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As we stated last week, there is every prospect that the 17th Anniversary Festival on Wednesday next of the Mark Benevolent Fund will prove a great success. The services of Bro. Lord EGERTON OF TATTON, the Deputy G.M.M.M. of England and Wales, than whom there is no abler, more genial, and therefore more deservedly popular member of the Degree to be found anywhere under the auspices of Mark Grand Lodge, have been secured as Chairman, and a Board of 88 Stewards, as against 47 last year, has been constituted, on whose loyal co-operation in raising a goodly total his lordship may rely with confidence. Bro. ALIRED WILLIAMS, P.G.D., is President of the Board, Bros. A. F. GODSON, W. KELLY, Sir PRYSE PRYSE, Bart., and JACK SUTCLIFFE, respectively Prov. G.M.M. Masons of Worcestershire, Leicestershire, &c., South Wales, and Lincolnshire, Honorary Presidents, Bro. R. BERRIDGE, G.D.C., Hon. Treasurer, and Bros. F. BINCKES, G. Sec., and C. F. MATIER, Hon. Secretaries. With such officers and so influential a body of representatives from 25 of the Mark provinces, we anticipate a great result for Wednesday next, and we are sure our readers will unite with us in wishing them success.

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THE following account of a very foolish procedure appears in the "Echo du Nord" (Lille), July 2nd. It originally appeared, it seems, in the "Matin," another French paper. We presume that our brethren wished to emulate the activity of the "early bird." "The Lodge of Amitie, the most ancient in Paris - it dates from 1721, it is said,-gave on the Sunday previousy, at the Restaurant Ory, in the 'Bois de Boulogne,' a most curious ' fête ' of ' adoption.' At this establishment a hall on the ground floor had been transformed for the event ; at the end a platform destined for the Master, the Deputy LAGUERRE, and his assessors, the Deputies TONY REVEILLON et DESMONS. On each side were two tables, of which one was occupied by the Bro. Secretary THEVET, the other by the Bro. Orator PETROT. In the middle were 15 chairs for the children of Freemasons who were to be adopted; around them were seated the parents, the sponsors (so-called), and members of the lodge. On the platform two English brethren were remarked,"-we suppress their names, "and, as well, Bro. TAMISIER, Master of the Lodge 'The Democratic Republic,' On opening the meeting, the Master explained the object of the 'reunion,' and put several questions to the two brothers, the First and Second 'Guardians,' "---or, we should say "Tylers,"---" who, placed near the door of entry, and screened from observation by the other assistants in the corners, read their answers, printed 'ad hoc.' Fifteen infants were to receive adoption, or baptism." (We object to this use of the word Masonically very much.) "One of the brethren led three of them outoutside the hall, one a little girl of five, and returned shortly with them. Each of these infants had the face covered by a white muslin veil, bearing, in yellow letters, a different inscription. On one you read the word 'Ignorance,' on another 'Fanaticism,' and on another 'Misery.' These children resumed their previous places on the first row of chairs, and then the 'word was given ' by Bro. PETROT, who dwelt on the benefits of Freemasonry. The first veil fell. For the 'second voyage,' Bro. DESMONS, Deputy for Gard, and V.P. of the Council of the Order, pronounced a 'discours,' taking for his thesis ignorance, which engendered misery, and protesting against clerical intolerance. Finally, Bro. TONY REVEILLON said some words, which were much applauded, on marriage and the duties of mothers towards their infants. When the three infants were freed from their veils, they ascended the platform, followed by their little friends, and each received a diploma, accompanied by cakes and sweetmeats. The ceremony being ended, the children were adopted by the members of the lodge, who undertook to help them whenever they needed aid, as well as "solidarity," (mutual assistance), being the emblem of Freemasonry. A banquet followed the fête, at which 100 guests were present." Such is the account of an episode which, we confess, we regret greatly to read and to record, and at which we are still more sorry to note that two English brethren were present

IT seems sometimes unaccountable to us the unchanged animosity with which Freemasonry in general is regarded by the Roman Catholic authorities everywhere, to use their own phase, "in urbe et orbe." Roman Catholics base their denominational opposition to Freemasonry on the original Bull of CLEMENT, 1738, confirmed, as that Bull has been, by sundry allocutions of succeeding Popes, and successive demonstrations of infallible authority. We say nothing of inferior officers or local "mandemens," and we go direct to the fountain-head. At that time (1738) the Roman Catholic authorities took the alarm because they thought they saw in the proclamation and propagation of Freemasonry a sort of "natural religion," so called, making light of and disavowing the authority of Pontiffs, and the claims of the Church. A favourite dogma of Rome has always been "extra ecclesiam nulla salus;" and as Roman Catholics and Protestants met together in lodge for purposes of humanity, sociality, and Charity, Rome took the alarm, and having denounced the body, proposed to hand it over to the tender mercies of the Inquisition and a Cosmopolitan persecution. As time ran on Rome's theories and tactics changed with changes in Freemasonry itself. As to Craft Masonry was superadded the more gorgeous and æsthetic ceremonial of the High Grades, Rome professed to be shocked with a nomenclature and a ritual which, it asserted, was a parody both on ecclesiastical terminology, and religious and hallowed rites. But still, despite the fulminations of Roman Catholic officials, Freemasonry advanced, and found Royal patrons and loyal devotees. The appearance of the Illuminati, about 1780, formed by a Roman Catholic professor, WEISHAUPT, and a Jesuit to boot, who discovered that Freemasonry was too religious for him, gave Rome a handle which it has never failed to use, since that most mischievous and destructive and disloyal society, in no sense Masonic, and entirely opposed to the peaceful, rational, and loyal progress of Freemasonry proper appeared, and which no doubt did a great deal of evil with its prescribed principles of thought and action, in its short career. For to speak correctly, it was literally and truly Jesuitism engrafted on Nihilism, and may fairly be assumed to be the precursor of many similar hurtful and debased secret associations. Since that period, though Freemasons are not Illuminati, nor Illuminati Freemasons, Rome has skilfully since kept close to that line of description and incrimination. The development of secret societies in the nineteenth century, and up to this hour, has always been assumed by Roman Catholic authorities to be also Masonic, and they confound Freemasonry with societies of various kinds, which have nothing in common with our Order but secrecy, the principles of Freemasonry being light compared with their darkness, loyalty, faith, religion, honour, peace, legality order, as contrasted with the mischievous aims and prejudicial movements of all such illegal and pernicious bodies. Freemasonry aims at the tranquil progress and conservation of society, the peace and civilization of mankind. Not so the secret political associations. They tend only to destruction ; seem to seek to compass alone the uprooting of law, government, and social life, the uprising of a vindictive proletariat, and the prevalence of revolution, confiscation, and universal chaos. If something may be alleged for the wild and angry maledictions of Roman Catholic authorities in some portions of the Continent, where foolish words and preverse proceedings have disgraced the fair fame of Freemasonry, and caused doubt and suspicion to hover around both its professions and its practice, why should such words and such prejudices be cherished against our Anglo-Saxon Fraternity ? None know better than Roman Catholics themselves how untenable are the allegations they direct in hot haste, bad form, and uncomely virulence against our loyal, peaceful, useful, and benevolent Brotherhood. Rome is still Rome, and, like the French description of Ladies, always will be Rome apparently. Unchanged and unaltered as the ages come and go, it has "learnt nothing, and forgotten nothing; " it is still hopelessly implacable and determinedly vindictive. Freemasonry has incurred its displeasure and disapproval, for it militates with its canons of ecclesiastical polity and professed doginata, and therefore it must be crushed. And so, like BARTOLO, Rome employs unscrupulously the special agency of calumny. There is nothing too had, nothing too absurd to be predicated of Freemasons and Freemasonry. Unthinking and unreasoning persons repeat the mendacity, and pass on the accusation. And yet Freemasonry survives it all; yes, and flourishes. It has planted its banner firmly as before men, and a faithful phalanx rallies round it. In the good providence of T.G.A.O.U. it is destined to win the victory, as specious inventions, cruel invective, and deliberate lying are as certain as certain can be to go down before the energetic advance of Truth, Toleration, and Light.

WE learn from particulars with which we have been furnished that a "London Mutual Masonic Voting Association" has been formed, with Bro. C. DAIRY, P.M. 141, as its President and Treasurer ; Bros. G. READ,

P.M. 511, and R. TAYLOR, P.M. 44, Vice-Presidents; Bros. W. VINCENT, P.M. 1194; R. BURLETON, P.M. 860; T. CROSS, P.M. 1194; T. B. DOD-SON. P.M. 860; F. GREEN, P.M. 1687; J. C. FLATTELY, P.M. 1624; C. HOLLAND, S.W. 1681; G. A. CUNDY, P.M. 991; C. TAYLER, P.M. 1624 and P. COGHLAN, P.M. 144, Members of the Committee; and Bro. G. COOP. J.W. 141, Sec. 2011, as Honorary Secretary. The object of this Association is clearly erough explained by the device it has adopted - "Unity is Strength." It is pointed out, from statistics derived from authentic sources in respect of the sums raised in 1884-85 at the Festivals of our three Institutions, that, while London, in return for the share subscribed by its members, is entitled to a proportional number of 124 girls, 112 boys, and 205 annuitants (male and female together), it has only 75 girls, 54 boys, and 119 annuitants ; while the Provinces, which, on the strength of their joint contributions, should have only 117 girls, 92 boys, and 153 annuitants, have succeeded in the election of 166 girls, 150 boys, and 239 annuitants. Here, undoubtedly, we have a very glaring inequality between what should be and what is the representation of the Provinces and London respectively on the strength of the three Charities, and the new Association, by combining its voting powers, proposes to do its utmost to make things more level between the two sections of contributors, so thatto put the matter somewhat bluntly-each shall more nearly have the money's worth to which, by the total of its contributions, it is entitled. Certainly our country brethren cannot complain if the London subscribers to our Charities organise their strength, as they themselves do, for so laudable a purpose.

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OPPORTUNITY was taken by our lodges in Leeds on the occasion of the visit of the Prince and Princess of WALES to that town on Wednesday, for the purpose of inaugurating the Yorkshire College, to present to His Royal Highness, as Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, a loyal address of welcome. The brethren representing those lodges were most courteously received, and a most gracious reply vouchsafed to them. Both address and reply will appear in our columns next week.

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THERE is perhaps no brother now living to whom the Craft is so deeply indebted for its knowledge of our itual and ceremonies as Bro. MUGGERIDGE. No one since the days of the late Bros. PETER GILKES and STEPHEN BARTON WILSON has done so much and such admirable work as he in the capacity of a Masonic instructor, and in an age, when testimonials are frequent, there is unquestionably no one to whom a memorial of the valuable services he has rendered can be more appropriately offered. One can hardly indeed quite realise the Stability Lodge of Instruction without the presence of its venerable Preceptor, and we gladly take this opportunity of congratulating the members of that lodge-the pupils who, figuratively speaking, have sat at Bro. MUGGERIDGE's teet, and learned from him the meaning and beauty of our Masonic system-on their resolution to present to him on Friday next, the 24th inst, some slight gift in recognition of what he has done for them and the esteem and respect in which he is universally held. The lodge will meet at Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, at 7 p.m., and when the presentation has taken place a cold collation will follow, so that the brethren may be able to meet him as a guest whom they have mostly known as their devoted and painstaking instructor.

### CONSECRATION OF THE FARRINGDON WITHOUT CHAPTER, No. 1745.

On the 20th ult. this chapter was consecrated at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, by Comp. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E., assisted by Comps. T. Fenn, P.G. Swd. Br., as H.; the Rev. J. Brownrigg, M.A., P.G.A. Soj., as J.; and Frank Richardson, P.G.A. Soj., as D.C. The proceedings commenced at six o'clock by the assembling of the founders and visitors in the large hall of the hotel. Among the former were Comps. T. C. Walls, P.G. Soj. of Middx., M.E.Z. designate; H. J. Lardner, H. designate; J. Strugnell, J. designate; J. Young, W. Clarke, J. Lister, Louis Lardner, and R. Webber. Among the latter were Comps. H. B. Marshall, C.C., P.G. Treasurer; George Manners, C.C., M.E.Z. 1589; J. H. Dodson, P.Z. 1589; Hoare, 1929; and Sadler, P.Z., G. Janitor.

The Grand Officers having been announced were received in due form. The G.S.E. then addressed the companions at length. In his speech he spoke in flattering terms of No. 1745, and was pleased to see that its members were desirous of increasing their sphere of Masonic usefulness by having a Royal Arch chapter attached to their lodge.

Comp. the Rev. J. BROWNRIGG then delivered a powerful and original oration, which was received by the companions with very marked approval.

Upon the conclusion of the ceremony, which was most ably carried out by the G.S.E. and his colleagues, Comps. Walls, Lardner, and Strugnell were duly inducted into their respective chairs. Comps. J. Young, J. Lister, and E. M. Lott were then unanimously elected respectively as S.N., P.S., and Treasurer. Comps. L. Lardner and R. Webber were appointed 1st and 2nd Assistant Sojourners, and Comp. Parkinson was elected as Janitor.

A vote of thanks to the Consecrating Officers was carried with acclamation, and they were unanimously elected honorary members.

Previous to the chapter being closed a number of names were handed in for exaltation at the next meeting, and apologies for non-attendance read from Comps. E. M. Lott, Grand Organist (a founder); H. Turner, P.Z. 1589; Alderman De Keyser, W. H. Clemow, B. Turner, and others, The companions then adjourned to the banquet, which was well served. Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary toasts were given and duly honoured.

Ex. Comp. the Rev. J. BROWNRIGG, M.A., responded upon behalf of "The Grand Officers."

In response to the toast of "The Consecrating Officers," Ex. Comp. Colonel CLERKE expressed the gratification it had alforded him in being present that day. He believed that the Farringdon Without Chapter had a brilliant prospect before it, and that it would be as successful as the other chapters which he had had the honour of consecrating. The Royal Arch Degree was flourishing, and he trusted that No. 1745 would be the means of increasing the strength of the Order by admitting a number of good and worthy Masons into its ranks.

Comps. F. RICHARDSON and T. FENN having also replied,

Comp. Colonel CLERKE then proposed in very kind and flattering terms "The Health of the M.E.Z." In the course of his speech, he said that he had known Comp. Walls a great number of years, and that he was a thoroughly hard-working Mason. The chapter had the advantage of having a companion at its head who had been installed as First Principal in various chapters no less than six times, and he had no doubt that the working of the chapter under the rule of so experienced a companion, supplemented by the aid of Comps. H. J. Lardner and J. Strugnell, who were also Masons of experience, would be most excellent in character.

The M.E.Z. having replied, then gave "The Visitors," which toast was fluently responded to by Comp. G. MANNERS.

The toasts of "The Second and Third Principals" and "The Officers" terminated the proceedings, which were considerably enhanced by the musical efforts of Comps. Hoare, Young, L. Lardner, and others.

## MOVEABLE MARK GRAND LODGE AT LIVERPOOL,

We have much pleasure in announcing that the programme of arrangements for the Moveable Meeting of the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales, &c., on the 29th inst., at the Adelphi Hotel, in Liverpool, has been settled. The meeting will be held under the banner of the West Lancashire Mark Lodge, No. 65, of which Bro. W. Brackenbury is W.M., and this will be opened at one o'clock for the purpose of advancing several can-The Prov. Grand Lodge opening is fixed for three o'clock, when didates. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, P.G.M.M.M., and Bro. Col. Le Gendre Starkie, D.P.G.M.M.M., are expected to be present. The Grand Lodge will be received at four o'clock, Bro. the Earl of Kintore, G.M.M.M., and the Deputy G.M.M.M., Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, being amongst the most distinguished visitors. The banquet takes place at five o'clock, and the musical arrangements have been placed in the able hands of Bro. Josef Cantor. On the following day, the visiting brethren will be conducted on the general round of the principal "lions" of Liverpool, the scheme comprising an inspection of the chief features of the dock estate, a visit to Garston vineyards, a peep at the Mersey Tunnel Works, and a trip on the river. During the afternoon the Grand Lodge Officers will be entertained at luncheon at the Town Hall by his Worship the Mayor, Bro. Alderman D. Radcliffe.

### CONSECRATION OF THE ROYAL SAVOY LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS, No. 355.

The consecration of a new Mark lodge has of late years become an event of such frequent occurrence that, though we experience no difficulty whatever in saying what is perfectly true as to the increasing popularity of the Mark Degree, the beauty of its ceremonies, and the energy of its members, we are oftentimes at a loss to say something that is new, something that has not been too frequently repeated at previous consecrations. Happily, in the case of the Royal Savoy Mark Lodge, No. 355, consecrated by Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.W., Grand Secretary, at the Criterion, on Saturday last, the difficulty we have referred to in finding something novel-ponderously novel, perhaps, but still worthy of the designation-has been less formidable than usual. It goes without saying that Bro. Binckes did his work well as the Consecrating Officer-there is nothing new in that statement: but we question if in the whole range of his long experience the worthy Grand Mark Secretary ever had such trio of principal officers designate ready and even eager to be installed in their respective offices as Bros. James Willing, W. M. Stiles, and W. A. Scurrah. Bro. Willing, to give him the priority due to his rank as W.M., is a tremendous fellow, a host in himself, who is equally ready to initiate you, advance you, install you; who will write you a new and warranted-to-be-popular drama in the morning and play it for you in the evening inimitably; who will advertise you according to your own estimate, roast you in a genial kind of way till your sides ache with laughing, and then balance matters by toasting you with even greater geniality. Of Bros. Stiles and Scurrah, we can say but little more than, "like Master, like Wardens," they are worthy of their chief. Bro. Stiles is always in the mode, as his name betokens, and that mode we need hardly say is an ever lively one. Moreover, if not precisely a born "W.M.," he has been entitled to that designation during more years of his life than the majority of us, indeed, ever since the eventful day his sponsors gave him the right to use those initials; while as to Bro. Scurrah, let him look to his laurels as the Festival Steward of the premier list of his day. We are all in a hurrascurrah to overtake and beat his record-if we can. The worst of it is, he will want so much beating.

With such a trio to encourage him in his task, we may be sure that Bro. Binckes fulfilled his part like one inspired. There was as strong a muster as might in reason be expected, and at the appointed hour of 2.30 p.m., the presiding officer, Bro. J L. Mather, took the chair, and after appointing his officers pro tem., proceeded to open the lodge. There were present Bros-James Willing, jun., W.M. elect. W. M. Stiles, W. A. Scurrah, G. Gregory, R. Berridge, G.D.C.; F. Davison, G. Treas ; E. Hoare, G. Org.; C. E. Soppet, G.S.; W. Lake, P.P.G. Reg.; E. Storr, G. Emblin, G. Gardner, Edward Mills, E. Roberts, J. T. Briggs, A. J. H. Goldney, W. W. Morgan, R. J. Taylor, G. Moseley, Skidder, and others. The following brethren were then balloted for and duly advanced to the Degree of Mark Master Masons : Bros. H. Dickey, J. C. Harrison, W. J. Ferguson, H. W. Field, C. J. Knightley, W. H. Barling, R. Ross, R. W. Fraser, G. Mordey, J. H. Batty, and S. Smith, as Tyler. The chair was then occupied by Bro. F. Binckes, G. Sec., Bro. J. L. Mather filling the chair of S.W., and Bro. W. Lake that of J.W.

Bro. BINCKES, in opening the proceedings, expressed great pleasure in being present to assist in the interesting ceremony of consecrating a new Mark Lodge, which was to have as its first Master his good friend, Bro. James Willing. The petition and warrant having been read by the Secretary pro tem., the Consecrating Officer duly constituted the lodge and placed the W.M in the chair in ancient form, who then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. W. M. Stiles, S.W.; W. A. Scurrah, J.W.; G. Gregory, M.O.; H. Dickey, S.O.; J. H. Batty, J.O.; and C. J. Knightley, Sec.

On the motion of the W.M., the Consectating Officers, Bros. F. Binckes, J. L. Mather, C. E. Soppet, and W. Lake were elected honorary members.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a choice banquet, Bro. James Willing occupying the chair.

The toast of "The Queen and Mark Masonry" was first given, followed by that of "The Earl of Kintore, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and other Past Grand Masters."

The toast of "The Deputy Grand Master, Lord Egerton of Tatton," was replied to by Bro. BERRIDGE, who referred to the important services rendered by the Deputy Grand Master, expressing his firm belief that when he succeeded to the chair, now so ably filled by Lord Kintore, they would find a worthy successor in Lord Egerton of Tatton. As an officer of Grand Lodge he (Bro. Berridge) was delighted to come amongst them to take part in the ceremonies of the day. As for the officers of the Grand Mark Lodge, he believed they had been carefully selected, and that they well deserved the honour.

Bro. SOPPET also replied, thanking the brethren for their hearty reception of his name in connection with the toast. It was always gratifying to have one's name connected with the Grand Officers, and he could confidently say, that they all wished success to that lodge, which had been so ably brought into being by Bro. Bin ckes. In the first W.M., Bro. Willing, they had one whom they were delighted to honour. Such small services as he had been able to render had been more than amply repaid by their electing him as an honorary member.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER in giving the toast of "The R.W. the Prov. G.M.M.M., Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., and the Prov. Grand Officers," enlarged on the many good qualities of the worthy brother, Misonic and otherwise, and explained that his absence on that occasion was caused by the necessity of his being present at the consecration of a Craft lodge in another part of the province.

Bro. DAVIDSON, G. Treas., responded, remarking that he was always delighted to support the Prov. Grand Master, who was one of the most zealous of Masons, in every possible way. He congratulated the brethren on the proceedings of the day, and should always take pleasure in attending their meetings whenever possible. The selection of Bro. Willing as W.M. had made it certain that the lodge would be a prosperous one and would add much to the strength of Mark Masonry in the province. He expressed the pleasure he always felt at witnessing Bro. Binckes' admirable working, and they would all agree with him that they had that day had a rare treat.

"The W.M., Bro. Willing," was the next toast on the list, and was placed in the hands of Bro. BINCKES, who said that he supposed there was not a single toast given in Masonry but what was, at some time or other, called the toast of the evening. The supreme ruler of the Order would fairly claim to come under that category, but when they came to the special object of the meeting it was most certainly the W.M. One more zealous in any pursuit than Bro. Willing in Masonry he did not know; his energy and ability were well known. He had answered in every shape what he had expected of him, and he felt honoured at being the medium of his being inducted into the chair of the Royal Savoy Mark Lodge. the members of which might fairly congratulate themselves on having so able and genial a Master to preside over them. They were taught that they should not only be happy themselves, but be the means of communicating happiness to others, and he knew no one more capable of carrying out that injunction than Bro. Willing.

The W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Binckes and the members all round for all their kindnesses. At such meetings as these the brethren became better acquainted with each other, and, as a consequence, prejudices vanished as individuals entered into closer ties of friendship and brotherly love. Some argued that Masonic meetings were too numerous; but, for his part, he considered it was quite the reverse, especially in the Degrees of the Royal Arch, Mark, &c., which often were less effectively worked than the Cralt, by reason of the long intervals of meeting. He intended to devote his best energies to promoting the Royal Savoy Mark Lodge, and felt assured of the support of all his officers.

The W.M. then gave "The Health of the Consecrating Officer, Bro.

Binckes." They looked up to him in the Mark Degree as the official representative of Grand Lodge, always ready to undertake any of the ceremonies, and as one possessed of a vast amount of Masonic lore in every Degree. Speaking from an intimate acquaintance with Bro. Binckes, he could assert unbesitatingly, that a more generous and upright Mason did not exist. As the Secretary of one of the great Masonic Charities he had lately been prominently before them in connection with the last Festival of the Boys' School, the result of which, although not so large as in recent years, was, considering the times, satisfactory. He thanked him heartily for the good offices he had rendered the Royal Savoy Mark Lodge that day, and trusted to see him often among them.

Bro. BINCKES thanked the W.M. for what he had said. The ceremony of that day had given him much gratification. During a career of 33 years, as a Mason, he had performed many Masonic functions, and he still hoped for some time to be able to do something for Freemasonry. For 28 years he had been officially connected with Mark Masonry, and had watched with interest its rise and progress. It had now made its way to a high position, and a long career of prosperity was before the Order. They had only to be true to themselves, to maintain the Charities, and to cultivate brotherly love to ensure that happy result.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next gave the toast of "The Advancees," which was replied to by Bros. FERGUSON and BATTY.

"The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. J. L. MATHER, H. BRIGGS, GARDNER, LAKE, TAYLOR, and MORGAN.

"The Officers of the Lodge" followed, which gave the W.M. an opportunity of alluding in warmest terms of friendly feeling and Masonic friendship to the S.W., Bro. Stiles, and to the magnificent achievements of the J.W., Bro. Scurrah, as a Steward for the Charities; and both having suitably responded, the brethren separated, after enjoying a very pleasant evening.

The music at both the consecration and subsequent banquet was efficiently rendered by the Grand Organist, Bro. Hoare, and the vocalists were Miss Pauline Featherley, Miss Adelina Paget, Bros. J. Probert and Egbert Roberts.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

### THE NEW PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF OXFORDSHIRE.

We warmly congratulate our brethren of Oxfordshire on having had so distinguished a brother as the Earl of Jersey selected to preside over them, in place of the late lamented Duke of Albiny, P.G.J.W. The province has been exceptionally fortunate in its rulers. Since 1837, when, though there had been Provincial Grand Masters previously, the history of Oxfordshire as a separate and distinct province begins, it has been governed by a succession of able and respected chiefs. Lord H. Spencer Churchill, appointed in 1837, was at the time Deputy Grand Master of England. Tne Rev. C. J. Ridley, who received his patent as Prov. Grand Master in 1845, had been four times chosen as W. Master of the Apollo University Lodge, and had served as Deputy Grand Master of the province under Lord Churchill, and Bros. Harrison and Hall, successively Grand Registrars in charge. Col. H. A. Bowyer, who was for a brief period Deputy to his predecessor, Bro. Ridley, and twice W. Master of the Cherwell Lodge, was installed in May, 1855, and the late Duke of Albany in 1876, the province in the interval between Col. Bowyer's death, in 1871, and his Royal Highness's appointment having been in charge of Grand Registrar McIntyre. Of the virtues exhibited by the late Duke, and the respect in which he was held by the brethren of the province, it is not necessary to speak. It will suffice if we say that no amount of geniality and ability on the part of his successor could suffice to obliterate the recollection of them. Yet it is impossible that an abler or more suitable successor to his Royal Highness could was born in the province, who lives in the province, and who, as a distinhave been chosen than the Earl of Jersey, who, speaking Masonically, guished member of the Mark Degree, has for several years been connected, as the chief of an outside branch of Freemasonry, with the province. His lord-hip was initiated into Freemasonry in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, in October, 1865, and, joining the Churchill Lodge, No. 478, the December following, was elected its W. Master in 1868, having, in 1866, been appointed Prov. Grand Secretary. In 1870 he was appointed Grand Senior Warden of England, and since then has taken great interest in the proceedings of the Craft, but especially in connection with the Mark Degree, in which he has held the office of Prov. G.M.M.M. of Berks and Oxon since 1879. He is also a Past Grand General of the Orders of Rome and of the Red Cross of Constantine, and one of the Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Rosicrucian Society of England; while, as regards our Institutions, he is a Vice-President of the Boys' School, and a Life Governor of the Girls' School and Benevolent Fund, and has served once as Festival Steward for all three.

HONORARY DEGREES.—The conferring of honorary degrees, such as the "Honorary Degree of Mark Master," is apparently a purely American usage, and has no counterpart in this country. But in the high grade system there appear to be certain side or honorary grades, which are usual and for which no tee is required. The High Priesthood in the American Royal Arch System may also come within the meaning of honorary degrees. It is, however, quite is correct to consider the P.M.'s grade, as we have it, as an honorary degree, inasmuch as it is rank the consequence of office; and there is no admission to the grade of P. Master. It is a misuse of words, and not a hitle "slipslop," to say the truth—one of the great evils from which Masonic history and archaeology have diretully suffered in the past, and still suffer at present.—Kenning's Cyclopadia of Freemasonry.

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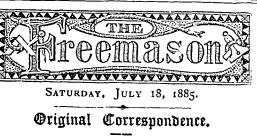


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The following stand over :

Opening of New Masonic Rooms at East Grinstead. Su nmer Excursion of the Hundred of Elloe Lodge, No. 460. District Grand Lodge of South Africa. Masonic Charity in West Lancashire.

"Le Moniteur de la Chance Universelle," "Jewish Chronicle," "Die Bauhütte," "The International Masonic Review," "Court Circular," "Sunday Times" (New York), "Cilizen," "Sunday Times" (London), "Broad Arrow," "Masonic Truth," "La Re-vista Masonica," "Le Monde Macconique," and "Allen's Indian Mail,"



[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.]

THE RECENT BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL. To the Editor of the "Freemason." Dear Sir and Brother,

Dear Sir and Brother, Your correspondent, "Alpha," appears at a loss to account for the falling off in the returns of the recent Festival. For my own part, I am agreeably surprised they amounted to what they did. It cannot for a moment be doubted, that the course pursued by the governing body of the Institution two years ago, when premium votes were offered for the purpose of swelling the amount collected on a special occasion, inflicted a very serious injury on all of the three Masonic Charities, by destroying the con-fidence of many of their supporters, who not unnaturally regarded the allotment of such extra votes, as a direct violation of the terms on which they had previously been induced to become Governors. Although the bribe of double votes produced at the time a subscription list abnormally large, the experience at the recent Festival has most clearly demonstrated that the governing body of the school in the step they saw proper to take, discounted to a very great extent, their future support. It has moreover shaken the confidence of very many, who hesitate to subscribe money for the acquisition of votes, the value of which may be still further diminished by a repetition of the operation to which I have referred. In this view I most earnestly trust, that in the interests of all our Charitable Institutions

by a repetition of the operation to which i have reserved. In this view I most earnestly trust, that in the interests of all our Charitable Institutions, the governing body of the Boys' School will not again be induced, under any circumstances, to commit a like error.—Yours fraternally,

A LIFE GOVERNOR OF THE THREE CHARIFIES.

THE PROVINCES AND THE METROPOLIS. To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother, In reply to the letter which appeared in your last issue under the above title, permit me to say that the figures quoted have been taken from the official returns of the Institutions, and I therefore presume may be considered

the Institutions, and I therefore presume may be considered reliable. With respect to the cash amounts, I wish to state that the balance-sheet for the Girls' School enabled me to give the sums contributed by the Provinces and London for the year 1884; but, owing to the balance-sheets of the Boys' School and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution only giving the total amounts, I was obliged to fall back upon the Fes-tival returns to show the respective amounts contributed by the Provinces and the Mettonolis.

the total amounts, I was obliged to fall back upon the Fes-tival returns to show the respective amounts contributed by the Provinces and the Metropolis. The proportional representation I should like to have taken from the total amounts paid in by London and the Provinces since the foundation of the several Institutions, and probably that will yet be arrived at. It will be if I can ascertain the respective amounts. When I discovered the great difference between the re-presentation of the Provinces and London, I was struck with admiration at the combination, unity, and skill dis-played by the former over the latter, and it appeared to me that such a noble example might well be fo lowed. I grant that the Provinces have considerable advantages over London, inasmuch as our Provincial brehren have their re-spective Grand Lodges to rally round, and thus have a bond of unity. Such advantages are absent from London ; but, as certain as the great Municipal difficulty will be settled, doubtless to the advantage and benefit of all con-cerned, so most assuredly is there a way to be found for extending to London cases the great advantages conferred upon Provincial cases. The friendly rivalry here fore-shadowed will, I am confident, bring mutual benefit to our respective applicants, and bestow lasting advantages to our grand Institutions.

grand Institutions. Owing to the vastness, and it may truly be said the un-wieldy extent of the London Masonic body, it is utterly impossible to form at present a representative Masonic impossible to form at present a representative Masonic centre for the proper management and arrangement of the London votes; therefore the great desire of the promoters of this Association is to see London formed into, say, five or six centres or divisions, so that due consideration may be given to each London case, and, by mutual assistance, one division with another, to ensure success in our applica-tions, and, in furtherance of that object, we shall be pleased to give every assistance, and receive the same from those desirous of forming those divisions.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally, A SUPPORTER OF OUR INSTITUTIONS. July 14th.

July 14th.

MASONS EMINENT IN THE STATE.

MASONS EMINENT IN THE STATE. To the Editor of the "Freemason." Dear Sir and Brother, Following on your article on "Masons Eminent in the State," it may interest some of your readers to know that the following eminent men were initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford. Among Ministerialists : Bros. the Duke of Abercorn, in 1830; the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in 1850; the Earl of Lathom, in 1856; the Marquis of Hamilton, in 1857; the Earl of Dunraven, in 1859. The Earl of Carnarvon, joined the lodge in 1857. Among members of the opposition: Bros. the Earl Granville was initiated in 1833; Viscount She brooke, in 1833; Lord Brabourne, in 1850; Farl Cowper, in 1853; Sir Thomas Brassey, in 1855; and W. C. Borlase, in 1867; Among persons not in Parliament: Bros. the Dean of York, in 1848; Sir James Fergusson, in 1850; Mr. Justice

York, in 1848; Sir James Fergusson, in 1850; Mr. Justice Cave, in 1852; Sir Edward Malet, in 1856; and lastly, let me record that one of the present Government was initiated in the Churchill Lodge, No. 478 (also an Oxford Lodge), in the year 1871, and that was Lord Randolph Churchill.

I send you these few facts to show what a strong con-nection exists in very varied walks of life between Masonry and the University of Oxford, facts which could he largely added to if any one wished to do so, but I think I have given enough. Can any one do the same for the Sister University of Cambridge?—Yours fraternally, S.M.M.C.O.

Can any one do the same for the Sister University of Cambridge ?-Yours fraternally, S.M.M.C.O. WHICH SHALL IT HE-" CHARITY " OR "DINNERS?" To the Editor of the "Freemason." Dear Sir and Brother, I have read "C. E. G.'s "letter, which appeared in your columns a short time since, with a considerable amount of interest. The figures he has extracted from the Auditors' reports of the lodge in question for the years specified appear to furnish a strong case against the prac-tice in vogue among many Masonic lodges of dining sump-tuously whenever a meeting is held. Most people will note the very striking contrast between the 552 15s. devoted to purposes of benevolence and the "hotel blis, 6009 13s. 7d., with but five meetings in the year," and will hasten to the conclusion that a lodge which can thus appropriate the bulk of its funds is not as thoughtful as it might be of what your correspondent speaks of as "the so-called 'distin-guishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart.'" But "C. E. G.'' has only furnished a part of the data which are necessary in order to formulate a just answer to his query. He should have told us, for instance, something about the numerical strength of the lodge, and the average number of brethren, including visitors, who attended each banquet. He should have stated what, if any, amount the lodge in its corporate capacity had contributed to our Charities pre-viously to the quadrennial period mentioned, and whether - and, if so, to what extent—its offices were endowed with Uife Governorships or what not, in perpetuity or for a term of years; and, lastly, what, if any, amount of individual support the members severally, or any number of them, had already extended to one or more of our Institutions. Had he given us these data, your readers would have been in a better position to satisfy his inquiries. Without them, it is somewhat hazardous to attempt anything like a direct answer; but I don't mind trying, with your permission, a friendly interchange of views on the subject. "C. F. G." asks

any such feeling, at least, as will induce them to bosen their purse strings in beha<sup>1</sup>f of their poorer brethren. The first duty of every lodge, as a corporate body, is to encour-age whatever will strengthen and extend the love and respect of its members for each other, and for the rest of the Fraternity, and there is, in my humble opinion, no likelier way of succeeding in this than for them to conclude each meeting with a good dinner. For my part, I have very little faith in the people who go about exclaiming against the money that is spent in dining when it might so much better be given to some charitable i stitution. But I believe in people who dine, especially in those who make a point of duning well. When I say this, I am not thinking of what is called mere sensual gratification. I mean that I think people who appreciate good dining are more likely to do good actions than those who go about dining as it were under protest, who, if they meet you at table, always make a point of offering some excuse or apology for their presence. There is no country in the world which is more generous towards the poor than England, and yet there is no nation which thinks more of dining as an institution than the English. And as with the people generally, so with our Masonic lodges; there is no society which is more generous towards its poor members than the Freemasons, and there is none which knows better how to dine well. If -which is most unlikely—I were ever called upon to advise the members of a lodge as to the line of conduct they should pursue, I should tell them to work well and dine well, and the rest would follow as a matter of course. Let "C. E. G." take my word for it, "Charity" and "dinners" go together. You can't have the former with-out the latter; or the latter without the former. Possibly "C. E. G.," and others of your readers, may say that what I have written is very illogical and very heterodox; but I can't help it, and all I hope is that I have not trodden upon any one's toes.—Yours laithfully and frate

NORTHERN COUNTIES LODGE. To the Editor of the "Freemason." Dear Sir and Brother, Permit me through the medium of your paper, to remint me through the meanum or your paper, to remind all brethren who are interested in promoting the formation of a "Northern Counties Lodge" in London, that the adjourned meeting will be held at 16A, Great Queen-street, at 3 o'clock, on Thursday next, the 23rd inst. I hope that as many as can, will attend.—Yours very traternally, J. S. CUMBERLAND, P.M., &c.

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621] THE STATUTS OF 1755. Bro. Speth very properly calls attention to the fact that there is an error as to the name given by me to the Statutes he has so kindly forwarded, and which arose, no doubt, from a little haste or carelessness. The Statuts of 1743 and 1755 are, of course, different. I think Bro. Speth had better let us have the 20 laws of 1743, and then the whole matter is complete. Two points come out if they exist as Kloss represented, and we can then d-al with them critically. I see no reason to suppose that the laws of 1755 are not what they profess to he,—a code of laws critically. I see no reason to suppose that the laws of 1755 are not what they profess to he,—a code of laws elaborated then, but I stick to my text,—they are not the laws of the Grand Lodge of France, but of a High Grade body. It is no doubt true, as Kloss points out, that the

history of the Grand Lodge of France itself is in great haze, and French writers have not improved our knowledge, as they have written from favourite points of view, to uphold this or destroy that. There is no reason to believe that the minutes of the Grand Lodge of France are not recoverable. They existed at one time, from what-ever date they originated, and may yet turn up. The verbiage of the laws now before us, which I do not deny may date from 1755, seems so clearly to point to a pure Eccossas origin, that I almost wonder Bro. Kloss does not see it. I origin, that I almost wonder Bro. Kloss does not see it. I still adhere, therefore, to Daruty's views, as the safest, clearest, and least hard to devetail in with preceding and subsequent farts, that the charter of Stephen Morin was granted by a High Grade body, of which traces are found in 1755. When we have the actual words of the 1743 Statuts in French before us, we can pretty nearly find out their age, and whether they represent a private lodge or a Statuts in French herore its, we can pretty hearly find out their age, and whether they represent a private lodge or a Grand Lodge. The Lodge Chambre du Roi, which was composed of the officers of the King's household, after-wards admitted civil officers and officers of the Guards. It is said to be consecrated by "Sicard" October 20, 1745. He also adds that on the 11th December, 1743, the day of the election of the Comte de Clermont as successor to the Due d'Aution of content to dra using formed in the Content Duc d'Autier, a Grand Lodge was formed in the Capital, as a central and regular point of administration and organization, but which, according to Sicard, committed the great fault of constituting "unremoveable Masters." There is great difficulty in tracing the Lodge Chambre du Roi, though Kloss had apparently seen its minute book. It does not appear in a list of French lodges from 1765 to It does not appear in a list of French lodges from 1765 to 1775 as either existing, recognized, or re-constituted, and Bro. Speth would confer a great favour on Masonic students if he would obtain a transcript of its earliest minute and its last. One thing I am bound to concede to Bro. Sp-th, that from 1762 apparently downwards, High Grade names are given to lodges under the Grand Lodge of France; but earlier I can find no trace of such usage. Out of 105 lodges said to be constituted before and up to 1762, no High Grade name appears, but in 1762 a lodge is called "L'Ecossaise de la Reunion," and onwards to 1765 a few Ecossais names appear. As the Ecossais were a recognized body at this date, it proves this much, that these names were in common use. But we must all admit that the history of French Masonry is still in a great haze. MASONIC STUDENT.

MASONIC AND HERMETIC BOOKS. 622]

It may interest some of my many friends at home and abroad, and Masonic students especially, to hear that, in abroad, and Masonic students especially to hear that, in consequence of a projected change of residence, and the inconvenience of an overgrown library. I propose, at an early date, to sell a large portion of my Hermetic, Masonic, Mystical, and Rosicrucian collection. Any brother writing to Mr. Hudgson, 115, Chancery-lane, W.C., will at once receive a catalogue when ready. A F A W

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# RAPORTS LALALA

### Craft Masonry.

UNION WATERLOO LODGE (No. 13).— The installation meeting of the above grand old lodge, the mother lodge of the district, took place on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, when Bro. W. Akers, W.M. elect, was, with the usual ceremonies, placed in the chair of K.S., and saluted in proper form. Bro. G. H. Masters, W.M., opened the lodge, and, after the usual preliminaries, Bro. G. Davies, P.M., took the chair as Installing Officer, and carried out the duties admirably. The following were invested as offi-cers: Bros. A. Cleal, S.W.; J. Millburn, J.W.; T. Hutton, P.M., Treas.; N. Brown, P.M., Sec.; W. Tailby, S.D.; H. Grice. J.D.; J. Bell, I.G.; W. Bid-good, Org.; G. Davis, P.M., D.C.; L. C. Chasteaneuf, A.D.C.; and J. Mattey, W.S. A vote of thanks was tendered Bro. Davis, and ordered to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge, for his excellent

to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge, for his excellent work as Installing Officer, and a valuable Past Master's jewel was presented Bro. Masters, as a token of esteem on the part of the brethren, and for his services as W.M. during the preceding year. Those brethren having re-turned thanks, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where the banquet was served.

Among the other honorin recsaurant, where the ballquer was served. Among the other brethren present were Bros. A. H. Tattershall, P.M.; E. Denton, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Kent; W. T. Applelee, P.M.; R. A. Symth, P.M.; T. Hos-grood, P.M.; H. J. Butter, P.M. 913, P.P.G.R. Kent; E. Hughrs, P.S.W. 913, M.L.S.B.; W. Weston, P.M. 1536, P.P.G.S.B. Kent; E. Palmer, W.M. 913; S. Clarke, P. V. 7.6; G. Kenneday, P.M. 1536; T. Ovenden, W.M. 700; D. Benrays, W.M. 706; J. Aillud, W.M. 615; J. H. Hoberts, P.M. 700; E. W. Carter, P.M.; W. Moulds, W.M. elect 1536; C. Sweeting, W.M. elect 700; J. Swanson, 700; G. Porter, 700; Quartermaster Morton, 1536; G. Camphell, 913; J. F. Randall, 913; C. Jolly, S. W. 1072, &c. (Freemason); and erhers. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given and honoured.

and honoured. ne Immediate Past Master proposed the toast of " The

W.M.," and said the distinguished array of Masons pre-sent showed the high estimation Bro. Akers was held in, and it augured well for a successful year of office for him, W.M.,

and continued prosperity to the "grand old" lodge. Bro. Akers, in response, said he felt proud for various reasons; in the first place, because they had arrived at the centenary of the lodge, and he considered it an honour to be W.M. at such a glorious period of its history. The lodge had weathered many storms, but was at last safely anchored in the harbour of prosperity, and that he was proud of. Next, he was proud of knowing that a good spirit of love and harmony existed among the brethren, and trusted that state would long continue. As the mother lodge of the Woolwich district, he should try and make it worthy of its name, and while the fierce light that shone in the fiast beat upon him, he trusted to be able, with their assistance, to meet it in such a manner as not to dim its assistance, to meet it in such a manner as not to dim its lustre, but concentrate it, so that it might shine even with increased splendour on his successor.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was responded to by Bros. Masters and Applebee in appropriate terms. Bro. Clarke responded for "The Initiates," who were

initiated at a recent lodge of emergency. Bro. Hughes responded for "The Visitors," and, in so doing gave a most amusing narrative of his struggles through life, and trusted to be spared for many years to keep up his connection with his friends of the Union Waterloo Lodae.

Bro. Butter also responded, and complained of the br thren of the lodge not visiting his lodge often enough. He gave them a hearty invitation to visit the Pattison Lodge in numbers.

Bros, S. Clarke, Palmer, and Roberts also responded. The toast of "The Officers" followed, and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were interspersed with some good singing by Bros. Deane, Ware, Mattey, and others, Bro. F. Tyler presiding at the piano, and Bro. Bidgood played a violin solo admirably.

HONOR OAK LODGE (No. 1985).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Moor Park Hotel, Honor Oak, on Wednesday, the 8th inst., the W.M., Bro. H. Maunder Williams opened the lodge. Amongst those present were Bros. C. H. Phillips, I.P.M., Watter Hope-kirk, P.M., Treas.; John Hammond, P.P.G.S.D. Middx., P.M., Sec.; A. Darch, P.M., J.D.; H. Stokes, S.W.; J. W. Hartley, J.W.; H. Hooper, S.D.; J. Fuller, as I.G.; F. France, D.C.; W. Bartlett, W.S.; J. H. Worstencro't, Asst. D.C.; G. R. Lingley, Asst. Sec.; E. Bye, sen., G. Mordey, M. T. Cooper, T. Letchford, W. H. (Loake, J. Andrews, R. Lockhatt, Lawson, Thomas, Tyler, and others. The visitors were Bros. E. Walter, P.M. 72; W. H. Williams, P.M. 104; James Stevens, P.M. 720, 1216, 1426; De Solla, 242; A. E. Albert, 1949; and G. W. Ruffle, 1381. The minutes of the previous meeting having been con-HONOR OAK LODGE (No. 1985) .- A regular

The minutes of the previous meeting having been con-firmed, Bros. Thomas Moody and W. Hiscox, both P.M.'s of 1572, were duly elected members. In consequence of the inability of the candidate for passing to attend from the inability of the candidate for passing to attend from Southampton the lodge was in due course raised, and Bros. Reynolds, Andrews, and Lawson were admitted to the M.M. Degree, the W.M. surprising even his best friends present by the perfection of his work, which he rendered the more interesting by an admirable delivery of the tra-ditional history of the Degree. The lodge having been properly closed in M.M. and F.C. Degrees, some matters of business, amongst which were arrangements for a nicroic of business, amongst which were arrangements for a picnic of the lodge on the 18th inst., were disposed of, and the

lodge was closed and adjourned. The brethren dined together after labour, and a very agreeable evening was spent under the genial presidency of the W.M.

GUERNSEY .- Mariners Lodge (No. 168). On Wednesday, the 1st inst., the members of the above lodge met for their usual monthly meeting, Bro. S. Coombes, W.M., presiding. After the preliminary busi-ness of the lodge had been gone through, the announce-ment was made that a Past Master's jewel would be pre-sented to Bro. W. Thorn, 1.P.M., as a token of appreciation of the services rendered by him during his way as W.M. term as W.M., and likewise to commemorate the ioist installation.

The presentation was made by Bro. R. M. Smythson, the senior Past Master, who, in as brief a style as possible, reviewed the recipient's career from his initiation, through the various offices, to his now honourable position as I.P.M. Bro. Smythson said it gave him great pleasure to hand the beautiful token to Bro. Thorn, and his only hope was that the recipient would be long spared to wear it, and, if pos-sible, to be more diligent and persevering in the interests of the Craft than he had hitherto been.

the Craft than he had hitherto been. The jewel, which was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, at a cost of 10 guineas, bears the following in-scription: "Mariners' Lodge, 168. In remembrance of the 101st Installation, and January, 1884. Presented to Bro. W. Thorn. W.M., 1st July, 1885." Bro. W. Thorn feelingly acknowledged the gift, and said that he would, as he had to the best of his ability always done, do what he could for the benefit of the Craft in general, and Mariners Lodge in particular. The lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where a most enjoyable

adjourned to the banqueting room, where a most enjoyable and traternal evening was spent.

and traternal evening was spent. STOCKPORT.—Unanimity Lodge (No. 287). —The installation of our genial and highly esteemed Bro. Thomas Rigby took place and the St. John's Festival celebrated on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at the White Lion Hotel. Present: Bros. Thos. Thorniley, W.M.; Thos. E. Rigby, S.W.; Chas. Booth, Ireas.; Alfred Taylor, Sec.; G. W. Chilland, S.D.; Jas. Fogg, jun., J.D.; E. Dawson, I.G.; Wm. Dean, Tyler; J. Wakeheld, P.P.G.S.; John Turner, R. Hakehurst, John Leigh, F. T. Tapp, Wm. Greatorex, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Herbert O. Wroe, Wm. Matthews, W. D. Burdis, Jas. Cookson, S. Goddard, John Clarke, J. A. Birch, P.M.; Thos. Pickup, John Nield, H. J. Carrington, and Daniel Woolley. Visitors: Bros. J. Beresford, P.M. 104, P.P.G.D.; F. Grime, 381; John Gould, J.W. 322; F. Brookes, P.M. 1934; C. Cresswell, 1458; Geo. Balfe, I.P.M. 104; E. J. Lingard, W.M. 1030; J. W. Abbott, P.M. 1030, P.G.A. D.C. East Lanc.; Samuel Lawton, J.W. 204; John Grundy, 152; E. Trew, 59; Henry Smith, 1055; Joseph Snape, P.M. 1055; Robert Williamson, J.W. 1053; Joseph Snape, P.M. 1055; Robert Williamson, J.W. 1053; Joseph Snape, P.M. 1055; J. W. Thompson, P.M. 1534; John Bell, W.M. 104; Henry Lomas; W. T. Goddard, P.M. 189; Geo. R. Brady, W.M. 322; J. G. Shaw, 337; T. P. Nelson, P.M. 993; Joseph Kain, 104; Thomas Axon, W.M. 1057; Geo. Bowden, W.M. 184; W. Hilton, 163; and R. R. Lisenden, S.W. 317 (Freemason). The lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. When the Installing Master, Bro. John Turner, P.M., had taken the chair of K.S., the W.M. elect, Bro. Thos. Rigby, was forthwith presented, and after the usual formalities, and with all due rite and ceremony, inducted into the chair to rule over the lodge for the ensuing 12 months, or unit such time, &c. On the re-admission of all M.M.'s the fact was duly proclaimed to

ceremony, inducted into the chair to rule over the lodge for the ensuing 12 months, or until such time, &c. On the re-admission of all M.M.'s the fact was duly proclaimed to them of Bro. Rigby's installation, and they accordingly saluted him the requisite number of times, alter which the W.M. appointed his officers, who were invested and addressed by Bro. J. Beresford, P.P.G.D., as follows: Alfred Taylor, S.W.; Geo. McClelland, J.W.; Charles Booth, P.M., Treas.; Chas. Dawson, Sec.; Jas. Forg,

S.D.; Wm. Matthews, J.D.; John Turner, P.M., Org.; John Leigh, P.M., D.C.; Herbert O. Wree, I.G.; Levi Goddard, W. D. Burdis and Thos. Pickup, Stewds.; and Wm. Dean, P.M., Tyler. After the usual addresses had been given, Bro. Beresford concluded the ceremony of in-stallation with prayer, and there being no further business "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the numerous visitors, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony. The brethren subsequently dued together to celebrate the Festival of St. John, and when dinner was over the usual toasts were proposed and responded to. The W.M., Bro. Thos. Rigby, proposed the first six toasts on the list, and and in response to that of "The Right Hon. Lord Egerton, V.W. Deputy P G. Master, and Present and Past P.G. Officers." Bros. J. Beresford, P.P.G.D.; Wm. Greatorex, P.P.G.P.; and James Wm. Abbott, P.G.A.D.C. East Lancashire, replied. In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. John Turner, P.M., in the course of his remarks, said he could hardly hope to follow successfully in the footsteps of those speakers who had gone before him in order to set forth the qualities of him whose health he was about to propose, and he would therefore only reiterate all that had been said and sing in his fayour and simply hope the W.M. would

qualities of him whose health he was about to propose, and he would therefore only reiterate all that had been said and sung in his favour, and simply hope the W.M. would follow up all he had undertaken and promised to do for the lodge and Freemasonry generally, and carry out the principles and tenets of the Order. Bro. Furner, con-tinuing, said they were all proud of their W.M., and believed he would be in his new position a credit to the lodge, as he had been hitherto. They were aware that the W.M. belonged to another lodge in another province, but he (Bio. Turner) felt sure that their W.M would take as much interest in the welfare of the Unanimity Lodge as he had always done, and would work it up to such a pitch of exalways done, and would work it up to such a pitch of ex-cellence that should not be exceeded by any other lodge in

cellence that should not be exceeded by any other lodge in the province. In conclusion Bro. Turner wished the W.M. a happy and prosperous year of office, and called upon the brethren to rise and dink his health. The invitation was promptly responded to, and the en-thusiasm that followed testified unmistakeably how highly Bro. Rigby was appreciated. Bro. Turner, P.M., having sang "Here's to his health,"

Bro. Rigby was appreciated. Bro. Turner, P.M., having sang "Here's to his health," The Worshipful Master rose and said he was sure he did not know what he had done to deserve the great praises that had been heaped upon his head; but one thing was certain, which was that he should never forget the principles and precepts that were taught him in the Unanimity Lodge seven years ago, when he was initiated. He little thought then he should ever attain the proud position he now occu-pied, and trusted what he had previously done for the lodge would be excelled in the future. Bro. Rigby, continuing, said his heart had never been led astray from his mother lodge. He had never been absent from its meetings on any said his heart had never been led astray from his mother lodge. He had never been absent from its meetings on any occasion when it was possible for him to attend. He loved the work, which to him was a religion, and he could not speak too strongly in favour of the highly moral principles of our great Order, viz., Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, which had never been, and he hoped never would be, re-moved from his mind. In referring to the present new home of the lodge, Bro. Rigby said it was to a great ex-tent a source of regret to the members to leave the Dog and Partridge Hotel, where the lodge had been held for the last 40 years; but the cause of its removal was the urgent last 40 years; but the cause of its removal was the urgent necessity for more commodious premises, which he was glad to say they had obtained, and trusted they would never regret the change. Respecting Charity, Bro. Rigby said he was glad to state they had been able to contribute  $\pounds 65$  towards the various Institutions during the past year, and he hoped during the forthcoming one they might do as much, if not more. In conclusion, Bro. Rigby said he hoped his brother officers would rally round him, and do all in their power to make the lodge one of the best worked in the Province of Cheshire. He extended to the numerous the Province of Cheshire. He extended to the numerous visitors, whom he felt proud to see around the table, the

visitors, whom he felt proud to see around the table, the right hand of fellowship, and assured them all they would have as hearty and welcome a reception on any future occa-sion as they had received that afternoon. Bro. Carrington proposed "The Sister Lodges in Stock-port," which was well received, and responded to by Bros. Bell, W.M. 104; Axon, W.M. 1957; and Geo. R. Brady, W.M. 322. Other toasts, including "The Installing Officers," "The Visiting Brethren," "The Past Masters," and "The Offi-cers," were proposed and responded to, the intervals between being enlivened with some capital songs from Bros. Evans, Balle, furner, and others, and Bro. R. K. Lisenden performed on the English concertina.

HIGHBRIDGE.-Rural Philanthropic Lodge HIGHBRIDGE.—Rural Philanthropic Lodge (No. 291).—The installation of Bro. B. C. Board as W. M. of this lodge for the ensuing year attracted an unusually large number of visiting brethren from various parts of the province. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. E. F. Wade, I.P.M. The W. M. appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. Arthur Duckett. S.W.; J. T. Dunsford (who has held the position of Secretary for ren years in succession), J.W.; J. Burnett, P.M., Treas.; T. F. Norris, Sec.; Rev. J. C. Lyons, Chap.; Dr. Hemmis, D.C.; P. Barrett, S.D.; J. W. Tucker, J.D.; H. M. Marsh, I.G.; C. Lucette, P.M., Org.; T. Hicks and J. Holmes, Stewards; and W. Woodward, Tyler. The customary banquet afterwards took place, the guests numbering upwards of 40. numbering upwards of 40.

DARTMOOR .- Lodge of Benevolence (No. 666).-The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the Sth inst., in the Prince of Wales Hotel, Princetown, for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. John Delaney. The ceremony was conducted by Bro. J. R. Lord, P.M. 1247, P.P.G.S. Wks., assisted by Bros. Bro. John Delaney. The ceremony was conducted by Bro. J. R. Lord, P.M. 1247, P.P.G.S. Wks., assisted by Bros. J. Kinton Bond, P.M. 1247, and J. B. Gover, P.M. 70, P.P.G.A.D.C.; and the following Board of Installed Masters: Bros. J. Stapleton, N. R. Hammett, A.P.G.P.; J. Harris; J. H. Westlake, P.P. G.P.; Geo. E. Alexander, P.P.G.O.; W. Holdstock, P.P.G.P., all P.M.'s of 666 John H. Tonkin, P.M. 282, P.P.G.A.IJ.C.; John Gould, P.M. 1099; Byron Elliott, P.M. 1247; and J. Deloe, P.M. 233. The Board of Installed Masrers having been closed, the W.M. invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bro. Capt. Overy, I.P.M.; H. Tooker, S.W ; W. H. Johns, J.W.; Geo. E. Alexander, Treas.; W. Holdstock, Sec.; E. M. Ellis, S.D.; John Geake, J.D.; Chas. White, I.G.; and John Weeks, Tyler. The brethren subsequently dined at the Duchy Hotel, where an excellent dinner was served. where an excellent dinner was served.

CHORLEY.—Ellesmere Lodge (No. 730).— The annual meeting of this good lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, on Wednesday, the 1st inst., Masonic Rooms, Town Paul, on Wednesday, the 1st inst., the following being amongst those present: Bros. Jos. Barnes, W.M.; Thos. Sharples, J.W., W.M. elect; L. Eccles, Sec.; Geo. Tootell, J.D.; C. Richmond, J.S.; James Lawrence, P.M. 730, 1032; J. M. Kerr, P.M., Treas., Prov. G. Supt. of Wks. W. Lanc.; A. Hall, P.M. 1032; J. B. Withnell, P.M.; P. Yates, P.M.; R. Irving, P.M. 730, 1032; C. Richmond, Dr. Farmer, and others other

The lodge being opened in the usual manner, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. M. Kerr was then requested to assume the chair, and Bro. Thomas Sharples, W.M. elect, was duly presented, and after the observance of the prescribed forms, a Board of Installed Masters was opened. Bro. James Laurence, the Installing Master, then installed Bro. Sharples in the chair of K.S. in good style and with a beautiful rendering of the ceremonies, and afterwards invested and addressed the officers appointed as follows: Bros. J. Barnes, I.P.M.; John Bradshaw, S.W.; L. Eccles, J.W.; J. M. Kerr, Treas.; Dr. Smith, S.D.; Geo. Tootell, Sec.; Dr. Farmer, J.D.; J. Monks, I.G.; C. Richmond, S.S.; L. Fairclough, J.S.; and J. J. Jolly, Tyler. The ballot was taken for Dr. Whitham, and being unanimous in his favour, he was initiated into the mysteries of ancient Free-masonry. Bro. Joseph Eatock was raised to the Sublime Degree, and lodge was closed with the customary solemni-The lodge being opened in the usual manner, the minutes Degree, and lodge was closed with the customary solemni-ties. Owing to the ill-health of the newly-installed Master the festivities were postponed.

HAVANT.—Carnarvon Lodge (No. 804).—The annual festival of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. J. Collings, W.M.; H. W. Smith Parsons, S.W.; J. J. Bascombe, J.W.; T. Francis, P.M., Sccretary; J. J. H. Bascombe, S.D.; G. S. Hill, J.D.; A. R. Jones, Urg.; H. Martin Green, P.P.G. J.W., P.M.; T. P. Hall, P.M.; W. Dart, P.P.G. Stwd., P.M.; H. Kimber, P.M.; T. D. Askew, P.M.; H. G. Tuck, F. Avey, A. H. Wood, A. Borrow, E. J. Spriggins, J. Reakes, G. Pannell, C. Courtier, H. Wellsted, and A. Slade. Visitors: Bros. R. J. Rastick, P.M. 1609, P.G. Treas.; H. W. Towns-end, P.M. 1069, P.P.G.S.D ; R. Loveland-Loveland, P.P.G. Reg.; J. W. Gieve, W.M- 309; R. Glazebrook, 342; H. E. Loader, W.M., and G. Huggett, 457; J. Dempsey, W.M. 03; E. Nayler, W.M. 928; J. Jackson, W.M. elect 1428; G. Darby, S.W. 17-5; W. Miles, W.M. 1776; J. Westaway, W.M.; W. D. Parkhouse, P.M.; J. F. Wilton, Org., and J. Farlam, Steward, 1834; A. C. Lewis, J.D. 1938; C. V. Birch, J.W. 2074; and P. H. Emanuel, S.D. 2068 (*Freemason*). The lodge was opened at four o'clock, and after the born burgers of the budue had base ne conducted. Bro. H. HAVANT .- Carnarvon Lodge (No. 804) .- The

R. G. Benn, J. D. 1950; G. V. Bilch, J. W. 2074; and P. H. Emanuel, S.D. 2005 (Freemason). The lodge was opened at four o'clock, and after the usual business of the lodge had been conducted, Bro. H. W. Smith Parsons, S.W., was led to the pedestal and took the obligation of the W.M. elect. The brethren below the rank of P.M. retired, and the lodge opened as a Board of Installed Masters, with Bio. Dart, as S.W., and Bro. Kimber, J.W., and Bro. W. H. Smith Parsons was duly installed W.M. The brethren re-entered, and the remaining portion of the very impressive ceremony was carried out by Bro. Collings, P.M. The following were appointed officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. J. Bascombe, S.W.; J. J. H. Bascombe, J.W.; Jas. Collings, I.P.M.; Edwd. Good, P.M., Treas.; Thos. Francis, P.M., Sec.; Thos. Askew, P.M., Dir. of Cers.; Alan Wood, S.D.; H. G. Tuck, J.D.; E. Spriggins, I.G.; W. Avery and J. Humby, Stewards; W. Blackmore, Tyler; and G. Blackmore, Asst. Tyler. The usual votes of thanks were recorded, and the lodge closed usual votes of thanks were recorded, and the lodge closed in due form.

The brethren then adjourned to the Town Hall and parably served by Bro. Butler, of Portsmouth. After ample justice had been done to the excellent viands, and the usual

justice had been done to the excellent viands, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk, The Worshipful Master proposed "The Health of the R.W. Prov. G. M., Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.; the Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre; and Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past." He referred to the Prov. Grand Master as being the right man in the right place, and they were very proud of him. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master well deserved the honour conferred upon him, for there was not a more hard-working man in the Craft. All the Prov. Officers strove to do their best, and succeeded. succeeded.

Bro. Rastrick, Prov. G. Treas., thanked the W.M. and bio. Kastrick, Prov. G. Ireas, thanked the W.M. and brethren for the reception, and said that having such good officers as the Prov. Grand Master and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master stimulared all Prov. Officers to carry out their duties; and if that was not sufficient, they had but to look back at the old Prov. Officers. Bro. H. Martin Green, P.P.G.J.W., said that the honour Conferred upon him two years are by the Prov. Grand

Master was not merited. Bro. Rastrick was well worthy of being the Prov. G. Treas. The Prov. Officers did their best, and they always received a hearty welcome, especially

best, and they always received a hearty welcome, especially at the Carnarvon Lodge. Bro. Collings, P.M., proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and said that it gave him great gratification in doing so. Last year he made the remark that he had great pleasure in appointing him S.W., as he was one of his oldest and dearest schoolfellows and playmates. How much more gratification had he in installing him that day into the chair of K.S.? In Bro. Parsons the brethren would find a good W.M., who was a true Mason to the heart. He felt sure that every brother at the end of the year would say Bro. Parsons had done the working well; a credit to himself and the lod 2e. the lodge.

Smith Parsons, W.M., who was received with long and continued applause, said that n, one felt more proud than he did. It would not be wanting on his part to render the ceremonies in an impressive manner; as far as his abilities went he would do his best. He thanked He thanked all the brethren for the assistance he had received.

The Worshipful Master proposed the toast of "The LP.M. and Installing Master, Bro. Collings, who, he said, Was a dear friend of his. He had done well the past year, and carried out the duties to the entire satisfaction of all. Bro. Collinge automode the duties to the entire satisfaction of all. Bio. Collings returned thanks, and said he had tried to do his best; but it was not to his satisfaction. He only

wished he had done better than he had. The Worshipful Master proposed "The Health of the Visitors," and Bros. Gieve, 309, and R. Loveland Loveland, 638, respected 698, responded.

The toasts of "The P.M.'s of So4." "The Officers," and Tyler concluded the toast list, and the company broke up at about 10.30 p.m.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS.-Townley WHITTLE-LE-WOODS.-Townley Parker Lodge (No. 1032).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the todge room, Howard Arms Hotel, on the 25th ult., the brethren present being Bros. A. G. Leigh, W. M.; R. Irving, P. M., as S. W.; A. G. Bird, J. W.; John Heald, P. M. 730 and 1032, as I.P M.; J. M. Kerr, P. M., Prov. G.S. of Works, as Sec.; Joseph Hopkinson, S. D.; W. P. C. Grimshaw, J.D.; T. Whalley, as I.G.; J. B. Cardwell, as Tyler; John Gardner, H. Gardner, J. Porter, W. Bretherton, J. Corbitt, P.M., and others. The lodge was opened in the usual form by the W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and

The lodge was opened in the usual form by the W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and Bro. Alfred G. Bird, J. W., was declared duly elected, and was complimented by the W.M., Bro. Arthur G. Leigh, and other brethren upon his election and for his zeal and assiduity in the interests of his lodge. Bro. Irving was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Jolly, Tyler. After some further and formal business, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren ad-iourned to supper journed to supper.

REDCAR .- Marwood Lodge (No. 1244) .- The annual festival of this lodge, and the installation of Bro. T. R. Dent as W.M. for the ensuing year, were held on 1. R. Dent as W.M. for the ensuing year, were held on Tuesday evening, the 7th inst. The ceremony of installa-tion was performed by Bro. James Hogg, P.M., P.P.G. A.D.C. of N. and E. Yorks. The other officers appointed were as follows: Bros. W. P. Ingham, S.W.; W. Anderon, J.W.; J. Hogg, Treas.; J. Howcroft, Sec.; Burdett, S.D.; W. Smith, J.D.; and Geo. Hood, I.G. The banquet took place afterwards at the Coatham Hotel, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Several brethren from Middlesborough, Sirokton, and other places attended. Stockton, and other places attended.

POULTON.LE.FYLDE .- Fidelity Lodge (No. POULTON-LE-FYLDE.—Fidelity Lodge (No. 1256).—A very interesting meeting took place at the Bull Hotel on Tuesday, the 30th ult., in connection with this lodge. Bro. W. V. Archer, W.M., received from Bro. Whittaker, P.M., an oil painting of the senior Past Master, Bro. J. N. Davies, P.G.P. West Lanc., with a request that he would cause the same to be entered in the inventory of the lodge, so that it may be received by succeeding Mas-ters, along with the rest of the lodge furniture. The por-trait had been subscribed for by the brethren individually, as a mark of respect for the many services the lodge has received from the senior Past Master, who has been a sub-scubing brother and an officer for nearly 20 years. There was a large attendance of visitors present, including the Prov. G. Sec., Prov. G. Treas., and other Prov. Officers, Present and Past, the Master and Wardens of the different lodges of the Fylde, and others. lodges of the Fylde, and others. After the ordinary routine business, the ceremony of in-

After the ordinary routine business, the ceremony of in-stallation was proceeded with, when Bro. John Sumner, S. W., was placed in the chair of K.S. by the I.P.M., Bro. Winn, who also invested the following officers: Bros. W. V. Archer, I.P.M.; Whittaker Bond, S.W.; Alfred King, J.W.; J. N. Davies, P.M., P.G.P. West Lanc., Treas.; William Riding, Sec.; John Whittaker, P.M., D.C.; John Edmondson, S.D.; T. Carter, J.D.; Geo. Westwell, Org.; Wm. Longbottom, I.G.; and James Thomason, Tyler. The address to the Master was impressively given by the Secretary, Bro. Riding, P.M., to the Wardens by Bro. Whittaker, P. V., and to the brethren generally by Bro. Winn, the Installing Master. The ceremony of installation was performed with great precision and feeling, and was

was performed with great precision and feeling, and was fully appreciated by all the brethren present.

fully appreciated by all the brethren present. On the conclusion of the investiture, the brethren retired to the banqueting hall, which was profusely decorated with festoons of evergreens and flowers by the host, Mr. Tatter-sall, Mrs. Tattersall, and daughters. The tables were neatly furnished, and from 50 to 60 brethren sat down to the dinner. This was served in good style, the host being complimented by the brethren at the conclusion of the business. Bro. Whittaker, P.M., acted as Director of Ceremonies in the orthodox style. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the M.M., and duly honoured. honoured.

The toast of "The Prov. Grand Lodge of West Lanca-shire" was responded to by Bro. Martin, the Prov. Grand

Treasurer. The toast, "Success to the Masonic Charities," was pro-posed by Bro. Goodacre, the Prov. Grand Secretary, and eloquently responded to by the brethren present in front of

Inductive to by the breather present in front of the charity box. The toasts of "The W.M." "The I.P.M.," and "The Officers," were also proposed and responded to. Songs, recitations, &c., were given at intervals, and a really pleasant, instructive, and convivial evening was spent up to about nine o'clock. The oil painting was executed by Bro. Gregson, P.M., of

The oil painting was executed by Bro. Gregson, P.M., of Talbot-road, Blackpool. It is a faithful portrait, and was universally admired. The Prov. G. clothing in which the subject is attired, although thought to be difficult to copy, is faithfully represented, and was favourably commented

LIVERPOOL.—Toxteth Lodge (No. 1356).— The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge, which enjoys a highly popular and prosperous posi-tion at the south end of the city, took place on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at the Masonic Hall, North Hill-street. The chair at the open ng was taken by Bro. J. Ashley, W.M., and he was officially supported by Bros. Edward George, 1. P.M.; S. E. Ibbs, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Joseph Bell, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Keet, P.M.; B. B. Marson, P.P.G.S.B.; T. Nickson, P.M.; A. Woolrich, P.M.; C. Arden, P.M.; John Lees, S.W., W.M. elect; R. Holgate, J.W.; J. W. Williams, Treas.; Hartley Wilson, Sec.; and others. Besides a large representation of members, there were pre-sent the following visitors: Bros. Dr. F. J. Bailey, P.P.G. S.D.; J. H. W. Walker, W.M. 1675; T. Evans, P.P. G.S.D.; W. Blunsum, S.W. 594; J. K. Bottomley, P.M., Treas 1675; J. Hughes, P.M. 1675; T. Wright, S.W. 1182; A. D. Hesketh, P.M. 1182; J. O. Rea, P.M. 1182; G. E. Hanmer, P.M. 1086; A. Barclay, P.M. 1182; W. E. Coxon, P.M. 1675; W. Jones, S.D. 1264; J. Turner, W.M. 594; W. H. Veevers, I.P.M. 594; J. Comins, P.M. 724; and others. LIVERPOOL .- Toxteth Lodge (No. 1356).

Bro. John Lees, the W.M. elect, was presented for in-stallation by Bros. P.M.'s lbbs and Marson, and the cere-mony was admirably performed by Bro. Edward George, P.M. The following officers were subsequently invested : Bros. J. Ashley, I.P.M.; B. Holgate, S.W.; H. Wilson, J.W.; J.W. Williams, jun., P.M., Treas.; H. Hughes, Sec.; T. Trevitt, S.D.; L. Phillips, J.D.; C. A. Trevitt, Org.; D. M'Farlane, I.G.; R. W. Chatham, J. Wheeler, J. Rankin, and J. B. Blair, Stwds.; E. George, P.M., D. of C.; and F. du Chimmin, Tyler (re-elected). At the conclusion of business the brethren sat down to a banquet, provided by Bro. Milbourn, and during the even-ing a P.M.'s jewel, enamelled and mounted with diamonds, was presented to Bro. Ashley, I.P.M. A musical pro-gramme of much interest was given by Bros. L. Phillips, R. Heiland, D. J. Davies, D. Williams, J. T. Jones, O. J. Rowlands, R. Williams, R. Jones, and J. Eddington.

PLUMSTEAD .- United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—The installation meeting of the above lodge (NO. 1536).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Friday, the toth inst., at the Lord Raglan Hotel, Burrage-road, and was attended by some eighty of the brethren and visitors from neighbouring lodges. Bro. G. Kenneday, I.P.M., opened the lodge (in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Saunders, W.M.), and the minutes having been confirmed, Bro. Colonel H. M. Hozier was unani-mously elected as a joining member. Sweit G. Hulliday been confirmed, Bro. Colonel H. M. Hozter was unani-mously elected as a joining member; Serjt. G. Holliday was, after approval, initiated; and E. G. Clayton was raised. Bros. Capt. J. Giesman-Chillingworth, P.M. 1973, P.G. Reg.; Qr.-Mr. G. Spinks, P.M. 1536, P.G S.B.; and A. Penfold, P.M. 913, P.P.G. Stwd. Kent, were then admitted and saluted with grand honours. Bro. W. Moulds, S.W., and W.M. elect, was then presented to Bro. Kenneday, to receive at his hands the benefit of in-stallation, and was placed in the chair and saluted in due form. He invested his officers as follows: Bros W stallation, and was placed in the chair and saluted in due form. He invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Maule, S.W.; R. Gooding, J.W.; W. Gee, Treas.; G. Kenneday, P.M., Sec.; J. Bilton, S.D.; I. Cooper, J.D.; A. Murdock, I.G.; T. Robertson, D.C.; H. Froud, Asst. D.C.; and T. Mills and T. Seager, Wine Stwds. Bro. Kenneday then concluded the ceremony by delivering the charges with feeling and impressiveness. Bro. W. Weston, P.M., and P.P.G. Swd. Br Kent, was re-elected Charity Representative on the Provincial Com-mittee, and returned thanks. Bros. Kernidge and Popple-stone were elected to serve on the lodge audit. A c rdial vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Kenneday for the excel-lent manner in which he had installed the W.M., and it was ordered to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge, was ordered to be inscribed on the minutes of the

was ordered to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge, and he returned thanks. Bro. Cooper was thanked for his past services as Secretary. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Head Quarters of the "3rd Kent," the large and commodious assembly room of which had been prepared and decorated for the banquet, which was served by Bro. H. Vallom, of the Lord Ragian Hotel, in splendid style; the "real turtle" partaken of being made from a turtle especially sent from Antigua by Bro. R. Thompson, Super-intendent of Police, Seaward Islands and West Indies, a member of the lodge.

especially sent from Antigua by Bro. R. Thompson, Super-intendent of Police, Seaward Islands and West Indies, a member of the lodge. Among the other brethren present were Bros. C. Coup-land, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. Kent; Dr. Flaxman Spurrell, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. Kent; E. Hughes, P.S.W. 013, and Member of the London School Board; Rev. C. Solbé, P. M. 1967; Capt. J. Sculley, P.M. 706; Capt. W. Kichey, P.M.; Capt. Joseph McCaffery; Capt. Porterfield, 1967; Lieut. W. A. Watkins, P.M. 1967; Or. Mr. Ias. McCaffery, 700; Or. Mr. James Morton; Or. Mr. Will-mott; T. D. Hayes, P.M.; J. Warren, P.M.; E. Palmer, W.M. 913; J. Aillud. W.M. 615; T. Ovenden, W.M. 706; J. H. Koberts, P.M. 700; D. H. Hernays, W.M. 967; J. Sanderson, J.W. 700; J. Taylor, J.W. 1331; W. Wrav, I.G. 700; W. Mason, J.W. 1604; W. Anold, 1789; W. Bidguod, Org. 700; J. Morris, 1564; H. de Gray, 13; W. Keeble, 13; W. Hart, 197; G. W. Kenneday, S29; F. Reed, 1817; W. Balmes, 13; W. McCoy, 700; W. Mattey, 13; W. Wallace, 1926; and the following members of the lodge: Bros. A. Irnekett, G. Lockhart, Chard, Spackman, W. Musguin, W. Murphy, Jord-n, H. Butler, J. Flack, A. Green, A. Ware, Mead, T. Hopper, G. Gardner, C. Jolly (*Freemason*), and others. others.

others. The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts having been enthusiastically honoured, that of "Lord Holme dale, Prov. Grand Master Kent," followed, and in giving it the W.M. said his lordship had for twenty-five years presided over them and many other distinguished Masons, and he knew he was expressing the prayer of their hearts when he hoped their Prov. G. Master might be spared for many a long year yet to direct their councils and rejoice in their prosperity. prosperity.

The toast of "Bro. Eastes, P.D.G.M., and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," was honoured.

Bro. Chillingworth, in response, felt that it was unnecessary for him to say a word in that lodge with regard to the many excellences of Bro. Eastes. So far as he himself was concerned, he felt proud of the position entrusted to him, and he would do his best to be worthy of it. He thanked them for the invitation that day, and congratu-lated the I.P.M. upon the admirable manner in which he bad installed his successor.

had installed his successor. Bro. Spinks considered it a great honour to be a Prov. Grand Officer, especially in a province having 51 lodges and 2800 subscribing members, and to serve under such a Provincial Grand Master as Lord Holmesdale, who was during the meet counter Browning and Master in undoubtedly, the most popular Provincial Grand Master in

the kingdom. Bro. Penfold was only a P.G. fledgling, and not like the two distinguished brethren who had preceded him, fully fledged Grand Officers. He was only a Steward, an office that lasted only for a year, while Bros. Chillingworth and Spinks would be officers as long as they lived. He was, however, proud of being even a Steward under Lord Holmesdale, as it was the ambition of every brother to get office in such a Grand Lodge under such a Grand Master. When they took into consideration that there were only 13 collars to be distibuted among nearby active nearbors. rguishe brethren who had preceded him, fully When they took into consideration that there were only 13 collars to be distributed among nearly 3000 members, they could easily conceive the immense difficulty of making a selection, and so he thankfully accepted the office offered him by their Grand Master. Bro. Spurrell also returned thanks, and highly eulogised the disciplined working of the lodge. Bro. Weston then proposed the toast of "The W.M." They had unanimously elected Bro. Moulds to his present

proud position, and knew how excellent a Master he would make. He (Bro. Moulds) was a young Mason, but had by good work and assiduity reached the top of the tree, and he felt sure that under his hands the lodge would be a prosperous and harmonious one. Bro. Moulds thanked them cordially for the reception of

Bro. Mould's thanked them cordially for the reception of the toast, and also for placing him in such a distinguished position. It was a proud thing to be Master of the largest lodge in such a province as that of Kent, and he felt acutely the responsibilities accompanying the office, but if the G.A.O.T.U. gave him health and strength he would, above all things, sustain the dignity of his position and the honour of the lodge. He thanked them from the bottom of his

an things, sustain the dignity of his position and the honour of the lodge. He thanked them from the bottom of his heart, and hoped to have their carnest support. The toast of "The Installing Officer" followed, and Bro. Kenneday eloquently returned thanks. "The Past Masters" were then honoured, and the W.M. took the occasion to present Bro. Weston with a handsome oil colour portrait of himself in full regalia, mounted in solid gold frame, and bearing the following in-scription :-- "Presented to Bro. V. Weston, P.M. 1536, P.M. 1967, P.P.G. Std. Br. Kent, P.Z. 13, P.M. 226, and P.P.G J.D. Kent (Mark), by his brethren in Masonry, as a token of their esteem, especially for his good work in the cause of Chaity. July toth, 1855." In making the pre-sentation Bro. Moulds spoke of the immense amount of Masonic work done by Bro. Weston, and wished him many years of happiness, so that when age overtook him he might look with pride on that present as representing the good wishes and recognition of his brethren of the Bro. Weston feelingly returned thanks, and expressed

Bro. Weston feelingly returned thanks, and expressed the pleasure it afforded him to receive such a magnificent the should always look upon it with pride, and ever remember their affection and esteem with gratitude. He then thanked them for the Past Masters, and resumed

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Hughes, Palmer, Roberts, Beamish, Aillud, Scully, Solbé

Hughes, Palmer, Roberts, Beamish, Aillud, Scully, Solbé, McCoy, and Porterfield. Bro. Col. Hozier met with a hearty reception when he rose to respond to the toast to his name, and thanked Bro. Weston for introducing him to fellowship with them, especially as it brought him into connection with so many belonging to his old regiment, the Royal Artillery. Although an old Mason, yet he had not arrived at the top of the tree, and after so many years absence from active Masonry he looked upon the occasion as a sort of silver wedding. He referred to his connection with journalism with pride, and cencluded by assuring them that his re-association with Masonry through the medium of the United Military Lodge would, and did, afford him unmitigated pleasure and satiswould, and did, afford him unmitigated pleasure and satis faction.

faction. The other toasts were "The Masonic Press," "The Officers," and "The Host, Bro. Vallom," and then the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were enlivened by some excellent harmony, rendered by Bros. H. Roberts and W. Sallinger, Mr. T. Richards, but above all by Mrs. Sallenger and Miss Nellie Roberts.

LIVERPOOL -Liverpool Lodge (No. 1547). The members of the above lodge which deservedly occupies a prominent position in the Province of West Lancashire a prominent position in the Province of West Lancashire, met on Wednesday, the Sth inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, for installation purposes. The chair was occupied by Bro. Dr. A. Soldar, the W.M., who was sup-jorted by the f llowing officers: Bros. R. Ripley, I.P.M.; J. Duncan, jun., P.M.; W. Ladyman, P.M., D.C.; S. Haynes, P.M.; W. H. Hignett, S.W.; C. E. Caddock, J.W.; J. H. Parker, Treas.; Jonathan Parry, S.D.; John Jessop, J.D.; H. Isaac, Stwd.; and William H. Ball, Tyler. There was a numerous and influential attendance of whites among whom were Bros Genere Broadbridge. Haynes, P.M.; W. H. Hignett, S.W.; C. E. Caddock, [.W.; J. H. Parker, Treas.; Jonathan Parry, S.D.; John Jessop, J.D.; H. Isaac, Stwd.; and William H. Ball, Tyler. There was a numerous and influential attendance of visitors, among whom were Bros. George Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Goodacre, Prov. G. Sec.; Thos. Chesworth, P.P.G.D.C. Cheshire; R. Martin, Prov. G. Treas.; Robert Worthington, 457, New York; J. B. Mackenzie, P.P.G.S.D.; George Morgan, P.M. 1035; John Beesley, P.M. S23; J. E. Fisher, P.M. 5S0; John Cobham, P.M. 1350 and 1609; Josef Cantor, Sec. 1609; W. Parker, I.G. 1609; Eaton Batty, 1609; S. Kirkham, 1609; E. Edwards, 1609; N. F. Burt, 1609; George Williams, 1609; D. Cumming, 1609; F. T. Foulkes, S.W. 292; W. Longbottom, P.M. 1033, P.G.A.P.; E. Bevan, S23; Thomas Pierrepont, W.M. 1393; Joseph Cornish, I.G. 241; J. Ladyman, 667; Thomas R. Connell, J.D. 1013; J. M. King, W.M. S23; H. M. Molyneux, P.M. 155; R. Harley, P.M. 1473; K. Foote, P.M. 1503 and 2042; John Pemberton, P.M. 1264, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. H. Jewitt, P.M. 1393; William M'Lachlan, J.D. 241; R. Bethel, W.M. 1994; Evan J. Callow, I.P.M. 1094; James Thomas, J.W. 580; J. Williams, W.M. 220; and others. The W.M. elect (Bro. W. H. Hignert) was presented for installation by Bros. J. H. Parker, P.M., and J. Duncan, jun., after which Bro. Hignett was duly installed in a very effective manner by Bro. S. Haynes, P.M. Subsequently Bro. W. H. Hignett, the newly-elected W.M., invested his officers as follows: Bros. Dr. F. W. A. Soldat, I.P.M.; Charles J. Caddock, S.W.; Malcom Guthrie, J.W.; John H. Parker, P.M. Treas. (re-elceted); Jonathan Parry, Sec.; John Jessop, S.D.; William E. Smith, J.D.; R. Ripley, G.P.A.D.C., D.C.; Henry Isaac, I.G.; J. E. Rayner, and R. E. W. Stephenson, Stwds.; John Haynes, A.S.; and W. A. Ball, Tyler.
The brethren, to the number of about So, afterwards sat down to dioner in the banqueting hall, excellently served by Bro. J. Casey, under the chairmanship of the newlyappointed Worshipful Vaster, who, in app

the last mentioned brother having charge of the musical arrangements for the evening, the duties thus devolving upon him being performed with remarkable success. In the course of the evening, Bro. Dr. Soldat, 1.P.M., was presented with an exceedingly handsome P.M.'s jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 2, Monument-place, Liverpool), in recognition of his valuable services to the lotge the lodge.

### INSTRUCTION.

Coleman, Stwd.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; F. T. C. Keeble, P.M. 1426; C. S. Mote, J. C. Conwav, R. P. J. Laundy, and C. R. Wickens. Visitor: Bro, E. C. Mulvey, 788 and 179. The lo lge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremonies of imitation and raising were rehearsed, Bros. Laundy and Conway as candidates. The ceremony of calling off and on was also re-bearsed. Bro. Stroud was elected W.M. for next meeting on the 20th inst., who appointed his officers in rotation. Bro, Mulvey was e ected a member. It was unanimously resolved that a letter should be written to Bro., D. P. Cami, con loing with him on the death of his mother. A letter was read from Bro, Terry thanking the brethren for their kind expressions to him last week. The lodge was then closed.

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UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 10th 1 ist., at the Crown and Auchor, 70, Enury-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Green, jun., W.M.; Haves, S.W.; Grist, J.W.; F. Wrav, P. H., acting Preceptor; P. Coughlan, Sec.; Glover, S.D.; Bindley, P.M., J.D.; McCullagh, I.G.; C. White, P.M., Coulthard, and F. Purnell. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The cremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro, Glover, candidate. Bro, Coulthard, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree; the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro, Coulthard, candidate. The Didge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. having risen for the second time, Bro, Hayes was unanimously elected W.M, for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the lodge was then closed.

### Royal Arch.

ROYAL NAVAL CHAPTER (No. 59) .- The KOYAL NAVAL CHAPTER (NO. 59).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall on Monday, the 13th inst., when Comp. C. Belton was installed in the chair of Z.; Comp. Frederick Binckes in the chair of H.; and Comp. Abner Torkington in the chair of J., the whole of the installation ceremonies being most ably performed by Comp. J. L. Mather. After the installations and the investiture of the officers, a PastPrin-ing the data of the data with K Z. cipal's jewel was presented by the M.E.Z., on behalf of the chapter, to Comp. Stephen Barton Wilson, for his efficient and genial conduct in the chair of Z. during the past year. The companions afterwards dined at the Holborn Restaurant, and passed an enjoyable evening, the musical arrange-ments being under the direction of Comp. Hoare.

PANMURE CHAPTER (No. 720).-The first PANMURE CHAPTER (No. 720).—The first regular convocation of this old and prosperous chapter was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on Monday, the 13th inst. The M.E.Z., Comp. J. W. Watts, was ably supported by Comps. J. S. Terry, P.Z., as H.; H. Bald-win, J.; Mark S. Larlham, P.Z., Treas.; G. T. Thornes, S.N.; T. Poore, P.Z., S.E.; Chas. Holcroft, P.S.; E. Whitaker and G. Treeves, 1st and 2nd Asst. Sojourners; with Comp. J. Gilbert, acting Janitor. A ballot was taken for, and proved unanimous in favour of, Bro. William Henry Tilling, W.M. elect 765, and he was duly exalted to this Supreme Degree, the ceremonial throughout being rendered in a very efficient and able manner. Comp. Tilling was subsequently appointed and invested as W.S. of the chapter. The convocation being ended, the companions adjourned for refreshment, and a very pleasant and enjoyable evening

for refreshment, and a very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent at this ancient hosterly, which is under the able care and superintendence of Comp. G. Buxton.

ST. MARTIN'S-LE-GRAND CHAPTER (No. 1538).—On the evening of the 7th inst. the annual convocation of this chapter was held at the Guildhall Tavern, under the presidency of Comp. E. Fenner, M. E.Z., who was supported by Comps. J. Green, H.; G. Gregory, J.; and other companions. After the transaction of some routine business, the meeting proceeded to the election of M.E.Z., the choice of the brethren falling unanimously on Comp. Green. Comp. Gregory was elected as H., and Comp. W. P. Brown as J. At the conclusion of the chap-ter the companions dined together, when the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were duly honoured, and a very agreeable evening was passed. ST. MARTIN'S-LE-GRAND CHAPTER

ST. DUNSTAN'S CHAPTER (No. 1589).— The installation meeting of this representative chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel on the 23rd ult. Among those in attendance were Comps. H. Turner, M.E.Z.; G. Manners, C.C., H., M.E.Z. elect; Alfred Tisley, J.; Jenkins, S.E.; J. H. Dodson, P.Z., Treas.; T. C. Walls, G.P. Soj. Middx., P.Z.; W. Lake, P.P.G.R. Cornwall, P.Z.; F. Farrington, W. E. Farrington, W. H. Clemow, Edwards, Farthing, and others. Comp. Taylor, of the Chaucer Chapter, was a visitor. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Comp. Walls installed Comp. Manners as M.E.Z.; Comp. A. Tisley, as H.; and Comp. W. H. Clemow, as J. The officers invested were as follows : Comps. Jenkins, S.E.; F. Farrington, S.N.; W. E. Farrington, P.S.; Farthing, 1st Asst. Soj.; and Gilbert, Janitor. The ballot was then taken on hehalf of Bros. T. A. Woodbridge, C.C., P.M. 1589, and Gaze, and, it prov-ing to be unanimous, they were impressively exalted by the ST. DUNSTAN'S CHAPTER (No. 1589).-

A. Woodbridge, C.C., F.M. 1585, and Gaze, and, it prov-ing to be unanimous, they were impressively exalted by the I.P.Z. Comp. Woodbridge was then appointed and in-vested as Second Assistant Sojourner. The chapter was then closed, and the companions ad-journed to the banquet, which was genially presided over by the M.E.Z., whose speeches were commendably short, but pertigent. but pertinent.

ALL SAINTS CHAPTER (No. 1716) .--A convocation of this chapter was held on the 9th inst., at the Vestry Hall, Fairfield-road, Bow, the M.E.Z., Comp. F. A. White, P.G.R. Essex, occupying the first chair, Comp. F. J. Hunt the second chair, and P.Z. Comp. Coleman the third chair. The agenda proved a lengthy one, including the formulation and enactment of a code of bye-laws for the government of the chapter, but was bye-laws for the government of the chapter, but was suc essfully accomplished under the presidency of E. Comp. White. Comp. Kenning's tender for the printing of the same was accepted. The companions then proceeded to elect principals and officers for the ensuing year, viz., Comps. F. J. Hunt, M.E.Z.; G. Anderson, H.; J. House, J.; W. J. Rundell, Scribe E.; W. Bramham, Scribe N.; E. G. Johnson, P.S.; and F. A. White, Treas. After the appointment of the Audit Committee, Scribe E. in very complimentary terms put the motion proposed by E. Comp. HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 13th inst., at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street, Paddington. Present: Bros. J. J. Thomas, W.M.; D. Stroud, S.W.; S. J. Humfress, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M., Sec.; C. Coleman, S.D.; W. J. Stratton, J.D.; O, W. Battley, I.G.; E.

may be spared many years to join with them in chapter work. This was carried unanimously, and Comp. White responded in very graceful terms. The chapter was then duly closed in accordance with patient its.

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The chapter was then duly closed in accordance with antient rite. WrIITEHAVEN.—Sun, Square, and Com-passes Chapter (No. 119).—The quarterly meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 10th inst., when Comp. F. Hodgson, Z., P.G. Swd. Br., presided, supported as follows: Comps. W. Bewlay, H., P.G. Std. Br.; J. J. Robinson, J., P.G. Stwd.; J. T. Ray, S.E.; D. Reece, S.N., P.P.G. A.S.; W. Sandwith, P.Z., P.P.G.J., as P.S.; J. C. Thompson, 1st Asst. Soj.; W. C. Johns, 2nd Asst. Soj.; J. Casson, Janitor; J. Barr, P.Z., P.P. G.H.; T. Atkinson, P.Z., P.P.G.A.S.; G. Dalrymple, P.Z., P.G.J.; J. Wood, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; C. Gowan, A. Moordaff, J. Paterson, W. Carlyle, and T. Coward. The minutes of the former chapter were read and con-firmed, when the following companions were elected as officers for the ensuing year: Comps. W. Bewlay, Z. and Treas.; J. J. Robinson, H.; W. B. Cowman, J.; J. T. Ray, S.E.; C. Gowan, S.N.; J. Paterson, P.S.; and J. Casson, Janitor. Comp. Bewlay then read a statement of accounts, which showed the balance to be over £30 to the credit of the chapter. A vote of condolence to the widow of the late and much esteemed Comp. Gibson was moved in feeling terms by Comp. Bewlay, seconded by Comp. Bart. and received a unanimous wate Several can moved in feeling terms by Comp. Bewlay, seconded by Comp. Barr, and received a unanimous vote. Several candidates were proposed, and the chapter was closed in form.

SALFORD .- Starkie Chapter (No. 935) .- The

SALFORD.--Starkie Chapter (No. 935).-The first anniversary of the consecration of this prosperous young chapter and installation of Principals took place on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Adelphi-street, when there were present Comps. J. J. Meakin, Z.; J. Sudren, H.; W. Dumville, J.; F. W. Lean, S.E.; W. Ollier, S.N.; Evan Williams, 1st Asst. Soj.; J. C. Whittington, Org.; T. Southern, W. H. Southern, F. Armstrong, H. Lord, W. Malkin, R. Davies, and P. H. Nicholls, Janitor. Visitors: Comps. J. H. Sullice, 42, 116, 126, 645, 735, and 1387, Prov. G. J.; James Dawson, P.Z., P.P.G. 1st Asst. Soj.; C. W. Godby, Z. 325, P.G. 1st Asst. Soj.; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*). The chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous convocation read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bros. Nicholas Wright, 325; Alfred Grice, Sec. 902; and George Ullier, S.W. 992, and announced to be favourable to each. By desire, Comp. J. H. Sillitoe occupied the First Principal's chair, and, with his well-known ability, care, and correctness, exalted Bros. F. Wibberley (balloted for at the last meeting) and Nicholas Wright to the Holy Royal Arch Degree. The exaltation ceremony being finished, Comp. Sillitoe was requested to fulfil the important duties of Installing Companion, which it is almost unnecessary to state he did with perfect satis-faction to all present. The three Principals elect--Comps. J. Sudren, Z.; W. Dumville, H.; and T. Southern, J.--were presented to Comp. Sillitoe by Comp. C. W. Godby, P.G. 1st Asst. Soj., to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, and were, after the usual preliminaries, installed into their respective positions, proclaumed to, and saluted by, the companions upon their readmission to the chapter, Comp. James Dawson, P.P.G. Ist Asst. Soj. invested and addressed the following companions, officers for the ensuing year: Comps. F. W. Lean, S.E.; F. Armstrong, S.N.; evan Williams, P.S.; Turner, ist Asst. Soj. invested and addressed the following companions

J. Dawson alterwards addressed the Principals and officers, and Comp. J. H. Sillitoe concluded the ceremony with an address to the companions generally. Previous to the closing of the chapter, Comp. F. W. Lean, S.E., rose and, in a graceful speech, presented Comp. J. J. Meakin, P.Z., on behalf of the companions, with a 1s-carat gold P.Z.'s jewel. Comp. Meakin, who was evidently taken with complete surprise, said he had not the faintest idea that anything of the kind had been arranged, because, in the first place, it was not, according to his experience, a customary thing to present jewels to retiring First Principals, as in the Craft; and, secondly, he did not consider that he had deserved such a recognition of his humble services at the hands of the companions, inasmuch as, although he had taken a great interest in this baby chapter, he felt he had not done as much for it as he should have liked, therefore the pre-sent was to him a pleasant surprise, and the quiet arrange-ments that had been made for purchasing and pre-enting it were triumphs of engineering. He certainly felt proud of being one of the founders and first Z. of the chapter, in which he should always take a great interest, and believed there was not such another well-conducted chapter, as the Starkie Chapter in the whole of the province, as he could truly say that during the time that had elapsed since its consecration there had not been a single hitch in the pro-sending amongst its members. They had amongst them able and willing officers, who would unite in doing their utmost to make the chapter what he was sure it would con-tinue to be—a great success. In conclusion Comp. Meakin said he thoroughly appreciated the good feeling that had prompted the brethren to present him with the jewel, which he should always look upon with great pleasure, more so, in fact, than any jewel he possessed, on account of its

prompted the brethren to present him with the jewel, which he should always look upon with great pleasure, more so, in fact, than any jewel he possessed, on account of its associating him with the formation of the chapter. (The jewel was manufactured by Comp. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester.) The M.E.Z., Comp. J. Sudren, then rose, and address-Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G.J., said he was sure he echoed the sentiments of every member of the chapter when he expressed his warmest thanks for the great kindness and ability he (Comp. Sillitoe) had displayed in being present di nlav m that day, and performing the combined ceremonies of exaltation and installation. He assured Comp. Sillice his services had been highly appreciated by them all. The M.E.Z. also thanked Comp. Jas. Dawson, P.P., 1st A. Soj., for the assistance he had rendered Comp. Sillice, and assured him they were all very pleased to

see him. Comps. Sillitoe and Dawson acknowledged the compliment, and expressed their satisfaction at the apprecia-tion of their services, and their willingness at any time to do anything in their power to further the interests of the

chapter. After "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the visitors, the chapter was closed in peace and harmony at The ceremonies during the afternoon were rendered additionally impressive by the singing of chants and other morceaux by Comps. Wm. Dumville, Turner, and Wm. Ollier, and the efficient accompaniments by Comp. J. C Whittington.

The companions afterwards sat down to a capital ban-quet, prepared by that able caterer, Bro. Phillips, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

TWICKENHAM.—Sir Francis Burdett Chapter (No. 1503).—This chapter met at the Albany Hotel on the 25th ult. Among those in attendance were Comps. T. C. Walls, G.P. Soj. Middx., M.E.Z.; R. H. Saunders, H. ; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, J. ; W. H. Saunders, I.P.Z.; W. Taylor, P.P.G.J. Middx., P.Z., Treas.; Cama, P.G. Swd. Br. Middx., P.Z.; Gurney, E. Jenkins, and others. Comp. Woodward, P.G.S.E. Middx., was a visitor. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Bros. H. Jenkins and Bunn were duly exalted to the Royal Arch Degree by the M.E.Z., ably assisted by his officers. The bye-laws having been read, a notice of motion was given—"To alter the day of meeting to the third Wednesday in the month, instead of the fourth TWICKENHAM.—Sir Francis Burdett Chapter

to the third Wednesday in the month, instead of the fourth Thursday." The chapter was then closed, and the com-panions adjourned to the banquet. The usual toasts followed.

### INSTRUCTION.

INSTRUCTION. NORTH LONDON CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 1471).—A convocation was held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, N., on Thursday, the oth inst, when there were present Comps. W. Radcliffe, Z.; J. Strugnell, H.; J. Pinder, J.; J. E. Sheffield, S.E.; T. C. Edmunds, S.N.; H. E. Dehane, P.S.; H. Tipper, Capt. A. Nicols, G. W. Knight, J. Carter, A. Trewinard, C. Thomas, G. Gregory, H. F. Shepherd, H. Slyman, A. J. Dixie, W. B. Kidder, F. Ashton, R. F. Potter, and D. Stroud, Visitors: Comps. Capt. H. S. Andrews, and H. Sadler, Grand Janitor. The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Stroud being the candidate. Comp. Andrews was elected a member. Comp. Edmonds, Preceptor, announced that he had invited the Grand Janitor, to give an explanation of the Banners and Ensigns, Comp. Sadler had kindly attended for that purpose, and he was sure the companions would give him their best attention. The Grand Janitor then proceeded to deliver a most entertaining and instructive lecture, elucidating his subject by the aid of a diagram, executed by Bro. Beaufort, of Piccadilly-circus, which was bistened to with much interest by all the companions present, and to those who had never heard it before, it must have been an especial treat. Indeed, the opinion of most of those present was, that it was too soon ended, and at least one of the audience was forcibly reminded of an incident in the career of the celebrated Weller family, and the remark of the cider Mr. Weller, when his dutiful son announced the somewhat abrupt termination of his first love letter. "That's rather a sudden pull up, ain't it, Sammy?" "Not a bit on it," said sam, "She'll wish there was more, and handra's the great at o' letter writin'!" The best thanks, and an honorary membership of the chapter were voted to Comp. H. Sadler. The chapter was then closed until Thursday next, at 8 p.m.

### Mark Masonry.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 211 EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 211 —An emergency meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, on the 2nd inst. Among those present were Bros. A. S. Harris, W.M.; J. Mason, P.M., P.P.G.M.O. Middlesex and Surrey, Treas., acting S.W.; J. Taylor, J.W.; Rickwood, M.O.; Parkhouse, J.D.; Smout, D.C.; J. French, Stwd.; Lawson, I.P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.G. Swd. Br., &c., P.M., Sec.; Huish, Mattin, and Wadham. The sum of two guineas was voted to the list of Bro. J. Mason, P.M., as a Steward of the ensuing Mark Benevo-lent Festival. There being no other business before the meeting, in consequence of the unavoidable absence of three brethren who were on the agenda of business for advancement, the lodge was closed, and the brethren ad-journed to refreshment. A few toasts followed.

CHORLEY.—Lawrence Lodge (No. 313).—An extraordinary meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, on Wednesday, the Sth inst., when amongst those present we noticed the following brethren : Bros. James Lawrence, W.M., P.P.G.S.W. Lanc.; Jas. Corbitt, S.W., W.M. elect; J. M. Kerr, J.W., P.G.S. of W. West Lanc.; P. Yates, as M.O.; L. Eccles, as S.O.; A. Hall, J.O.; Eccles, Sec.; Blackledge, P.M.; A. G. Leigh, Dr. Farmer, J. Jolley, Tyler; and our distinguished Bro. J. D. Murray, P.M. 158, P.P.G.D.C., and P.G.S.B. The lodge was opened in the usual good style, and the minutes of the previous regular meeting were read. The W.M. announced the meeting of the Moveable Grand Mark Lodge at Liverpool on the 29th inst. The special business of the evening was then commenced by the W.M. elect, Bro. James Corbitt, in a few well-chosen terms, presenting, on behalf of the members, a very handsome and valuable Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden's jewel to Bro. Jas. Lawrence, who was agreeably surprised; and, in accepting the same, said he could only thank the brethren from his heart for the bonour they had done him; first, in calling the lodge after his name, then making him first Master and re-electing him a second year, and now for the very hand-some present they had just made him, and he assured the brethren he would ever take a deep interest in the lodge and all that pertained to its welfare. The lodge was then closed, after the congratulations of the brethren, who one and all hoped Bro. Lawrence might live long in prosperity, and in that greatest of all blessings good health. The jewel is a beautiful specimen of the jeweller's handi-craft, of r8-carat gold, and richly set in diamonds, the inscription, which covers the reverse, being as follows: "Procented to W Der

craft, of 18-carat gold, and richly set in diamonds, the inscription, which covers the reverse, being as follows; "Presented to W. Bro. James Lawrence, Founder and First and Second W.M. of the Lawrence Lodge, No. 313, Chorley, Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden, Lancashire, as a small token of the high esteem of his brethren. Chorley, 8th July, 1885."

### Knights Templar.

MOUNT CALVARY ENCAMPMENT (E.) MOUNT CALVARY ENGAMPMENT (E.)-This old encampment met at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on the 24th ult. Among those present were Sir Knights F. W. Driver, M.A., E.C.; Gravely, 1st Captain; J. H. Dodson, Expert; H. J. Lardner; H. W. Paas, P.G.B.B., Treasurer; E. Baxter, P.E.C.; T. C. Walls, P.E.C., P.G.C. of G., Reg., and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Sir Knights Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, F. Binckes, Roebuck, C. Driver, Alfred Williams, Berridge, Harris, Stohwasser, Glenn, Wood, Spence, and others. The sir knights then adjourned to the banquet, which was most excellently served. Upon the removal of the cloth a few toasts were given, and the proceedings, which were throughout most enjoyable, then terminated.

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS,

BOYS. The Quarterly Court of this Institution was held at Free-masons' Hall on Monday, the 13th inst. Bro. Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br., presided, and among those present were Bros. J. L. Mather, A. F. Godson, H. W. Hunt, W. Paas, J. Moon, George Plucknett, P.G.D., Treasurer; W. Roebuck, P.G. Stwd., Trustee; Alfred Williams, E. H. Stamnuwitz, L. Ruf, H. Venn, C. F. Hogard, C. H. Webb, W. A. Scurrah, F. Adlard, C. Lacey, A. E. Gladwell, F. T. C. Keeble, G. Everett, E. F. Storr, George Gardner, T. Cubitt, P.G.P.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; and F. Binckes, P.G. Stwd., Secretary. The minutes of the Quarterly Court of April last having beeh read and verified, and that of the General and House Committees having been read for information, the Court accepted two petitions which had been referred to it, so that the list of candidates for the October election, as finally approved, includes the names of 57 applicants, from whom there were, in the first instance, to have been elected 22 boys; but Bro. E. Bowyer's motion to increase the establishment by 15 boys having been carried, the number has been commensurately increased to 37. The motion, of which Bro. Raynham W. Stewart had given notice, to the effect that, in consideration of her

The motion, of which Bro. Raynham W. Stewart had given notice, to the effect that, in consideration of her valuable services, extending over 22 years as Matron of the School at Wood Green, Miss Hall, on retirement, through ill-health, be awarded an annual grant, payable quarterly, for the remainder of her life of £75, was carried. Bro. Matthews' motion was also agreed to, to the effect that the privilege of double votes be given to individual donors for every five guineas, and to lodges, chapters, &c., for every 10 guineas, presented up to the 31st December next ensuing, to the Preparatory School Fund, in connection with the occasion of fixing the corner stone of the new buildings by the Baroness Burdett-Coutts on Tuesday, the 11th August next.

Ith August next. Bro. Bowyer's motion to elect 15 additional boys in October next, was, as already stated, also carried, and there being no further business before the Court, the pro-ceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

### ANNUAL SUMMER BANQUET OF LODGE ST. JOHN, No. 1306.

The annual summer banquet in connection with this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 1st inst., at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford. Although by no means a brilliant day, there was no rain to speak of, so that the company were able to enjoy the opportunity for a look at the forest, which is now at its best. About half-past two o'clock they assembled for dinner, which was served in the banqueting room at the Forest Hotel in the *recherché* style for which the establishment is noted. Bro. J. Magrath, the I.P.M., presided, in the absence of the W.M.; Bros. Holdom, S.W., and Twinn, J.W., occupied the vice-chairs, and among the company were Mrs. Magrath, Master Magrath, Bro. Veal, P.M., Mrs. Veal, Miss Veal, Miss Holdom, Mrs. Twinn, Bro. Hardy, Mrs. Hardy, Miss Hardy, Bro. Wise, Mrs. Wise, Miss Wise, Bro. Oppenheim, Mrs. Oppenheim, Bro. Dickson, Mrs. Dickson, Bro. Daw, Bro. Hausmann, Bro. G. J. King, Mrs. King, Bro. Joslin, Bro. Allan, Bro. F. H. Dale, Bro. Stichling, Mrs. Stichling, Bro. Parkhurst, Mrs. Parkhurst, Miss Parkhurst, Bro. Bullwinkle, Miss Bullwinkle, Bro. Bayley, Bro. Fortescue, Mrs. Fortescue,

Bullwinkle, Bro. Bayley, Bro. Fortescue, Mrs. Fortescue, Miss Fortescue, and others. The dinner having received due attention and evident appreciation, a few customary toasts were honoured; "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and Queen and the Craft," "H.K.H. the Prince of Wales and the Royal Family," being followed by the toast of the day, "The Lodge of St. John." Bro. Magrath, in giving this toast, spoke of the healthy and prosperous state of the lodge, and connected with it the name of Bro. Holdom, S.W., who, after the toast had been duly honoured, responded with the brevity which he claimed as his charac-teristic in speechmaking.

Browner and the body when the chained as its charac-teristic in speechmaking. Bro. VEAL then, in his peculiarly humorous fashion, proposed "The Chairman;" and "The Vice-Chairman," "The Visitors," for whom Mr. Gerrard King replied, and "The Press" having each been honoured, "The Secretary" "The Visitors, for whom with Gerrard King repried, and "The Visitors, for whom with Gerrard King repried, and "The Press" having each been bonoured, "The Secretary" was proposed, and recognition was made of the services rendered by Bro. Twinn in arranging the necessary details in connection with the event of the day. The toast of "The Ladies" was the final one, and this was properly received, the important but pleasurable duty of responding on their behalf being allotted to Bro. F. H. Dale. In the course of the proceedings songs were given by Bros. Veal, Hardy, and Twinn, and Bro. Gerrard King caused much amuse-ment with his well-known recital, "Trades and Callings." After dinner the company dispersed for a further enjoyment of the outdoor attractions of the spot, and reassembled in the evening for some music and dancing, among the appre-ciated items in the programme being the pianoforte per-formance of the overture to "Zampa" by Master Magrath, the necessary accompaniment to the dancing being provided by Mr. Kalischer, of Poplar.

### FREEMASONRY IN HAMPSHIRE

The long and interesting sketch we gave last week of the excellent work accomplished by Freemasonry in Hants and the Isle of Wight would be wanting in one very im-portant particular if we omitted to state that the province can now boast of a Masonic Educational and Benevolent can now boast of a Masonic Educational and Benevolent Association, which is established for the purpose of raising a fund to be applied to educate, clothe, and advance in life the children of Freemasons of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, whether the father be living or dead, and to afford relief, or assistance, where considered desirable, to Freemasons of or in the said province, and their families, and generally to promote the cause of Masonic Charity; and will consist of a Patron, Patroness, President, Vice-Patrons,

Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, Secretary, an Honorary Soli-citor, and an unlimited number of Governors and Subscri-bers. The bye-laws, which have severally been most care-fully considered, were principally drawn up by Bro. George Felton Lancaster, P.P.G.J.D., who initiated the movement for establishing such an Association at the Provincial meeting held August Sth, 1884. He may be congratulated now on the success of the scheme, as donations are being numerously promised, and by means of these we may hope soon to see it in active operation. We may add that it is not started in opposition to the London Charities, but as supplementary to them, and we have no doubt it has before it a long and useful career.

### THE RECENT BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

The final meeting of the Boatd of Stewards was held at Freemasons' Hall on Tuesday, at 5 p.m. Bro. Chapman, P.M. 194, occupied the chair, and the Treasurer's accounts having been presented and approved, votes of thanks to the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., for presiding at the Fes-tival, and to the officers of the Board for the careful fulfilment of their duties were passed, and the Board was dissolved.



Mr. Pinero's original farcical comedy, "The Magistrate," has passed its 120th night, and, though the weather has been oppressive, the Court Theatre shows no signs of a falling off in the audiences, either in numbers or interest. We should not be surprised at "The Magistrate" going on for several months amusing those who are wise enough to go and see it. \* \* \* \* \* \*

Mr. Hurst has written a capital farcical comedy Mr. Hurst has written a capital farcical comedy for Mr. Thorne, now being played at the Vaudeville. In "Loose Tiles" the plot hangs upon a misunderstanding, which is kept up from the rise to the fall of the curtain. Mr. Hurst has founded his amusing play upon the mis-apprehension which causes a boarding-house to be taken for a private lunatic asylum. The audience are at first made clear about the misunderstanding, and so readily anticipate much fun must follow, which it does, with the effect of keeping every one in roars of laughter. The cast is the usual Vaudeville company, with the addition of Miss Victor. To-night (Saturday) the popular manager, Mr. Sydney Alport, takes his benefit, when "Loose Tiles" will be played, and other attractions added to the bill. be played, and other attractions added to the bill.

be played, and other attractions added to the bill. \*\*\*\* Monday will be a red-letter day in the annals of the stage generally, and the Haymarket in particular. On that night Bro. and Mrs. Bancroft say "good bye" in their managerial capacity to the public. The Prince and Princess of Wales have signified their intention of being present at this farewell performance. It will be a scene never to be forgotten by those lucky enough to be present. Several managers will change their programmes that night in order to take part in the farewell. Bro. Irving will sub-stitute "The Bells" for "Olivia," in order for him to arrive to speak a piece specially written by Mr. Clement Scott. Bro. and Mrs. Kendal, who are on the continent, will come across specially to take part. Mr. Kyrle Bellew will do the same, he having made his first appearance under the Bancrofts' management at the Prince of Wales' Theatre. Among those who will join in this testimony of regard are Bros. Alfred Bishop, Lionel Brough, John Clay-ton, David James, Toole, Messrs. Athur, Cecil, John Clarke, Pinero, and Forbes Robertson; Mrs. Bernard Beere, Miss Buckstone, Mrs. John Wood, Mdme. Modjeska, Mrs. Leigh Murray, Mrs. Stirling, Miss Kate Phillips, Miss Ada Cavendish, Miss Linde Dietz, Mrs. Kendal, Mrs. Langtry, and Miss Ellen Terry. Shall we venture to prophecy that after this the theatre will remain closed until about the last Saturday in Septem-ber, when the new managers, Mr. Edward Russell and Bro. Bashford, late captain in the Scots Greys, will commence their career with Hugh Conway's novel, "Dark Days," dramatised by him and Mr. Comyns Carr, the distinguished authors of "Called Back." The play, we are informed, is replete with interest, maintained by some of the most striking and elaborate stage effects which have ever been placed before the British public. The cast, which has been especially chosen, comprises some of the most talented members of the dramatic profession, and will include Mr. Beerbohm Tree, Bro. R Monday will be a red-letter day in the annals of of Bro. and Mrs. Bancroft, and Messrs. Walter Johnstone, Perkins, and Telbin have now nearly completed their task, and will provide some of the most charming stage pictures which have ever been witnessed, even in this theatre. We heartily wish the new management all the success they deserve, for we know they are keenly alive to the responsi-bility they are undertaking, and feel sure that in their hands nothing will be wanting, either in the plays produced or for the comfort of their audiences, to maintain the glories of the Haymarket as one of our London theatres to which every one, whether resident or visitor in town. glories of the Haymarket as one of our London theatres to which every one, whether resident or visitor in town, makes it a matter of duty to go to. Mr. Edward Russell has served a long and valuable apprenticeship to the stage unders the banners of the late Colonel Bateman, Bro. Henry Irving, and Bro. Bancroft, and Bro. Captain Bashford has also had much experience, who, by marriage, has allied himself with the Bancroft family, and can be safely reckoned upon as a genial partner in the new régime. We will venture another prophesy, that Sardou's next production will be brought out at this theatre, and not, as has been stated by certain contemporaries, elsewhere; but we are in stated by certain contemporaries, elsewhere; but we are in a position to affirm that the stage of the Haymarket will not be devoted entirely to plays of the type of "Called Back," "Dark Days," or "Fédora," as the management will vary this by comedies by the best known English authors.

CHENERAL TUDINGS

Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., assisted by Bro. R. Berridge, G.D. of C., will consecrate the new Mark Lodge, the Rose and Lily, No. 354, at the Four Swans Hotel, Waltham Cross, to-morrow (Saturday.) The following are the principal officers designate : Bros. Major G. J. Gardner, W.M.; Fred. T. Bennett, S.W.; and Alexander Millar, J.W. Bros. C. H. Driver and James Terry are among the petitioners for the Warrant. Bros. The Load Manuer's dimension to Hor. Majortu's

Bro. the Lord Mayor's dinner to Her Majesty's Ministers will take place at the Mansion House on Wednesday, the 29th instant.

The Prince of Wales was an exhibitor at the annual show on Wednesday, the 8th inst., of the County of Cork Agricultural Society. Bro. Earl Granville had so far recovered from

Bro. Earl Granville had so far recovered from his recent illness on Thursday last that he was able for the first time to take carraige exercise.

Warrants have just been granted for a new Mark and Royal Ark Mariners Lodge, attached thereto, to be known as the Finnemore Lodge, No. 358, Addington, Natal, South Africa.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., who was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, opened a grand fancy fair at Grove House, Dulwich, on Friday, the 10th inst., in aid of the funds of St. Peter's Church, Dulwich.

Bros. Lord Carrington, the Earl of Milltown, Lord Henniker, and the Earl of Arran are members of the Select Committee appointed to consider the Waterworks Clauses Act, 1847, Amendment Bill.

By command of the Queen, the Prince of Wales held a Levée at St. James's Palace on Monday, at which presentations to His Royal Highness are held as equivalent to presentations to Her Majesty.

The brethren (and friends) of the Honor Oak Lodge, No. 1986 (Bro. H. M. Williams, W.M.), hold their picnic to-morrow (Saturday), proceeding to Keston, Kent, by coach, from Camberwell, and dining at the Red Cross Hotel, Keston.

Bro. Captain George Lambert, P.G.S.B., as Master, presided at a Court dinner, held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Holborn Restaurant, of the Pattenmakers' Company, Bros. A. F. Godson, Dr. Mickley, Augustus Harris, and R. Clowes, being among the guests. The Prince of Wales is President of the

The Prince of Wales is President of the Amalgamated Committees of the two Gordon Memorial Funds, and Bro. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.W., is one of the Vice-Presidents. Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., has undertaken to receive funds at the Mansion House towards the proposed memorial.

Bros. Sir James McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P., Sir E. J. Reed, K.C.B., M.P., Alderman Sir R. Hanson, C. J. Shoppee, Lieut.-Col. T. Davies Sewell, and Captain A. Bott Cooke, were present at the Court dinner of the Shipwrights' Company, at Braziers' Hall, on the 10th inst.

Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Waterford, Bro. Major General Sir Evelyn and the Hon. Lady Wood, and Bros. Aldermen Staples, Savory, Waterlow, Evans, and Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, were at the Lady Mayoress's reception at the Mansion House, on Thursday, the oth instant.

The annual summer banquet and ladies' day in connection with the Corinthian Lodge, No. 1382, will take place on Thursday next, the 23rd inst., at the Crown Gardens, Broxbourne. Brakes will leave Bro. W. Clark's, George Hotel, opposite Millwall Dock Station, at 9.30 prompt. Brethren desiring to join this festive arrangement, can apply to the Hon. Secretary, Bro. S. G. Bonner, 2, The View, Millwall, E. Early application is requested to facilitate the arrangements.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Hardwick, Bro. Earl and Countess Granville, Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., Bro. the Earl and Countess of Cork, Bro. Viscount and Viscountess Powerscourt, Bro. Lord and Lady Suffield, and Bro. Lord and Lady Brooke were among those present at the marriage in St. George's, Hanoversquare, on Tuesday, of Lord Vernon with Miss Fanny Lawrence, daughter of Mr. Francis Lawrence, of New York.

LONDON, EDINBURGH, AND GLASGOW ASSUR-ANCE.—Warrants for payment of a dividend of 5 per cent. per annum on the paid-up capital were posted on Tuesday, the 30th ult. The directors report that, during the halfyear ending on that date, 72,663 new policies, insuring  $\pounds$ 774,988, were issued in the industrial branch, as compared with 16,851 policies, insuring  $\pounds$ 181,152, issued during the corresponding halt of 1884, and exceeding the total new business effected during the year 1884. The marriage of Princess Boatrice youngest

The marriage of Princess Beatrice, youngest daughter of the Queen, and Prince Henry of Battenberg will take place at Whippingham Church, on Thursday next, the 23rd inst., and in order to make the necessary preparations for the ceremony, the Queen with her Court left Windsor Castle for Osborne, Isle of Wight, on Saturday, the 11th inst. The Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, and other members of the Royal Family will be present at the marriage, which will be performed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, assisted by the Dean of Windsor and Canon Prothero.

Bro.Charles Du Val's South African experiences, recently published in popular form by Messrs. Dean and Son, London, have achieved a remarkably literary success, two editions having been sold out in a few weeks from the date of issue. The enterprising publishers, in announcing a reprint of the popular shilling issue, announce also a special drawing room edition in cloth and gold at half-acrown. Bro. Charles Du Val has done wisely in publishing a popular edition of "With a Show through Southern Africa." In its pages Bro. Du Val is as interesting as on the boards, and that is saying no little. Bro. Du Val will shortly visit India, where he proposes to give a series of monologue entertainments, and will probably produce in book form his impressions of our Eastern Dependency.

Comp. the Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette was presented with a valuable gold jewel at the last meeting of the Aldersgate Chapter, on his vacating the chair of First Principal. This is the fifty-third decoration awarded to Comp. Brette, in appreciation of his indefatigable labours in the causes of Freemasonry, Science and Literature.

The Gardeners' Chronicle publishes a bird's-eye view of a number of conservatories recently erected at Buchan-hill, Crawley, the seat of Bro. P. Saillard, of Aldersgate-street. Bro. F. T. Isit occupied the chair at the annual

Bro. F. T. Isit occupied the chair at the annual dinner, at the Crystal Palace, on Saturday, the 11th inst., of the firm of Messrs. J. and C. Boyd and Co.

Bro. J. H. Puleston, M.P., dined with the Company of Wheelwrights at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on Thursday evening, the 9th instant.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and the Countess of Carnarvon, visited the Artizans' Exhibition in Dublin, on Saturday, the 11th inst., and afterwards received a deputation from the Corporation of Belfast.

Bros. Herbert Rymill and H. Lavington were among the guests at the 22nd Anniversary Festival, at the Cannon Street Hotel, on Wednesday, the 8th inst., of the Contractors' and Carmen's Provident Institution.

Bros. the Lord Mayor, M.P., F. W. Imbert-Terry, and T. Beard were included in the company present at the Court dinner of the Cooks' Company, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Thursday, the 9th inst.

The Queen has been pleased to confer the dignity of a baronet of the United Kingdom on Bro. the Right Hon. Alderman R. N. Fowler, M.P., P.G.J.W., Lord Mayor of London.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., laid the cornerstone of a new block of Artizans' Dwellings about to be erected in Seward-street, Goswell-road, by the City and Central Dwellings Company (Limited). A lunch followed, at which the chair was occupied by Bro. Deputy Sims.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon received an address from Dublin University on Monday. In the forenoon, his excellency, accompanied by the Countess of Carnarvon, was shown through the Four Courts by Bro. Lord Ashbourne, Lord Chancellor of Ireland.

Bro. General Lord Wolseley visited the War Office, and Bro. Captain Lord Charles Beresford, R.N., the Admiralty on Tuesday last, each of these distinguished officers being heartily congratulated on their return home from Egypt. Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., P.G.M. Devon-

Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., P.G.M. Devonshire, has written to express his approval of the steps in contemplation by the Devonshire men to show their appreciaton of the honour conferred by the Queen on Sir. Stafford Northcote, by creating him a peer of the United Kingdom.

Bros. A. Williams, R. Berridge, and J. Church were among the members of the of the Society of Engineers, who on Thursday, the 9th inst., visited by permission the locomotive and carriage works of the South Eastern Railway Company, at Ashford.

Ex. Comp. H. Baldwin, J. 720, Scribe E. of the Royal Hanover Chapter, 1777, asks us to notify that the convocation for installation will be held at the Town Hall, Twickenham, on Saturday, the 25th inst., at two o'clock. Ex. Comp. H. B. Marshall, C.C., Past Grand Treasurer, is the retiring M.E.Z. of this chapter.

The Duchess of Albany has kindly consented to attend the annual "Camp Kettle" of the Esher Volunteers on Wednesday next, and distribute the prizes. By Her Royal Highness's permission a grand bazaar was opened at Claremont on Tuesday last, in aid of the enlargement of the organ in the parish church of Esher.

The farewell performance of Bro. and Mrs. Bancroft is fixed for Monday next, when the leading members of the dramatic profession will lend their aid in order to give to the occasion as much prominence as possible. The address, which has been written by Mr. Clement Scott, will be delivered by Bro. Henry Irving, and Bro. Toole will appear in a comic sketch.

At the banquet given on Tuesday evening at Merchant Taylers' Hall to the Masters and Wardens of the Skinners' Company, there were present among the guests Bros. Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., T. W. Boord, M.P., Sir W. H. B. Ffolkes, Bart., M.P., Major C. Harding, Dr. Paul, Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, and Alderman Sir R. Hanson.

Whitehead, and Alderman Sir R. Hanson. Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Col. Stanley, M.P., Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., the Hon. D. Plunket, M.P., W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., and the Lord Mayor, M.P., attended the Levée at St. James's Palace on Monday. Bros. Baron H. de Worms, M.P., Charles Dalrymple, M.P., Akers-Douglas, M.P., the Earl of Dunraven, Lord Henniker, the Earl of Kintore, and the Hon. H. S. Northcote, M.P., were presented on appointment to office, and the Marquis of Breadalbane on being advanced in the peerage. An Express Day Service between London and Antwerp will commence on the 25th inst., when the Great

An Express Day Service between London and Antwerp will commence on the 25th inst., when the Great Eastern Railway Company will run a special Continental train from Liverpool-street Station at 9 a.m. In connection with this train their fast steel paddle steamer Adelaide will leave Harwich (Parkeston Quay) at 11 a.m., arriving at Antwerp the same evening. The Service will be run every Wednesday and Saturday, and there will be a corresponding morning service from Antwerp on Tuesdays and Fridays, reaching London the same night. The ordinary week-day service leaving Liverpool-street Station at 8 p.m. every evening, reaching Antwerp and Rotterdam early the following morning, will be run in addition to the New Day Service.

following morning, will be run in addition to the New Day Service. HoLLOWAY'S PILLS,—Epidemic Diseases.—The alarming accounts of the cholera and the prevailing diarrhea should be a warning to every one to subdue at once any irregularity tending towards disease. Holloway's Pills should now be in every household to rectify all impure states of the blood, to remedy weakness, and to overcome impaired general health. Nothing can be simpler than the instructions for taking this corrective medicine, nothing more efficient than its cleansing powers, nothing more harmless than its vegetable ingredients. Holloway's is the best physic during the summer season, when decaying fruits and unwholesome vegetables are frequently deranging the howels, and daily exposing thousands, through their negligence in permitting disordered action, to the dangers of diarrhea, dysentery, and cholera.—[Apvr.]

Bro. Alderman Cowan will distribute the prizes, on Monday next, the 27th inst., at Aske's, Hatcham Boys' School.

Bro. Lord Arthur Hill was re-elected member for County Down by a very considerable majority on Wednesday, the Sth instant.

Bro. Edmund Yates presided on Saturday, the 11th inst., at the annual dinner, at the Albion, Aldersgatestreet, of the staff of the *World* newspaper.

We have much pleasure in announcing that the Aldersgate Chapter, No. 1657, voted, at its recent meeting, a sum of five guineas towards the Levander Testimonial Fund.

Bro. Pope, Q.C., appeared before the House of Lords Committee on Tuesday, and opened the case on behalf of the now pending Metropolitan Board of Works. Bill.

A patent has been signed for the appointment of Bro. John Walker, M.A., Cheltenham, as Prov. Grand M.M.M. of Gloucestershire, in succession to Bro. Rev. C. R. Davy, who has resigned.

Bro. Kennard's bill for enfranchising the Police is backed by, among others, Bros. Sir H. D. Wolff, Lord Claud Hamilton, the Lord Mayor, and George Elliot. The second reading is fixed for Thursday next, the 23rd instant.

Bro. T. Eccleston Gibbs has been definitively accepted as candidate at the approaching General Election in the Liberal interest by the East St. Pancras Liberal Council of One Hundred.

Bro. Colonel Sir Archibald C. Camphell, of Blythswood, Bart., G.M. of Scotland, has agreed to lay the foundation stone of the new Public Hall Buildings at Kirriemuir, with full Masonic honours, on the 18th prox.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., and the Sheriffswill attend divine service at St. Helen's Church, Great St. Helen's, on Sunday, when the Rev. Canon Spence will preach a sermon in aid of the Poor Clergy Relief Corporation.

On Monday the Prince of Wales, accompanied by the Princess of Wales and the Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud of Wales, opened the Kettlewell Convalescent Home, recently established at Swanley in connection with St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

The Summer Number of "Society" is just published. It is a big sixpennyworth, the principal features being a remarkable powerful story called "Calumny," by Mrs. Leith Adams, and a new and very charming poem, "Roses and Rue," by Mr. Oscar Wilde.

The Prince and Princess of Wales and suite left Marlborough House for Yorkshire on Tuesday, and on Wednesday their Royal Highnesses visited Leeds for the purpose of opening the new buildings of the Yorkshire College.

We are sure our readers will cordially unite with us in expressing sympathy with our esteemed Bro. D. P. Cama in the loss he has recently sustained through the death of his mother. The deceased lady, who was highly respected in Bombay, departed this life on the 7th inst.

Bros. Richardson-Gardner, M.P., and Sir Joseph Devereux were members of a deputation from the Royal Borough of Windsor, which waited on the Queen at Windsor Castle, on Friday, the 10th inst., for the purpose of presenting to Her Majesty an address of congratulation on the occasion of the Princess Beatrice's marriage.

In accordance with our announcement last week the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk held its annual meeting at Lowestoft, under the auspices of the Unity Lodge, No. 71, and the St. Margaret Lodge, No. 1452, on Monday, the 13th inst. Everything passed off very successfully, as will be seen from the full account we shall have space enough to publish in our issue of next week.

have space enough to publish in our issue of next week. Bro. Col. Sir Francis and Lady Burdett, the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, and Bro. Lord Balfour of Burleigh were among those present at the meeting at St. James's Hall, on Thursday, the 9th inst., of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, when the Princess Frederica of Cumberland distributed the prizes to the writers of the successful essays, given annually by the Society.

The first anniversary meeting of the London Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children was held at the Mansion House, on Friday, the toth inst. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., the chair was taken by Mr. Alderman Cotton, and among those present were Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury, K.G., the Baroness and Bro. Burdett-Coutts, Bro. Colonel Sir Francis and Lady Burdett, the Countess of Wharncliffe, and Lady Ellis.

Lady Ellis. We feel great pleasure in making known that the Lion and Lamb Chapter, No. 192, at its meeting, on Wednesday, the 15th inst., voted a sum of two guineas towards the testimonial now in course of being raised to that most worthy exponent of Freemasonry—Bro. Henry Muggeridge—whose fame as a Preceptor has been for so many years as familiar with the brethren generally as a household word, who, also, as Collector for the Girls' School, rendered such conspicuous service to that admirable Institution.

Bro. the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress entertained the Archbishops and Bishops of the Church of England at a banquet at the Mansion House, on Wednesday, the Sth inst. The guests included Bro. Lord and Lady Egerton of Tatton, Bro. the Hon. H. S. and Mrs. Northcote, Bro. the Right Hon. Sir John and Lady Mowbray, Bro. Alderman and Mrs. Isaacs, Bro. Alderman and Mrs. Waterlow, Bro. Alderman Sir R. Hanson, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff and Mrs. Whitehead, Bro. and Mrs. Snowden, Bro. and Mrs. Brookman, Bro. Alderman and Mrs. Crawford, Bro. 41. H: Crawford (City Solicitor) and Mrs. Crawford, Bro. and Mrs. Dresser Rogers, Bro. Alderman Savory, Bro. the Rev. J. E. Cox, D.D., P.G.C., Bro. the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Tristram, and Bro. Deputy and Mrs. East.

3,000,000 tins of CHAMPION'S MUSTARD were sold in London alone during the past year. Why was this so? Because the public, having satisfied themselves it was the best and cheapest gave it a preference over all others,-ADVT.