esteem and respect, and, at the meeting in question, this further mark was formally presented in open lodge to Bro. F. Adlard in the form of a handsome gold repeater, bearing the following inscription: "Presented by the Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, No. 7, to Bro. F. Adlard, P.M., as a mark of esteem on his retiring from the office of Treasurer, after faithful service during more than a quarter of a century. 3rd February, 1885." We heartily congratulate our worthy brother, who has been the recipient of a similar testimonial on more than one previous occasion, on this latest evidence of the love and respect in which he is held by the Royal York of Perseverance, and we trust he may be spared yet many years to adorn its meetings and assist its councils.

Obituary.

BRO. JAMES FORBES, P.M.

It is with regret we announce the death of Bro. James Forbes, P.M. of the Great Northern Lodge, which sad event occurred on the 6th inst. The funeral was arranged to take place on Thursday, the 12th inst., at Kensal Green Cemetery. Bro. Forbes was initiated in a Scotch lodge, and subsequently took a prominent part in founding the Great Northern Lodge, No. 1287, the members of which very greatly deplore his loss.

BRO. D. CABLE, SEC. 1638.

Very deep regret has been caused amongst the members of the Craft at Kingston-on-Thames by the death of Bro. D. Cable. The deceased, though but a young Mason, had been so attentive to the instruction of those of longer standing, that he was competent to fill any office in a Craft lodge. His amiable disposition, genial bearing, and uniform courtesy had endeared him to all his brethren, who sincerely mourn the loss of one who seemed destined to be a bright light in Masonic circles. His illness was but of short duration, inflammation of the lungs supervening upon an attack of fever. His death has robbed the Brownrigg Lodge, No. 1638, of a most useful and efficient officer, and a loyal and devoted brother, while the London and South-Western Railway Company, in whose employ he was engaged, have lost a servant whose abilities have been well displayed and recognised since he was appointed agent at Norbiton Station. The interment took place on Wednesday at Kingston Cemetery in the presence of a large assembly of the brethren, and of those who had been fellow servants of the deceased.

THE LATE BRO. FRANK SILLIS, S.W. 1744.

The funeral of the late Bro. F. Sillis took place on Wednesday, the 4th inst., the cortège, which consisted of an open car, three mourning coaches, and ten private carriages, leaving the residence of the deceased at 11 a.m. for St. Pancras Church, Euston-road, where the first part of the service was read by Rev. Dr. Oliver, the senior curate, there being present a very numerous congregation to witness the sad yet imposing ceremony. The procession then left for Nunhead Cemetery, where were already assembled a large muster of brethren and friends, all anxious to pay their last tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased. At the conclusion of the service by Dr. Oliver, the brethren threw sprigs of acacia into the grave. Among those present were Bros. J. W. Smith, W.M.; W. M. Stiles, I.P.M.; J. C. Smith, J.W.; J. Willing, P.M., Treas.; H. Dickey, Sec.; W. H. Burling, J.D.; C. H. Holland, I.G.; R. Ross, A.D.C.; the other officers and many members of 1744; Bros. Challen, P.M. 3; W. Robinson, P.M. 87; E. Storr, W.M. 167; W. Hughes, W.M. 179; Marx, P.M. 957; T. Balhard, W.M. 1287; E. Harvey, W.M. 1314; A. Harvey, P.M. 1314; C. J. Scales, P.M. 1507; L. Jacobs, W.M., and L. Salomons, I.P.M. 1732; and J. Stacey, P.M. 1987, together with very many other Craftsmen.



Bro. Deputy Earl has been elected a Vice-President of the Association for Promoting Life Governorships of Hospitals.

Bro. W. Roebuck, P.G. Stwd., has been appointed Ruling Councillor of the Acton Habitation the Primrose League.

The Baroness Burdett-Coutts presided on Wednesday at the annual meeting of the British Beekeepers' Association.

Bros. Santley and Maybrick were among the artists who took part in the Ballad Concert in St. James's Hall on Wednesday, the 4th inst.

Bros. Alderman Sir H. E. Knight, Waterlow, Evans, and Gray occupied seats on the bench in the Central Criminal Court, Old Bailey, during last week.

Bros. Aldermen De Keyser, Waterlow, and Savory were present at the adjourned Quarter Sessions held on the 31st ult. at the Guildhall, under the presidency of Alderman Sir T. S. Owden.

Bros. Sir John Mowbray, Bart., M.P., the Lord Mayor of London, and J. A. Shaw-Stewart, are members of the Committee for raising a memorial in St. Paul's Cathedral to the late Bishop of London.

Bros. Lieut.-Col. Sewell and W. Malthouse were present at the banquet of the Butchers' Company at the Guildhall Tavern, on Thursday, the 5th inst., Bro. Sewell returning thanks for the toast of "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces."

A portrait and biographical sketch of Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead has appeared in a recent number of *On the Road*. A similar sketch, with portrait, of Bro. Sir S. H. Waterlow, Bart., M.P., has been published in the *Christian Chronicle*.

Bros. Norwood, M.P., Alderman Sir R. Hanson, G. Stwd., Ex-Sheriff Burt, P.G.A.D.C., and Deputy Saunders were among the guests at an informal dinner of the Court of the Shipwrights' Company at the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst.

Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs have signified their intention of being present at the 29th anniversary dinner of the Dramatic and Musical Sick Fund, which will be held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on Wednesday next, the 18th inst., under exceptionally favourable circumstances.

Bro. the Hon. Sir H. Keppel, G.C.B., Admiral of the Fleet, presided at the Royal Naval Club dinner held at Willis's Rooms on Wednesday, the 4th inst., in celebration of Founder's Day, and to commemorate Sir J. Duckworth's action off St. Domingo, in February, 1806. The Club was founded in 1705.

We are requested to announce that the meetings of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction are now held at the Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, on Monday evenings at 8 o'clock, where the W.M., Bro. Wm. Gray, and brethren of the lodge will be pleased to meet brethren.

On Wednesday, Bro. the Lord Mayor, who was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead and Sheriff Phillips, opened a grand bazaar and fancy fair in aid of the completion of the chapel of ease and schools connected with St. Mark's Church, Sandringham-road, West Hackney.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, Sheriff Phillips, and Under Sheriff Crawford, were among the guests at Willis's Rooms, on Saturday last, when the annual Festival of the French Hospital and Dispensary was held under the presidency of M. Waddington, the French Ambassador in London.

Among those who have accepted invitations to be present at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on the 4th prox., at the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company, are Bros. the Lord Mayor, Alderman Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., M.P., P.G.J.W.; Alderman Sir H. E. Knight, Alderman Savory, Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.J.W., ex-Sheriff Clarence Smith, ex-Sheriff Hutton, Under-Sheriff Crawford, and J. D. Allcroft, P.G. Treasurer.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. Wm. Stern, Ph.D., minister to the Liverpool New Hebrew Congregation, and Chaplain to the Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, has been unanimously elected Principal of the Aria College, Portsea. The *Portsmouth Times* says that "during his residence in Liverpool, twelve years, being connected with several learned societies there, he has made himself very popular, and his departure is considered to be a loss, not only to the congregation, but also to the community at large."

THE "CLACHAN;" ITS WHISKIES, WINES, &c.—The outcry against alcoholic drink would carry with it far less weight were the liquors supplied of a pure and wholesome character. Unfortunately, far too much of what is sold to the public has been doctored to such a degree that it bears no resemblance to what it professes to represent. Whenever, therefore, a house is found where wines and spirits of the finest quality are to be had, it is just as well to make a note of it. The "Clachan," 16, Sherborne-lane, King William-street, E.C., is one of these houses. Its speciality is Scotch whisky, which is obtained from the bonded stores in Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Leith, of Mr. John Stewart, who is reputed to be the largest holder of whisky in Scotland. The prices charged for the different kinds or blends are the same as throughout Scotland, and only the best whiskies, such as the "Glenalbyn Blend," the special "Clachan Blend," "Dew of Ben Nevis," "Glenlivet," "Islay," &c., are purchasable. But the business of the "Clachan" is not confined to this particular spirit. Wines from the wood, which are guaranteed to be sound and of an excellent character, as well as other spirits, and the best known liqueurs are also on sale, so that everyone may gratify his particular vanity. At all events, considering the high quality which is guaranteed, and the prices charged, we are satisfied the public will not be slow in extending its custom to a house which so richly deserves it. We may add that the Secretary, will supply any further information that may be desired.

We understand that Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., has forwarded his resignation as Honorary S.G.W. of the G.L. of Quebec, in consequence of the issue of the Proclamation of the Grand Master of that Grand Lodge on January 15th, 1885, which we gave in our issue of last week. Bro. Hughan does so on the ground that whilst he considers the three English Lodges in Montreal would have acted wisely had they joined the Grand Lodge of their own Dominion, yet so long as they elect to remain under the Grand Lodge of England, they have a perfect right to do so, and are entitled to the support of all regular Grand Lodges throughout the world.

Bro. A. J. Altman (Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 60) has been elected Chairman of the City of London School Committee.

Bro. Dick Radclyffe, of High Holborn, will have the direction of the International Forestry Exhibition at the Alexandra Palace, Muswell-hill.

We are sorry to hear of the death, on the 2nd inst., at 12, Nettleton-road, New Cross, of Mrs. Taylor (*née* Dear), wife of Bro. G. A. Taylor, of 27, Change Alley.

Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury and the Lady Edith Ashley arrived at the family residence in Grosvenor-square, from St. Giles's, Dorsetshire, on Thursday, the 5th inst.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead was entertained on Tuesday evening, at a complimentary banquet given by his friends of the Ward of Cheap, at the Guildhall Tavern.

Bro. Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., P.G.J.W., has promised his patronage to a conservative ball to be held at the Wandsworth Town Hall, on Monday, the 2nd March prox.

We have to announce that the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, has moved its quarters to the Bridge House Hotel, where on Wednesday, the 11th inst., it held its first meeting under this hospitable roof.

The Right Hon. W. E. Forster, M.P., has kindly consented to preside at the anniversary festival of the News-vendors' Benevolent and Provident Institution, at Prince's Hall, Piccadilly, on the 11th March prox.

ALHAMBRA.—Mlle. Oceana, "the beautiful Empress of the Slack Wire," has been exclusively engaged to appear at the Alhambra, and will make her first appearance there, on Monday next, the 16th inst.

On Monday the Prince of Wales dined at the residence of the Duchesse de Luynes, at Cannes, and afterwards witnessed a regatta and some pigeon shooting. In the evening he was present at a fête given by the Duke of Mecklenburg.

Bro. the Lord Mayor referred at the Court of Aldermen, on Tuesday last, in very feeling terms to the extremely sudden death of the City Solicitor, Sir Thomas Nelson, who for 23 years had served the Corporation of London most faithfully and zealously.

Bro. Sir J. McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P., presided at the regular weekly meeting on Friday, the 6th inst., of the Metropolitan Board of Works, among the members present being Bros. Alderman Staples, Deputy Saunders, E. Dresser Rogers, and J. Reddish.

Bros. Earl Granville, the Marquis of Hartington, P.G.M. Derbyshire; the Right Hon. G. O. Trevelyan, M.P., and Sir Chas. Dilke, Bart., M.P., have attended the different Cabinet Councils that have been held since the receipt of the news last week as to the fall of Khartoum.

Bro. Alderman Waterlow will preside at a dinner which will be held at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Thursday, the 19th inst., on behalf of the Stationers' Mutual Benefit Society. Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead will be present on the occasion.

A new Masonic Hall was opened at South Shields on Monday evening, the 9th inst., the building, site, and furniture having cost a sum of £2840. It is the new home of the St. Hilda's Lodge, 240, and its erection and consecration will constitute a memorable epoch in its history. We shall give a full account in our next number.

The annual ball of the Cripple-gate Pension Society, which was held on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, was honoured with the presence of Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, Sheriff Phillips, and Bro. Alderman Sir H. E. and Lady E. Knight, under whose patronage it took place.

Bro. Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., presided, on the 6th inst., at a dinner at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, of the Irish Society. Among the company present were Bros. Lieut.-Col. Sir J. McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P.; Alderman Staples, Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, Alderman Isaacs, Alderman Savory, Alderman Evans, Alderman Gray, H. B. Marshall, Grand Treasurer, and Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.

Bro. Sir Robert Lloyd Lindsay, who is Secretary to the National Society for aid to the sick and wounded in War, has announced that the society has recently acquired possession of a steam-launch drawing only 2½ feet water, which on the 10th January was christened the "Queen Victoria," and will ply on the Nile under the superintendence of Asst. Commissioner-General Young, and in the medical charge of Mr. E. F. White, of St. Thomas's Hospital. The service of this launch has been accepted by Bro. General Lord Wolseley, who considers it will be a welcome contribution, especially at low water, to the comfort and welfare of his men.

£20.—Tobacco-nists commencing.—A pamphlet (80 pages) How to open respectably from £20; three stamps. H. Myers & Co., Cigar and Tobacco Merchants, Buxton-rd., London. Telephone No. 7541.—[Advvt.]

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Sure Relief.—The weak and enervated suffer severely from nervous affections when storms or electric disturbances agitate the atmosphere. Neuralgia, gouty pangs, and flying pains, very distressing to a delicate system, may be readily removed by rubbing this Ointment upon the affected part after it has been fomented with warm water. The Pills, taken occasionally in the doses prescribed by the instructions, keep the digestion in order, excite a free flow of healthy bile, and regenerate the impoverished blood with richer materials, resulting from thoroughly assimilated food, wanting which, the strongest must inevitably soon sink into feebleness, and the delicate find it difficult to maintain existence. Holloway's Ointment and Pills are infallible remedies.—[Advvt.]

The Sultan of Turkey has conferred the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Osmanich on Prince Edward of Wales.

Bro. G. C. Boor, C.C., presided at a meeting, on the 4th inst., in the Throne Room, Crosby Hall, Bishopsgate-street, of the Bishopsgate Ward Club.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington arrived at Osborne on Sunday last, and having had audience, remained to dine with her Majesty.

Bro. H. Lovegrove is a candidate for the office of District Surveyor of Deptford, vacant by the death of Bro. Whichcord, P.G.A.D.C.

Bro. Sir Edward Reed, K.C.B., M.P., has accepted a seat on the Jury Commission of the approaching International Inventions' Exhibition at South Kensington.

Bro. G. Phillips presided at the recent ordinary general meeting of the London and County Advance and Discount Company, Limited, at the offices, 57 and 58, Chancery-lane.

Bros. Earl Granville, the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., and Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., M.P., attended the Cabinet Council, held at the Premier's residence in Downing-street, on Wednesday.

Bro. Aldermen Stone, P.G.J.W., Staples, Sir R. Hanson, G. Stwd., De Keyser, Waterlow, Savory, Gray, and Evans attended the Court of Aldermen at the Guildhall on Tuesday.

It is understood that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will be the guest of Lieut.-Gen. Sir A. Alison, Bart., at Aldershot, on the 23rd inst., when there will be a grand review of the troops in camp.

Bro. Kuhe's English Ballad Concert at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, was fixed for Thursday, the 12th inst., Bro. Kuhe himself being one of the artists who will take part in the performances.

Bro. Henry Windybank (Burgoyne Lodge and West Kent Chapter), of 63, Finsbury-pavement, E.C., solicitor, has been unanimously elected Chairman of the Law and City Courts Committee of the Corporation of the City of London.

Bro. H. A. Joseph, C.C., is the newly-elected Master, and Bros. J. Knappton Abel and E. W. Streeter, F.R.G.S., and Messrs. M. F. Stewart and G. Lynch the new Wardens, of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers Company, Bro. George Kenning being the Immediate Past Master.

We have much pleasure in correcting a mistake which occurred in our issue of the 31st ult., in our report of the installation meeting of the Fowey Lodge, No. 977. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Alfred Luke, P.M., instead of as stated by us, by Bro. J. De Cressy Treffry, the retiring W.M.

Bro. Seymour Smith was one of the artistes who took part in the concert at Foresters' Hall, Clerkenwell-road, on Monday last, in aid of the funds of the Watch and Clock Makers' Pension Society.

Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., G.J.W., who has been visiting Egypt, is expected to be back in London on Tuesday next. On his return journey he was entertained at a municipal banquet at Naples, in recognition of the part he played as Lord Mayor in raising a fund for the relief of the victims to the cholera.

We are asked to state that the ballots for Life Governors in the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, in which Bro. Simson J. Byng, 424, S.C., and P.M. 902, is Steward, will take place at Bro. Meekham's, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Highbury, on Friday evening, the 20th inst., at nine o'clock.

A distinguished Amateur Minstrel entertainment in aid of the Leeds Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, will take place in the Albert Hall, Leeds, on Friday, the 20th inst., by the I.M.P.S., (Itinerant Miscellaneous Performance Society) of Manchester. The committee for arranging the above, consists of one or more members from each of the Leeds lodges, the original promoter being Bro. Mortimer Yates, P.M. 1012.

A third Masonic Benevolent Association has just been started in connection with the Brownrigg Lodge of Instruction, No. 1638, though all Masons are eligible to join. Two have already been worked out, with the result that 600 guineas have been subscribed to the Masonic Charities. At the formal constitution of the Brownrigg Lodge of Instruction, on Monday night, Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold expressed the pleasure it gave him to find how nobly the great principle of Charity was carried out by the brethren at Kingstons.

We have received from Bro. Albert Young, of 17, Regent-street, two excellent photographs of the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, which are not only admirable, as far as "technic," but more than usually happy in the way in which the expression is caught, and thoroughly characteristic in pose. The esteemed Grand Secretary, Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke, has also given Bro. Young a sitting, and the result is equally satisfactory. These portraits have been produced in both cabinet and panel sizes—the latter being very effective.

The following dinners took place at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending February 14th. Monday—St. George's and Cornerstone Lodge, Leigh Lodge. Tuesday—National Peristeric Society, Jerusalem Chapter, Urban Lodge, and Waldeck Lodge. Wednesday—Lodge of Fidelity. Thursday—Caledonian Society, Lodge of Regularity, Polish National Lodge, and Pilgrim Lodge. Friday—Britannic Lodge, Bedford Lodge, and Eclectic Lodge. Saturday—Duke of Cornwall Lodge, and Phoenix Lodge.

The annual supper of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, will be held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Thursday, the 5th prox. The chair will be occupied by Bro. John Jacobs, W.M. of the parent lodge; Bro. G. Coleman, P.M. of the same lodge, being the Vice-Chairman, and Bros. A. Clark, P.M. 1227; W. C. Smith, S.W. 1563; and G. Fowles, I.G. 1348, the Stewards-Tickets, price 3s. 6d. each, may be had of Bro. G. Reynolds, 3, St. James's-square, Pall Mall, or at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, on Thursday evenings.