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It seldom happens there are so many new appointments in the higher ranks of the Craft as have been made this year, and still less frequently does it happen that the installation of five provincial chiefs is arranged to take place within the brief space of a single week. Yet as regards these exceptional occurrences the year 1885 is a memorable one. No less than six distinguished brethren have been appointed to the high office of Provincial Grand Master. Of these six, one—R.W. Bro. T. W. TEW—was installed in April last Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire in succession to Sir HENRY EDWARDS, Bart., whose services, however, are still, happily, available to his brethren should they ever see fit to take counsel from his long and varied experience. In August Sir HEDWORTH WILLIAMSON, Bart., was installed Provincial Grand Master of Durham, in place of the late lamented Marquis of LONDONDERRY, who had been just long enough in office to influence the brethren he ruled over to desire its continuance for many, many years. Before the current week is ended the roll of Provincial Grand Lodges and Provincial Grand Masters will have been extended; what was the Province of North Wales and Shropshire, under the genial sway of the late Sir W. WILLIAMS WYNN, Bart., having been divided, North Wales and Shropshire being now constituted as separate and distinct provinces, the former under R.W. Bro. Lord HARLECH, whose installation at Wrexham as Provincial Grand Master was arranged for to-day (Friday); and the latter, under R.W. Bro. Sir OFFLEY WAKEMAN, who was to be installed at Shrewsbury—by the Grand Secretary, not, as stated last week, by Bro. the Earl of LATHOM, D.G.M.—on Thursday. On Wednesday next, the 28th instant, the Earl of JERSEY will be formally invested with the insignia of Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire, in place of the late Duke of ALBANY, Lord LRIKH, Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire, being the officiating Master; and the same day will in all probability see M.E. Comp. the Rev. H. A. PICKARD, P.G. Chaplain of England, installed as Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons in the same province. The day following at Bedford, the Provincial Grand Master designate—Col. WILLIAM STUART, P.G.W. of England—of the newly-created Province of Bedfordshire will be installed by Col. CLERKE, Grand Secretary; so that if all the present arrangements are carried out, there will have been installed in office within the short space of a week four Provincial Grand Masters and a Provincial Grand Superintendent. In Royal Arch Masonry Comp. TEW, on 24th August last, was installed Prov. G. Supt of West Yorkshire vice Comp. Sir H. EDWARDS, Bart., resigned, but there are still vacancies to be filled—in Durham, in place of the late Marquis of LONDONDERRY, Provincial Grand Superintendent; and in North Wales, in that of the late Sir W. WILLIAMS-WYNN, Provincial Grand Superintendent; the new provinces of Shropshire and Bedfordshire not having the regulation number of chapters to warrant the constitution of Provincial Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masonry for either. We can only hope, as we believe, that the newly-appointed brethren will prove as successful in their rule and in winning the esteem and respect of the brethren they rule over as were their several predecessors.

WE are in a position to announce that at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge in December next two brethren will be nominated as candidates for the office of Grand Treasurer, namely, Bro. R. B. MARTIN, M.P., and Bro. D. P. CAMA. Both are undoubtedly good men, and, having both rendered good suit and service to the Craft in their respective spheres of labour, are well worthy of the honour they aspire to. They are liberal supporters of our Institutions, and have on several occasions exerted themselves in the capacity of Festival Steward to promote their welfare. Bro. MARTIN is, perhaps, best known to our readers as having held for several years past the office of Treasurer to that strong and influential lodge, the Westminster and Keystone, No. 10, and Bro. CAMA by the active part he has taken in our recent Charity Festivals. Both, too, are men of substance and position—Bro. MARTIN being a member of Parliament as well

as of the great banking fraternity; while Bro. CAMA is a Parsee merchant resident in London, whose family have for years been prominently connected with the mercantile and commercial interests of Bombay. As regards the honourable rivalry on which these brethren are about to embark we say nothing. We have fought successfully for the principle of annually electing a new Grand Treasurer, and the justice of that principle being now universally accepted, we hold ourselves impartially aloof from expressing any opinion in favour, or otherwise, of either candidate.

It is quite possible, and even probable, that if our American friends more clearly understood the dispute between the Grand Lodges of Quebec and England, or, rather we should say the dispute which the Grand Lodge of Quebec has deliberately fastened upon the Grand Lodge of England, we should not find so many of them sympathising with the former in its conduct towards the latter. There ought to be no great difficulty in determining the rights and wrongs of the question between these two bodies. It is by no means an intricate one; no profound knowledge of Masonic jurisprudence is required in order to settle the point at issue, and if ever there was a case in which the policy of letting things slide should have been adopted by the aggrieved party—we had almost said the aggressive party, but we have no desire to speak harshly—that is to say, by the youthful and inexperienced Grand Lodge of Quebec, it is in this infinitely petty difference which that Grand Lodge has gone out of its way to establish against England. The latter never formulated the idea of in the slightest degree intertending with the jurisdictional rights of Quebec. Many years ago it expressed its willingness to recognise and respect those rights, on the sole condition that its own undoubted rights were recognised and respected in turn. But it does not appear to have consorted with its notion of what was due to its own dignity for Quebec to accept that very proper condition imposed by our Grand Lodge, and the fraternal intercourse which might have been established between the two bodies has never been permitted to exist. Still, everything might have gone smoothly enough, if only Quebec had been content to exhibit a little more of that tact and patience which are so generally presumed to rank among the attributes of Freemasonry. We have all heard a good deal about the almost unexampled degree of forbearance exhibited by Quebec towards England; its respect and veneration for the latter; and its unquenchable desire to live with it on terms of peace and amity. Yet England may, with a very clear conscience, say in this matter to its transatlantic antagonist, "Methinks you do protest too much." It is England which would have left things to take their natural course, caring only to preserve inviolate its rights and privileges; and but for Quebec having first manufactured its alleged grievance out of the just determination of the three English lodges in Montreal to remain in obedience to the Grand Lodge which created them, rather than join Quebec, and the care with which it has gone on airing that grievance ever since, there would have been no difference whatever between the two jurisdictions. Indeed, as far as our Grand Lodge is concerned, and the position it has consistently held towards Quebec, it may be said that even now there is no difference in their relations. It is Quebec which, without rhyme or reason, has set up the quarrel, while England notes the proceedings of its wilful little friend the enemy, regretfully, no doubt, but with a calm and dignified indifference.

OF course, there is nothing new in the foregoing remarks, nor should we have gone out of our way to lay them before our readers had there been no new provocation to utter them; the question has been discussed almost *ad nauseam* already. It happens, however, that the *Voice of Masonry* for the current month contains a very sharp and severe criticism of the position taken up by Quebec towards the English Craft. The *Voice*, as our readers are aware, is one of the most intelligent and best conducted of American Masonic journals. Its opinions are formed not hastily, but judiciously, that is, after carefully weighing all the pros and cons of the matter in dispute. It is, therefore, the more gratifying to find that in the petulant display of hostility now being exhibited by Quebec towards the Grand Lodge of England, its sympathies are wholly with the latter. It must not be supposed that in thus expressing its opinion the *Voice* is disloyal to the American views of Grand Lodge sovereignty. There is no mistaking the tone in which it declares its allegiance to these views. But the Grand Lodge of Maine having, at its annual communication in May last, accepted a resolution to the effect "that no one hailing from the Province of Quebec, and claiming to be a Mason, shall be recognised as such unless he hail from a lodge under the obedience of the Grand Lodge of that province," the *Voice* very pertinently remarks that this is tantamount to "depriving Masons of their rights and privileges without charges, trial, or

conviction;" that "if assumed sovereignty over lodges demands such sacrifice of Masonic principle and right, then, verily, the cost is too great;" that "we firmly sustain Masonically acquired Grand Lodge sovereignty, but cannot sanction assumed authority over lodges, nor see that any Grand Lodge has the right to make such an order as that above given;" and that "to us such a ruling seems grossly un-Masonic, and one that ought not to be obeyed by any lodge or Mason." It is true this is no more than a condemnation of the sentence of outlawry passed against the brethren of the three English lodges in Montreal by the Grand Lodge of Maine. But it must be remembered that in agreeing to the above resolution, the Grand Lodge of Maine endorses the action towards the said English lodges of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and if the *Voice* thus severely condemns Maine for endorsing the action of Quebec, *à fortiori*, must it be said to condemn even more severely still the body—that is, the Grand Lodge of Quebec—which originally decreed the sentence of outlawry. For ourselves, we are the more pleased at this outspoken denunciation of a most unwarrantable course of procedure on the part of both Maine and Quebec, because the true and legitimate character of the American doctrine of Grand Lodge sovereignty is so clearly set forth. It is as though it had said in so many words—We allow unhesitatingly that Quebec has the right to outlaw its own members; but we unhesitatingly deny its right to outlaw the members of lodges which, for good and sufficient reasons of their own, have always steadfastly refused to pay it allegiance.

CONSECRATION OF THE DUNELM MARK LODGE, No. 356, AT DURHAM.

The first lodge of Mark Master Masons was consecrated in the Freemasons' Hall, Durham, on Friday, the 16th inst. The lodge was named the Dunelm Lodge, No. 356. The ceremony of consecration was performed by Bro. H. H. Tristram, Prov. G.M., assisted by

Bros. T. V. Strachan, D. Prov. G.M.; D. Sinclair, Prov. G.J.W.; John Strachan, Prov. G.J.O.; W. E. Franklin, Prov. G. Treas.; John Reid, Prov. G. Chaplain; J. Straker Wilson, Prov. G. Sec.; A. S. Fowler, Prov. G.D.C.; S. Wilson, W.M. 240, Prov. G.S.D.; W. T. Clarke, Prov. G. Stwd.; and W. Atkinson, Prov. G. Tyler. Amongst the other brethren present were Bros. W. Crawford, 124; W. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.I.O. 124; E. Sutherst, 124; J. Lawson, 124; Jos. Wetherell, 39; T. A. Hunter, 124 and 39; G. Lazenby, 122; W. Green, 192; R. Weddell, 192; R. A. Benson, 250; G. Wilson, 250; W. E. Cannon, 293; J. G. Smith, 293; J. Taylor Harrison, 293; J. Ferguson, 135; J. A. Hall, 124; Thomas Coulson, 124; S. F. Bousfield, 250; G. Harrison, 250; Charles Hill Drury, 250; R. B. Reed, P.G.S.W.; William Atkinson, 39; M. T. Clarke, 75 and 164; T. B. Nichols; R. Hudson, 124, Prov. G.M.O.; A. Carr, 124; Wm. Brotherhood, 124; J. Carter, 124; and W. Robertson, 124.

Bro. TRISTRAM delivered a very able and learned address on the origin and value of Mark Masonry.

Bro. W. Logan was duly installed W.M. by Bro. T. V. Strachan, D.P.G.M. The W.M. then appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. A. Carr, S.W.; Jos. Lawson, J.W. (who were named in the warrant); and others.

The brethren afterwards dined together at the Rose and Crown Hotel.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above body was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Halifax, on Wednesday, the 14th inst., under the banner of the Fearnley Lodge, No. 58. This latter body met at two p.m., and the lodge was opened by Bro. Radcliffe, W.M., who was well supported by his officers and Past Masters. After the previous minutes had been confirmed the ballot was taken for W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler, when, owing to the death of Bro. Spencer, S.W., Bro. Lee, J.W., was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. Normanton, P.M., re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. Hodgson, P.M., re-elected Tyler. The ballot was then taken for Bro. Farrah, who was unanimously elected, and then advanced to the Degree of Mark Master by the W.M., several provincial brethren being present to witness the working.

At 4.30 p.m. the R.W. Bro. Mason, P.G.M.M., accompanied by his Deputy, Bro. the Rev. W. C. Lukis, M.A., and the following Provincial Grand Officers, viz.,

Bros. Joseph W. Monckman, P.G. Stwd., P.P.G.W., as P.G.S.W.; Charles Crabtree, P.G.J.W.; John Barker, P.G. Stwd., P.P.G.W.; Thomas Whitaker, P.P.G.W.; Austin Roberts, P.P.G.W.; Richard Nelson, P.G.M.O.; Henry Richard Waghorn, P.P.G.O., as P.G.S.O.; Joseph Lister P. Pugh, P.G.J.O.; Richard Worsick, P.P.G.O.; Rev. Wm. Dunn, M.A., P.G. Chap.; George Normanton, P.G.I. of W., P.G. Treas.; George Henry Radcliffe, P.G. Reg.; Hugh Sugden Holdsworth, P.P.G. Reg.; William Cooke, P.G.S.O., P.G. Sec.; John Wm. Bailey, P.S.G.D.; Henry France, P.P.G.S.B., as P.J.G.D.; George Marshall, P.P.G.O., as P.G.I. of W.; William F. Tomlinson, P.G.D. of C.; Thomas Clarke, A.G.D. of C.; Jesse Arthur Thornton, P.P.G.D. of C.; Christopher T. Rhodes, P.P.G.W., as P.G. Swd. Br.; John Turner, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Needham Pickering, P.G. Org.; Rev. Dr. Smyth, P.P.G. Chap., as P.G.I.G.; James Gooding Lee, P.G. Stwd.; William R. Massie, P.G. Stwd.; George Hill, P.G. Stwd.; and Thomas Hodgson, as P.G. Tyler,

Entered the room in procession, when the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, and the Prov. Grand Master and his officers were duly saluted.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in response to the salutation, expressed the pleasure it gave him to see so many brethren present, and addressed them at some length upon various matters connected with the Order. He also referred to the loss sustained since the last meeting through the death of Bro. Wrigley, P.P.G.W., of Huddersfield, and Bro. Spencer, P.G.I. of W., of Halifax, both of whom had been zealous and hard-working members.

On the roll of lodges being called, every lodge in the province was found to be represented.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY read a letter from R.W. Bro. Tew, Prov. Grand Master (Craft) of West Yorks, in reply to the congratulations sent from this Provincial Grand Lodge on his recent installation, and it was ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Apologies for non-attendance from absent officers were then accepted; but it was found that two from Sheffield had sent no apology.

Bro. G. Normanton, Past G.I. of W., was then unanimously re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer, after which the Prov. Grand Master invested the following brethren as the Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing 12 months:

Bro. Rev. W. C. Lukis, M.A., Prince Leopold Lodge	Dep. Prov. G.M.
" Henry France, Integrity Lodge ...	Prov. G.S.W.
" John Lister P. Pugh, Truth Lodge ...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. Dr. Smyth, Prince Leopold Lodge ...	Prov. G.M.O.
" George Henry Radcliffe, Fearnley Lodge ...	Prov. G.S.O.
" John William Bailey, Copley Lodge... ..	Prov. G.J.O.
" Rev. Edwin Castle, Copley Lodge ...	Prov. G. Chap.
" G. Normanton, Past G.I. of W., Fearnley Lodge	Prov. G. Treas.
" Wm. Frederick Tomlinson, Copley Lodge ...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Wm. Cooke, Past G.S.O., Fearnley Lodge ...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Thomas Clarke, Britannia Lodge ...	Prov. G.S.D.
" John Turner, Old York Lodge ...	Prov. G.J.D.
" James Henry Gratton, Truth Lodge... ..	Prov. G.I. of W.
" Wm. R. Massie, Portal Lodge ...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" George Hill, Copley Lodge ...	Prov. G.A.D. of C.
" James Gooding Lee, Fearnley Lodge... ..	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" Henry H. Styring, Britannia Lodge... ..	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" John N. Pickering, Britannia Lodge... ..	Prov. G. Org.
" E. J. Massie, Portal Lodge ...	Prov. G.I.G.
" Charles Greenwood, Fearnley Lodge ...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" George Althorp, Old York Lodge ...	
" F. Smith, Prince Leopold Lodge ...	

Votes of condolence were passed to the widows and families of Bros. Wrigley and Spencer.

The two Wardens and three Overseers were appointed on the General Purposes Committee, in place of those whose term of office had expired.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed. The chair was next taken by Bro. Radcliffe, when, "Hearty good wishes" having been given, the Fearnley Lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the dining room, where, under the presidency of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master (after partaking of a substantial repast), a pleasant evening was passed; but, owing to the long meeting, several of the brethren had to leave early, in order to catch the various trains. The meeting was one of the best ever held in the province, and augurs well for the future prosperity of the Order. The lodges are getting in good working order, and more candidates are offering themselves for advancement.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX.

The annual meeting of the brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Friday afternoon, the 16th inst. The R.W. Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, M.P., Provincial Grand Master, presided, and was supported by the W. Bro. John Henderson Scott, P.G.D., Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the following officers:

Bros. General C. W. Randolph, Prov. G.S.W.; Major G. C. D'Albiac, Prov. G.J.W.; E. R. Currie, Prov. G. Chap.; W. A. Tooth, Prov. G. Chap.; R. Crosskey, Prov. G. Treas.; V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec.; F. Rossiter, Prov. G.S.D.; A. H. Dowell, Prov. G.J.D.; C. W. Tomes, Prov. G.S. of W.; B. Bennett, Prov. G.A.D.C.; W. Skindle, Prov. G. Std. Br.; W. Ardley, Prov. G. Org.; B. Burfield, Prov. G.A. Sec.; T. Wilkinson, Prov. G. Purst.; F. Daniel, J. T. Musson, A. T. Long, W. A. Cardwell, and W. Thomas, Prov. G. Stwds.; and T. Hughes, Tyler. The following distinguished brethren—Present and Past Officers of the Grand Lodge of England and of the Provincial Grand Lodge—were also present: Bros. Colonel H. Clerke, Grand Secretary of England; F. Binckes, P.G. Stwd.; David Smith, P.G.D.D.C.; G. B. McWhinnie, P.P.G.S.D.; W. Marchant, P.P.G.A.D.C.; C. C. Cook, P.P.G.S. of W.; T. Trollope, P.P.G.S.W.; O. N. Wyatt, P.P.G.S. of W.; A. King, P.P.G. Org.; W. Denies, P.P.G.R.; A. Taylor, P.P.G.J.D.; T. Francis, P.G.D.; W. Turner, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Smith, P.G.S.B.; C. Coupland, P.P.G.J.W. Kent; J. Hurst, P.P.G.P. Middlesex; J. M. Reed, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Eberall, P.P.G.S. of W.; A. Smith, P.P.G.S. of W.; C. J. Corder, P.P.G.S.W.; G. S. Godfree, P.P. G.S.W.; J. Harrison, P.P.G.S. of W. Hants; C. W. Duke, P.P.G.D.; C. J. Smith, P.P.G.W.; H. Davey, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Peters, P.P.G.D.; G. Stone, P.P. G.S.W.; C. R. Burrell, P.P.G.S.W.; C. Pileis, P.G.S.B.; J. H. Matthews, P.G. Std. Br.; F. Richardson, P.G.D.; C. Tompkinson, P.P.G.S. of W.; B. Roberts P.P.G.S. of W.; J. M. Kidd, P.P.G.S.W.; and C. G. Reed, P.P.G.S.D. The officer and brethren of the various lodges present included Bros. J. R. Holland, 1466; A. M. Betchloy, W.M. 1619; R. Blaker, P.M. 311; Sir Francis Knowles, W.M. 1726; R. T. Eelman, P.M. 1303; J. Hills, S.W. 1141; L. B. Henderson, J.W. 1141; H. M. Goral, 38; G. E. Chapman, W.M. 311; T. Honeywood, 1141; E. Collings, Senior Warden 56; G. Holman, Junior Warden, 311; W. Thompson, Inner Guard, 1110; G. Rawlinson, Sec. 1797; C. J. Hollands, S.D. 1797; J. T. Musson, P.M. 1797; E. Broadbridge, P.M. 1636, P.M. 1797; A. Hounson; G. D. Woolgar; J. Every, S.W. 311; H. Kent, W.M. 315; Anderson, S.W. 315; Beaumont, 315; G. Cole, W.M. 1636; W. Nell, W.M. 732; C. Nye, S.W. 732; W. D. Hone, P.M. 311; J. Peters, P.M. 311; H. Cheal, W.M. 1829; J. F. Cawston, I.P.M. 1726; G. Campbell, W.M. 271; R. L. Slatford, J.D. 1726; A. Lloyd, S.D. 1726; W. Cawston, W.M. 341; T. Smith, S.W. 1619; H. Hart, Stwd. 1821; T. Berry, S.W. 1821; H. Wilkins, P.M. 725; J. Hopkinson, P.M. 1619; W. H. Wright, J.D. 1465; F. Warne, S.W. 1465; G. R. Lockyer, P.M. 315; J. Taylor, 811; J. P. M. Smith, P.M. 271; Shaft, W.M. 711; Cooper, W.M. 916; Wood, W.M. 1141; E. W. J. Hennah, P.M. and Sec. 40; S. Peters, P.M. 1829; C. H. Haine, W.M. 1110; H. H. Jordan, W.M. 851; C. M. Bennett, J.W. 851; E. S. W. Crosskey, S.D. 1851; W. Peters, 311; F. Plowman, W.M. 40; W. H. Rew, I.P.M. 40; J. H. Hawes, Sec., 38; J. Morris, 1636; G. Nash, J.W. 1947; J. O. F. Riviere, 271; C. J. Smith, 1797; F. F. J. Greenfield, J.W. 1465; H. Roberts, 811; Seymour Burrows, J.D. 811; A. T. Lanotte, 271; J. Jefferey, 1636; F. E. Sawyer, Stwd. 1636; O. Embling, 182; Abell, 1797; Golding, 315; F. Duke, 46; H. Kemball Cook, P.M. 811; Dennant, P.M. 271; Du Pont, 732; Medcalf, 1947; Sergison, P.M. 1465; W. R. Wood, jun., I.P.M. 1636; and others.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the report of the Board of Finance, with the Secretary's accounts, were adopted, also the report of the Charities' Committee.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY next gave statistics showing the progress of each lodge during the year.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then gave a brief address, drawing especial attention to the consolidation of the voting powers of the province, and urging upon those possessing votes the advisability of entrusting them to the

Charities' Committee, in order that the best possible use should be made of them. He gave interesting particulars of his visit to the Masonic School for Girls, and the excellent training which the children received. Bro. R. Crosskey was unanimously elected Prov. Grand Treasurer.

The Provincial Grand Master then appointed the following brethren Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year, and invested those present with the insignia of their respective offices, viz. :-

Bro. W. Dawes, P.M. 341	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" Sir Francis Knowles, Bart., W.M. 1726	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. E. R. Currie, Dean of Battle, W.M. 1184	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. W. A. Tooth, W.M. 1821	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Gerard Ford, P.M. 271	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" R. Crosskey, P.M. 1303	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" V. P. Freeman, P.M. 732	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" B. Burfield, P.M. 1821	...	...	Prov. G.A. Sec.
" A. Cardwell, P.M. 916	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" F. Daniel, P.M. 732	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" J. Harrison, P.M. 1829	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" E. W. J. Hennah, P.M. 40	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" A. T. Long, P.M. 1726	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" O. Lloyd, P.M. 38	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" Thomas, P.M. 1141	...	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
" J. T. Musson, 1797	...	...	Prov. G.A. St.B.
" W. Ardley, S.W. 811	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. Hopkinson, P.M. 1619	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" R. H. Ellman, P.M. 1303	...	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
" R. Blaker, P.M. 311	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" G. R. Lockyer, P.M. 315	...	...
" H. Kembell Cook, P.M. 811	...	...
" C. H. Haine, W.M. 1110	...	...
" J. Stedman, P.M. 1303	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" E. Broadbridge, P.M. 1636 and 1797	...	...
" T. Hughes	...	...

All business being ended, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form, when the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, served up in admirable style by Bros. Sayers and Marks, whose catering gave the greatest satisfaction. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master presided, and the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

During the evening an excellent programme of music was contributed by Bros. J. A. Brown, W. Coates, E. Dalzell, and F. Bevan, vocalists; and Herr Schwartz, zither. Bro. W. Ardley, Prov. Grand Organist, who had presided at the organ during the afternoon with great ability, presided at the pianoforte.

CENTENNIAL OF THE CHAPTER OF CONCORD, No. 37, BOLTON.

This ancient chapter, working from 1768, chartered 1785, celebrated its centenary, from the date of its charter, on Monday, the 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Swan Hotel, Bolton.

The history of the chapter has just been written by its M.E.Z., Comp. James Newton, with an introduction by Comp. W. J. Hughan, and contains a photographic portrait of Comp. G. P. Brockbank, of Bolton, Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies; the publisher of the work being Bro. George Kenning, *Freemason* office.

The members of the chapter had been hoping to obtain a centenary charter, having petitioned Grand Chapter for that purpose, but in consequence of an unfortunate period of 10 years, from 1791 to 1801, during which no meetings of the chapter are recorded, the Committee of Grand Chapter could not grant the centenary charter. The members of the chapter may, however, feel proud of the fact that they may justly claim to be the senior on the roll of all chapters in England now existing as respects its origin and work by "modern" brethren, though, of course, its warrant is later than several, because it for many years worked under the wing of the lodge without any other authority. And its legitimacy, at all events, even when independent, was directly admitted by the "regular" Grand Chapter of England, in 1769, when three brethren, exalted in the chapter, were granted a charter for a chapter at Bury.

The proceedings on Monday commenced at five o'clock, at which hour the chapter was opened, there being present Comps. James Newton, P.P. G.S.N., Z.; Johnson Mills, H.; E. M. Garstang, J.; G. P. Brockbank, G. Asst. D.C., Scribe E.; John Booth, P.S.; Jas. Naylor, 2nd A.S.; Jas. Walker, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Saml. Isherwood, P.Z.; James Brown, J. W. Roiley, Janitor; Thos. Higson, Asst. Janitor; and Wm. Forrest. Also as visitors: Comps. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, Prov. G.H.; J. H. Sillitoe, Prov. G.J.; John Chadwick, Prov. G. Scribe E.; G. A. Mort, Z. 221; J. Boothroyd, H. 221; E. G. Harwood, J. 221; Nathl. Nicholson, P.Z. 221; Wm. Cooper, H. 348; J. F. Skelton, J. 348; Thomas Grime, P.Z. 345; Josh. Rawlinson, 345; Jno. Vickers, 758; and R. R. Lissenden, 317 (*Freemason*).

The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, the SCRIBE E. read a letter from the Grand Superintendent, Col. Le G. N. Starkie, explaining that his engagements in Scotland prevented his being present, and congratulating the chapter on the auspicious event. The Scribe also read a letter from Comp. W. J. Hughan, expressing his regret at not being able to be present, and giving a few interesting facts relating to the chapter. He pointed out that the chapter was at work prior to the issue of any warrants by the Grand Chapter of the "regular" Freemasons London, and, as far as he could discover, the chapter has the earliest records of any chapter supported by the regular Masons or "Moderns" of any outside the Metropolis. Also, that the present members had reason to be proud that their predecessors conferred the Royal Arch on three brethren

from Bury, who subsequently obtained a charter from the London Grand Chapter to hold a chapter at Bury, and which chapter has recently obtained a centenary warrant as from 1769. He also remarked that Bolton is noted in Royal Arch history for its connection with the "Atholl" Masons, or "Ancients," the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 146, being one of the only two known in this country which had a chapter of that Degree under its wing which kept separate records, the other being present No. 130, Southampton, whose history he had written in the *Freemason* of September 12th, 1885.

The M.E.Z. addressed a few words of welcome to all the companions who had honoured the chapter with their presence on the occasion.

The SCRIBE E. read an epitome of the chapter's history since 1768 narrating many interesting circumstances in connection therewith.

Hearty congratulations were tendered by the Prov. Grand Principals, and also by the Principals of the sister chapter in Bolton, and the other visiting companions, which were suitably acknowledged by the M.E.Z.

The following companions were elected as Principals and officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Comps. Johnson Mills, Z.; E. M. Garstang, H.; John Booth, J.; Jas. Newton, Scribe E.; John Morris, N.; John Hardcastle, P.S.; G. P. Brockbank, Treas.; and Jas. Brown, Director of Ceremonies.

The hearty congratulations of the chapter were given to Comp. G. P. Brockbank (an old and worthy member of the chapter) on his recent appointment as Assistant Director of Ceremonies in the Grand Chapter.

After the interesting proceedings in the chapter, the companions dined together, and subsequently assembled around the social board.

The M.E.Z., Comp. NEWTON, proposed "The Health of the Queen," "The Prince of Wales, Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons," and "The Grand Officers."

Comp. GEORGE PARKER BROCKBANK, Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies, and Comp. CLEMENT R. N. BESWICKE-ROYDS, Prov. Grand H., responded. The latter companion, in the course of his reply, pointed out some discrepancies and absurdities in the present Royal Arch ritual, and strongly advocated a revision thereof, in order that uniformity of working might be the rule rather than the exception. Comp. Royds also commented upon the increased advantages now to be met with for the comfort and convenience of Royal Arch Masons in the newly-constructed Masonic Temple at Freemasons' Hall, London, where there was better ventilation than formerly, and accommodation for nearly 100 more visitors. In conclusion, Comp. Royds said he congratulated Comp. George Parker Brockbank upon the distinguished honours which he had this year received from both Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, but which were so much his due.

Comp. BROCKBANK said he could not very well account for the reason why such honours had been conferred upon him, and hoped he should prove himself worthy of them.

Comp. WALKER next proposed "The Health of the R.W. Prov. Grand Superintendent, Comp. Le Gendre N. Starkie," which was heartily drunk.

Comp. ISHERWOOD proposed "The Present and Past Prov. Grand Second and Third Principals, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers," and, in the course of his remarks, said that since he was installed Worshipful Master in 1861 there had been many changes, and many faces had passed away that he had been familiar with in days gone by; at the same time, he felt pleased to see several companions around the table whom he had known a long time, and whom he was sure would be a credit to the chapter.

Comp. J. H. SILLITOE, Prov. Grand J., in response, said it had given him great pleasure to be present with the companions that day, and to assist at such an important gathering, the object of which was to celebrate the jubilee of one of the oldest, if not the oldest, chapter in existence, it being proved without doubt to have been formed 125 years ago. Comp. Sillitoe expatiated upon the beauties of Royal Arch Masonry, and advised companions to study its history and make themselves "au courant" with its profound and intensely interesting origin and progression. In conclusion, Comp. Sillitoe said he felt highly gratified at the reception he had had from the companions, and before he sat down would propose the health of one of the most ardent students and zealous workers in Freemasonry—Comp. Newton, M.E.Z. of the chapter. (Applause.)

The toast was enthusiastically responded to, and heartily drunk, after which

Comp. NEWTON replied, and stated that he took a great interest in Freemasonry, and had done so for many years. He had studied its history, and had endeavoured to make himself familiar with its working from the commencement. He had in his possession nearly 200 Masonic books, from which he had gathered a deal of valuable information, and which, if ever the time arrived when the brethren in Bolton thought it advisable to build a Masonic Hall of their own, he should feel happy to place in a library, to be lent to any brother who might wish to profit by the experience of the various authors.

Several other toasts were proposed, including "The Three Principals of the Concord Chapter," "The Visitors," &c., and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

ROSICRUCIAN THOUGHTS ON THE EVER- BURNING LAMPS OF THE ANCIENTS.

BY DR. WM. WYNN WESTCOTT, FRA. ROS. CRUCIS, VIII^o.
(An Essay read before the Rosicrucian Society of England.)

(Concluded from page 497).

Rosicrucian and Alchemical doctrines, especially their views on the connection between Fire and Water, are brought into close apposition to the dogmas of the religion of the Hebrews in some portions, at least, of the sacred writings, notably in the volume of the "Maccabees," Book II., cap. I., where we are told that when the Jews were led captive into Persia, the priest took the Sacred Fire from the Altar, and hid it in a dry, hollow place. Many years after, in more favourable times, Nehemiah sent priests to fetch this fire, nothing doubting its existence; they found *water* only in its stead. Nehemiah caused an altar of sacrifice to be made of wood and other materials, and this *water* was poured upon them, before all the people; when the clouds of the sky passed away, and the sun appeared; then the *water* that had been poured over the sacrifice burst into flame. The connection between Fire and Water again becomes prominent when we note the miracle of Elijah, who made a sacrificial altar, poured *water* on it, and fire from

heaven burned up the water, on the occasion when he condemned the priests of Baal who could not do likewise. — See Kings I., cap. xviii. Blavatsky claims that at the present time the priests of the secret temples of the Buddhists in Tibet, India, and Japan, use asbestos as a wick in lamps, which burn continuously without replenishing. Trithemius, Libavius, his commentator, and Korndorf, about the year 1500, each composed a material, by chemical processes, which they professed would burn for ever. Mateer, a reverend missionary, states that he knew of a great golden lamp in a hollow place inside a temple at Trevandrum, kingdom of Travancore, which he had the best authority for believing had burned continuously for 120 years. The Abbé Huc, a great traveller, states that he has seen and examined an Everburning Lamp.

By the Levitical Law—Lev. vi., v. 13—the fire on the altar of Jehovah was never to be allowed to go out; but we are not told that it was ever burning without supply. It has been suggested that if everburning lamps were ever known, they would have been found in this application; but we know that the sacred flame was allowed to go out, and was renewed from heaven on several occasions.—Lev. ix., 24; 2 Chron. vii., 1; 1 Kings xviii., 38. Other writers have taken the other side of the argument, viz., that the gift of a flame that would need no attention would have tended to idolatry, to which the Israelites were ever prone. The Chaldeans and Persians used to maintain a perpetual fire in the temples.

Certain scholars have considered that the "window" mentioned as placed in the Ark of Noah was not such, as during a period of prolonged cloud and storm a window would not light such a chamber. In the Hebrew version of Genesis, cap. 6, v. 16, the word is tzer, which means "something transparent," and is to be compared with the similar word zer, always translated "splendour" or "light," hence they suggest that this tzer, or zer, was some form of ever burning light, or "the universal spirit fixed in a transparent body," similar to the Mysterious Urim and Thummim.

Alchemy and its successor, Chemistry, are said to have originated in Egypt, that land of ancient marvels, and, indeed, these names are intimately related, the ancient name of Egypt being Chm, or Land of Ham, from which the title Chymia, in Greek Chemi χημ and Ges Cham γης χαμ is derived. The learned Kircher writes in A.D. 1650 that several travellers in Egypt found in his time Burning Lamps in the Tombs at Memphis.

Numa Pompilius, King of Rome, who certainly experimented with the natural electricity of the clouds, built a Temple to the Nymph Egeria, and made in it a spherical dome, in which he caused to burn a Perpetual Flame of Fire in her honour; but in what manner this flame was produced we have no knowledge. Nathan Bailey, in his "Brittanic Dictionary," 1736, remarks that in the Museum of Rarities at Leyden, in Holland, there were two of these lamps, only partially destroyed.

A lamp still burning was found during the Papacy of Paul III., about 1540, in a tomb in the Appian Way at Rome, supposed to be that of Tulliola, the daughter of Cicero. The tomb was inscribed: "Tulliolæ Filiz Meæ;" she died B.C. 44; it had burned over 1550 years, and became extinguished as soon as exposed to the air; the whole body was in perfect preservation, and was found floating in a vessel of oil.—See "Pancirolius, Rerum Memorabilium Deperditurum," vol. I., p. 115, Franciscus Maturantius, Hermolaus, and Scardeonius.

Such a lamp is stated to have been found in 1401, in the reign of Hen. III., King of Castile, not far from Rome, on the Tiber, in the stone tomb of Pallas, the Arcadian, son of Evander, slain by "Turnus Rex Rotulorum" in the wars at the time of the building of Rome; nothing could extinguish the flame of this lamp until it was broken. On the tomb were the words: "Filius Evandri Pallas, quem lancea Turni militis occidit, mole sua jacet hic."—See "Martianus, Liber Chronicorum," lib. xii., cap. 67.

Two miles from Rome an inundation broke down a wall, and disclosed an ancient tomb; on the cover stone were the letters "P.M. R.C. cum Uxore;" in it an earthen urn was found; when fractured, a bituminous smoke issued; in the bottom was a lamp, which went out; the fragments were still oily; this became dry after exposure.—See "Lowthorp, Abriement of Philos. Trans.," vol. III., sec. xxxv., also No. 185, p. 227.

In a certain temple of Venus in Egypt there hung a lamp which neither rain nor wind could put out, says, St. Augustine, in his work "De Civitate Dei," lib. xxi., cap. 6, and he associates its make with Magic, and the Devil, as indeed do all Roman Catholic authorities whenever they mention any of these lamps. Fortunius Licetus describes this lamp in his work "De Reconditis Lucernis Antiquorum," cap. vi., and see "Isidorus, De Gemmis."

Ludovicus Vives, 1610, in his notes to St. Augustine, says that in his father's time, A.D. 1580, a lamp was found in a tomb, which from the inscription was 1500 years old; it fell to pieces when touched. This Commentator does not follow his master in his denunciation of these lamps, but says they must have been made by men of the greatest skill and wisdom.—See also "Maiolus, Episcopus, Colloquies."

At Edessa, or Antioch, in a recess over a gateway a burning lamp was found by the soldiers of Chosroes, King of Persia, elaborately closed in from the air. From a date inscribed it was known to have been placed there soon after the time of Christ, or 500 years before. Beside this lamp a crucifix was found fixed.—See "Fortunius Licetus," cap. vii., and Citesius in his "Abstinens Consolentanea."

In the volcanic island of Nesis, near Naples, in the year 600 a marble tomb was found, and when opened it contained a vase in which was a lamp still alight; the light paled and soon was extinguished when the vase was broken.—See "Licetus," cap. x. See "Baptista Porta, Magia Naturalis," lib. xii. cap. ult., A.D. 1658.

A very notable example occurred in the discovery of lamps buried in urns about A.D. 1500; they were taken possession of by Franciscus Maturantius, and described by him in a letter to Alphenus, his friend; they had been buried 1500 years. A labourer at Ateste, near Padua, in Italy, found a sepulchre, in which was a fictile urn, and within it there stood another urn, and in this smaller one a lamp burning brightly; and on each side of it there was a vessel, or ampulla, each of them full of pure fluid oil; one was made of gold, and the other one of silver. On the outer urn were these words engraved:—

Plutoni sacrum munus ne attingite fures,
Ignotum est vobis hoc quod in urna latet
Namque elementa gravi clausit digesta
labore,
Vase sub hoc modico Maximus Olybius.
Adsit secundo custos sibi copia cornu
Ne tanti pretium depereat laticis.

Thieves! Grasp not this gift sacred to Pluto,
Ye are ignorant of what it contains hidden,
For Maximus Olybius has enclosed in
This small urn, elements digested with
heavy toil,
Let abundance be present in a second vase
as a guardian to it,
Lest the value of so much oil should perish.

On the smaller one were these words:—

Abite hinc pessimi Fures
Vos quid vultis, vestris cum oculis emisitiis.
Abite hinc, vestro cum Mercurio
Petasato caduceato que
Donum hoc Maximum, Maximus Olybius
Plutoni sacrum facit.

Get ye hence, most wicked thieves,
What do you desire with your rolling eyes?
Get ye hence with your broad hatted Mercury
Carrying a wand with twisted snakes.
Maximus Olybius makes this,
His greatest offering, sacred to Pluto.

See "F. Licetus," cap. ix., and "Scardeonius, De Antiq. Urbis Patavine, Rubeus, De Destillatione," and "Lazius, Wolfhang," lib. iii., cap. 18.

Hermolaus Barbarus, in his Corollary to Dioscorides, speaks of a wondrous liquor to sustain combustion, known to Democritus and Trismegistus.

Jacobus Mancinus wrote to Licetus that he knew of a burning lamp dug up from the Monte Cavallo at Rome; it was still burning when found, and within it was a bituminous substance.

Plutarch in his work "De Defectu Oraculorum," states that in a Temple to Jupiter Ammon a lamp stood in the open air, and neither wind nor rain put it out, and the priests told him it had burned continually for years.—See also "Licetus," cap. v. Herodotus tells us that the Egyptians made a special and extensive use of lamps in the religious festivals, and that the Temples of King Mycerinus had many mysterious ones. Strabo, and Pausanias in his Atticus, narrate that in the Temple of Minerva Polias, at Athens, there was a mysterious lamp of gold always burning; it was made by Callimachus. The altar of the Temple of Apollo Carneus, at Cyrene, was similarly furnished. A like account is given of the great Temple of Aderbain, in Armenia, by Said Ebn Batric.

Kenealy in his "Book of God" calls attention to the name Carystios applied to the asbestine wicks of the lamps in ancient Greek temples, and draws attention to its relations to Chr. of Christos and to Eucharist, anointed with oil, as to everburning lamps before the throne, as in the Apocalypse.

Chrs.=solar fire.

Chre.=sun=he burned.

Krs.=sun=Kupios=Cyrus.

Ceres=was called Tædifera=torch bearing.

Chrs., from this also comes Eros in Greek, material light coming from ineffable light.

There is a curious reference of asbestos to fire, and the heat of the sun, in "The Ecstatic Journey to Heaven" of Kircher, where Casmiel, the genius of this world, gives Theodidaktos a boat of asbestos to embark in for his travels to and on the sun, the centre of heat.—See "Itinerar 1, Dialogue 1," cap. 5.

Irish lore recounts a mysterious everburning flame in the Temple at Kildare, sacred to St. Bridget—Daughter of Fire.—See Giraldus Cambrensis, De Mirab. Hibern. 2, xxxiv.

Khunrath, in his "Amphitheatrum Sapientiæ Eternæ," cites the ancient author of "The Apocalypse of the Sweet Spirit of Nature," as speaking of a liquid which burneth with a bright light and wastes not.

At the dissolution of the Monasteries in Britain, by order of Henry VIII., a tomb, in Yorkshire, purporting to be that of Constantius Chlorus, father of the Great Constantine, was opened and ransacked, and a lamp burning was found in it: he died 300 A.D.—See Camden "Brittania" (Gough's edition, III. p. 242 (572?).

Lazius, in his "Comment. Reipub. Romæ," writes that the Romans under the Empire possessed the secret of preserving lights in tombs by means of the oiliness of gold, resolved by their art into a fluid.—See lib. III., cap. 18.

An ancient Roman tomb was discovered in Spain, near Cordova, near the site of the ancient Castellum priscum; in this tomb was found a lamp. This lamp is described by Mr. Wetherell, of Seville.—See an essay by Wray, "Athenæum," Aug. 8th, 1846.

The last relation which I propose to cite to you is from Dr. Robert Plot, the Archæologist, written in the time of Charles the Second, as follows:—

A certain man, engaged in digging, having at a particular spot turned up the earth deeper than usual, came upon a door, which he subsequently was able to open, and found beneath it a descending passage with steps; these he descended, and ultimately, with much trepidation and many delays, he arrived at the entrance of a vault.

This underground chamber was lighted up by a lamp, which was placed in front of a statue of a man in armour sitting at a table, leaning on his left arm; in his right hand was a sceptre or weapon.

When the intruder advanced, a portion of the floor moved with his weight, and the figure became raised up, at the next step the arm was elevated, and as the man took the third step the arm descended, shattering the lamp and extinguishing it. The man was terrified, and made a hasty retreat as soon as he recovered possession of his senses sufficiently to find his way out of the vault.

The place became famous for some time as the sepulchre of a Rosicrucian, and was regarded as a triumph of mystic skill and knowledge, which at once proved the possession of undreamed of powers in the designer, and yet provided the means of as certainly keeping his secret.—See also "Spectator," No. 379, of 1712.

This essay has already extended beyond the contemplated limits, so I refrain from a long resumé. These pages provide much food for thought. That lamps have burned for long periods of time untended is testified to by more than 150 authorities, and some dozen instances of this marvel are borne witness to by a large proportion of these authors.

From the time that has elapsed since everburning lamps were found, and from the comparative ignorance of the world at that period of the distant past, comes to our minds some hesitation and doubt as to accuracy of detail, and this is unavoidable.

But the consensus of ancient opinion must point to the broad conclusion that there formerly existed an art that has been lost in the dim light of the dark ages of the world. Pancirolius catalogues many other such lost arts, and modern science is flung back baffled from the performance of many a deed which could have been freely done by the ancient sages.

Several of our most modern discoveries have been shown to have been anticipated by men who are contemptuously regarded by modern scientists. So it has ever been. Earth knows but little of its greatest men; its greatest men are but pigmies in the presence of time, antiquity, and futurity. "Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers," said the poet laureate. The Christian Rosicrucian can only exclaim—

"Lead, kindly Light, lead thou me on;
The night is dark, and I am far from home."

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, took the President's chair; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, took the chair of Senior Vice-President; and Bro. Henry Garrod, G.P., was in the chair of Junior Vice-President. There were also present Bros. A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, W. H. Lee, W. H. Perryman, E. F. Storr, Charles Dairy, G. P. Britten, W. Y. Daniell, Chas. Frederick Hogard, Geo. P. Gillard, B. J. Taylor, George Read, George Lambert, William P. Brown, P.M. 90; W. Carter P.M. 141; John Faulkner, P.M. 1423; Arthur E. Gladwell, P.M. 172; Stephen Richardson, W.M. 183; John Taylor, W.M. 554; Peter Coughlan, W.M. 144; Edwin Dodson, P.M. 72; David D. Mercer, P.M. 1611; R. J. E. Brown, I.P.M. 158; Charles Sheppard, W.M. 1366; J. Mason, P.M. 309; John Nixon, P.M. 217; Frederick T. C. Keeble, P.M. and Sec. 1426; H. Massey, P.M. 610 and 1928; W. T. Christian, P.M. 1662; E. Kidman, P.M. 1586; J. Smith, W.M. 1159; A. J. Martin, W.M. 188; H. Cox, P.M. 1471; George T. Dawson, P.M. 1853; Frederick Green, P.M. 1687; F. Ernest Pocock, W.M. 1891; Geo. Weeks, P.M. 742; R. V. Harman, W.M. 1692; John H. Harvey, W.M. 25; G. Lambert, P.M. 720; Walter Modin, W.M. 157; Geo. B. Saret, P.M. 1457; F. Egerton Bennett, P.M. 773; W. Alfred Dawson, P.M. 1768; Charles Graham, W.M. 874; A. Barfield, P.M. 35; F. Hilton, I.P.M. 1475; W. Mildred, W.M. 2024; W. H. Bale, I.P.M. 87; T. C. Walls, W.M. 1793; John L. Anderson, W.M. 206; Chas. C. Black, W.M. 29; J. M. Chapman, I.P.M. 1922; T. I. Bird, P.M. 1897; Thos. T. Nunn, W.M. 1457; Thos. W. Allen, P.M. 733; George Lambert, P.G. Swd. Br., P.M. 158; H. Venn, P.M. 23; H. Potter, P.M. 11; A. GreatRex, P.M. 22; T. H. Wentworth, P.M. 49; S. W. Cooke, P.M. 284; W. Vincent, W.M. 1194; P. Trewinnard, W.M. 228; and H. Sadler, G.T.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations made at the former meeting to the amount of £395. There were 40 new cases on the list from London, Great Stanmore, Framlingham, Liverpool, Gravesend, Cowes, Bradford, Warwick, Loughton, Sheerness, H.M.'s 31st Regiment, Zante, Wigan, Ipswich, Hampton Court, Farnworth, Lowestoft, Gibraltar, Fareham, Harrow, Twickenham, and Dartmoor. In the course of a four and a half hours' sitting, three of these were dismissed and two deferred. The remaining 35 were relieved with a total of £1185, consisting of two grants of £100 each, two of £75 each, one of £60, four of £50 each, four of £40 each, seven of £30 each, six of £20 each, four of £10 each, and four of £5 each.

INAUGURATION OF THE ROYAL SAVOY MARK LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 355.

An inaugural meeting of a Mark lodge of instruction, working under the warrant of the Royal Savoy Mark Lodge, No. 355, was held on the evening of Friday, the 16th inst., at The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury-pavement. The lodge met at seven o'clock, the hour at which it is intended it shall meet at on each Friday evening throughout the year. Bro. John Lawrence Mather, P.M. Old Kent (T.I.), had, at the request of the brethren founding the lodge, most readily consented to impart to the brethren the knowledge of the working of the ceremonies of the Degree he so fully possesses, and it was arranged on this occasion that he should take the chair. The attendance of brethren was very good, and they were in their places punctually to time. The furniture of the Metropolitan (Craft) Lodge of Instruction was generously lent to the Savoy Mark, and Bro. Scurrell made a present to the lodge of the Overseers' pedestals, seats, mallets, the wicket, and the square, oblong, and key-stones. The aprons, collars, and jewels were new for the occasion. The brethren who acted as officers were Bros. H. Massey, P.M. 22, I.P.M.; J. Willing, W.M. 355, S.W.; J. Ramsey, W.M. Old Kent (T.I.), J.W.; G. Gregory, M.O. 355, M.O.; E. Storr, S.O. 234, S.O.; H. Dickey, S.O. 355, J.O.; C. J. Knightley, Secretary 355, R.M.; W. M. Stiles, S.W. 355, Secretary; W. A. Scurrell, J.W. 355, S.D.; J. H. Batty, J.O. 355, J.D.; C. P. McKay, P.M. 139, D.C.; G. Morley, S.D. 355, I.G. A. Gammell, 234; T. C. Edmonds and J. Carter, 139; R. A. Kirkaldy, 8; G. Emblin, 239; and others were also present.

Bro. A. Gammell was the candidate, and the ceremony of advancement was performed. Afterwards, on the motion of Bro. J. Willing, seconded by Bro. Ramsey, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Mather, together with his unanimous election as Preceptor, and this having been acknowledged by Bro. Mather, Bros. F. Binckes and H. Massey were elected honorary members. Bro. J. Willing was elected Treasurer, and Bro. W. M. Stiles, Secretary. A committee was appointed to draw up the by-laws, and it was agreed that all the present members should be founders of the lodge. Bro. J. Willing was elected W.M. for the following weekly meeting, and general satisfaction was expressed with the successful opening of the new lodge. Lodge was closed shortly before nine o'clock, but the future meetings will not last much longer than an hour each, so that brethren living at a distance may be able to catch a reasonably early train for their homes.

Anything of an archaeological character is sure of kindly welcome among Freemasons, and our readers will no doubt learn with considerable pleasure that it is in contemplation to have the several Guilds or Companies with which the new Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs are connected appropriately represented in the annual Civic pageant of the 9th prox. These are the Companies of Leathersellers, Loriners, Spectacle Makers, Pewterers, Haberdashers, Broderers, and Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers, and we understand that an application has been addressed to each with a view of having the proposal carried out. It may not, of course, be possible for them all to comply, but the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers Company have given their consent, and have already entrusted to Bro. George Kenning the task of preparing the necessary representation, which, we need hardly add, is sure to prove a very imposing feature in the procession. Bro. Kenning is also preparing the badges, scarves, and rosettes to be worn by the Committee and Stewards, while Bro. Paget has charge of the decoration of the Ward of Aldersgate, of which Bro. Staples, Lord Mayor elect is the Alderman.

The Craft Abroad.

GRAND R.A. CHAPTER, NEW JERSEY.

The annual convocation was held in the Masonic Hall, Trenton, on the 9th ult., under the presidency of M.E. Comp. the G.H.P. In the course of the proceedings the following companions were elected officers for the ensuing year:

Comps. Benj. T. Bright ...	G.H.P.
" Charles Belcher, jun. ...	D.G.H.P.
" Isaac C. Githens ...	G.K.
" Leonard L. Grear ...	G.S.
" Fred. G. Wiese ...	G. Treasurer
" Geo. B. Edwards ...	G. Secretary
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Before the meeting closed the services of Comp. Wark, P.G.H.P., were recognised, a very handsome P.G.H.P.'s jewel being presented to him on behalf of the G. Chapter by M.E. Comp. Register, P.G.H.P., who spoke in eulogistic terms of the manner in which Comp. Wark had fulfilled his duties. The gift was very feelingly acknowledged by Comp. Wark.

GRAND LODGE OF MINNESOTA.

It appears from the returns presented at the annual communication on the 13th and 14th of January of the current year, of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, that there were at that date 149 lodges on the roll with a total membership of 8677, showing an increase of 267 over the previous year. The total of the general fund was 11,858 dollars, and the expenditure amounted to 5446 dollars. The Widows' and Orphans Fund was close on 1692 dollars, the expenditure being 125 dollars. Bro. H. R. Denney is M.W.G.M., and Bro. A. T. C. Pierson, Grand Secretary, both having been re-elected at the annual meeting.

G. LODGE OF OREGON.

Bro. David P. Mason, M.W.G.M., provided at the 35th annual communication of this Grand Lodge, held at Portland, Or. on the 9th and 11th of June last. There were no less than 69 out of the 71 lodges comprised in the jurisdiction represented, and the Grand Master's address, from the *resumé* given of it in the *Voice of Masonry* for the current month, appears to have been of a satisfactory character, the one point mentioned to which exception would be taken here, being the suspension of a W.M. for keeping a saloon. Such an act seems to us to be emphatically *ultra vires*. The statistics show 71 Lodges with a membership of 3261, or more by 83 than in the previous year; total fund, 6393 dollars, with disbursements amounting to 4756 dollars, while the assets of the Building Association reached 64,461 dollars. As Bro. D. P. Mason declined re-election, Bro. T. G. Reames of Jacksonville was elected M.W.G.M., Bro. F. Jesse Babcock being re-elected G. Secretary.

G. LODGE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

There seems to have been a fair muster at the 96th annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, held at Concord, N.H., on the 20th May last under the presidency of Bro. John Webster, M.W.G.M., 55 Lodges being represented. The leading feature of the meeting was the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, whose resolutions defining the powers and authority of the Grand Lodge, were unanimously agreed to. It seems there are 76 lodges on the roll, their membership totalling up 8144 brethren, while the financial position is reported sound, the disbursements being 2112 dollars and the total fund 4596 dollars. Bro. Henry E. Burham is Grand Master for the present year, and Bro. George P. Cleaver (re-elected)

G. LODGE OF MAINE.

Bro. Fessenden T. Day is Grand Master for the current year of this Grand Lodge, Bro. Ira Berry (re-elected) Grand Secretary. Though so small a State Masonry appears to be very strong, the total subscribing membership being 19,871, and the lodges 184, of which as many as 167 sent representatives to the annual Grand Lodge held at Portland on the 6th and 7th of May last. Among the resolutions there agreed to, we note one to the effect that Masons from Quebec who do not pay allegiance to the Grand Lodge of that Province are not to be recognised as such, and we are glad to see that the *Voice of Masonry* in recording this fact strongly condemns its adoption. Our contemporary draws a very proper distinction between the sovereignty of a Grand Lodge which is acquired Masonically and the authority that is assumed over Lodges as in this case of the Grand Lodge of Quebec over the three English lodges in Montreal. The Grand Lodge of Maine has a charity fund of over 21,000 dollars (£4,200), while its general fund gives a total of 15,064 dollars with disbursements amounting to 7426 dollars.

GRAND CHAPTER OF VERMONT.

There are 2035 companions in the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, which held its annual convocation at Burlington on the 12th June last, under the presidency of M.E. Comp. Kiltredge Haskins, G.H.P. The disbursements for the past year amounted to about one-third of the total fund (455 dollars, as against 1350 dollars). The subject of the difference between the Grand Chapter of Quebec and the Mark Grand Lodge of England, was prominently referred to in the address of the G.H.P., but that Officer's remarks do not seem to be very favourably regarded by the *Voice*. Comps. K. Haskins and W. H. S. Whitcomb were respectively re-elected G.H.P. and G. Secretary for the current year.

GRAND CHAPTER OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The latest report does not present capital Masonry in this jurisdiction in a very promising light, and the *Voice of Masonry* attributes this to there being no instruction of the chapters in the ritual. According to the statistics furnished the total membership is only 639, and there are no less than 360 other R.A. Masons unaffiliated. The funds are small, but the balance is on the right side of the

account. M.E. Comps. George W. Blount and Donald W. Bain (both re-elected) are respectively G.H.P. and G. Secretary for the year.

GRAND CHAPTER OF DAKOTA.

The first annual Convocation of this G. Chapter was held at Fargo, on the 8th June last, under the presidency of Comp. William Blatt, M.E.G.H.P., fifteen chapters being represented. The G.H.P., in his address, spoke in gratifying terms of the progress which Royal Arch Masonry had made in the district, and the bright future which seemed to be in store for it, and, in evidence of this, he mentioned the constitution of five new chapters and the formation of four others by dispensation. The finances, though necessarily on a limited scale, were satisfactory, the receipts being 468 dollars, and the disbursements 352 dollars. Comps. W. Blatt (re-elected) and T. J. Wilder (re-elected) as G.H.P. and G. Secretary respectively.

SUPREME COUNCIL, 33°, NORTHERN JURISDICTION, U.S.A.

The annual session of this Supreme Degree, 33°, Ancient and Accepted Rite, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States was held, as arranged, at the Masonic Temple, Boston, Mass., on the 15th, 16th, and 17th September. There was a very full attendance each day, under the presidency of M.P. Sov. G. Commander, Henry L. Palmer, among those who took part in the proceedings being Charles Levi Woodbury, P.G.L.C.; Joseph Davis Evans, G. Min. of State; Josiah Hayden Drummond, Deputy for Maine; Frank Albert McKean, Deputy for New Hampshire; George Otis Tyler, Deputy for Vermont; Benjamin Dean, Deputy for Massachusetts; N. Darling Arnold, Deputy for Rhode Island; Charles Wm. Carter, Deputy for Connecticut; Robert M. C. Graham, Deputy for New York; John Woolverton, Deputy for New Jersey; Anthony Eugene Stocker, Deputy for Pennsylvania; David Burnham Tracy, Deputy for Michigan; Enoch Terry Carson, Deputy for Ohio; Nicholas R. Ruckle, Deputy for Indiana; John Corson Smith, Deputy for Illinois; Albert Von Haller Carpenter, Deputy for Wisconsin; Heman Ely, G. Treas. Gen. H.E.; Clinton Freeman Paige, G. Sec. Gen. H.E.; Samuel Crocker Lawrence, G.K. of the Archives; Charles Thomson McClenachan, G. Mas. Gen. of C.; Homer Stanley Goodwin, G. Mar. Gen.; William Riley Highy, G. Std. Br.; George Otis Tyler, G. Capt. of the Guard; Albert P. Moriarty, Asst. G. Sec.; Thomas R. Lambert, D.D.G. Prior; J. H. Hobart Ward, Henry C. Urner, and Ozias W. Shipman, Marshals of Camp. Among the visitors on one or other or all of the days were Ill. Wm. Hutton, M.P. Sov. G. Com.; John V. Ellis, Lt.-Com.; and D. R. Munro, 33°, of the Supreme Council of Canada, and Ill. Wm. M. Ireland, G. Sec. General of the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction of the U.S.A.

On the first day the Sov. G. Commander's allocution was delivered. Ill. M. F. King, of Maine, and Phin. G. C. Hunt, of Indiana, were elected active members. A banquet was served, and in the evening a number of candidates were presented, had the 33° conferred upon them, and were proclaimed and enrolled as honorary members.

On the second day the following were elected officers of the Supreme Council for the ensuing three years, namely: Henry L. Palmer, M.P. Sov. Gr. Com.; Charles Levi Woodbury, P. Gr. Lt. Com.; Joseph D. Evans, Gr. Min. of State; Marquis F. King, Deputy for Maine; Frank A. McKean, Deputy for New Hampshire; George O. Tyler, Deputy for Vermont; Benjamin Dean, Deputy for Massachusetts; Newton D. Arnold, Deputy for Rhode Island; Charles W. Carter, Deputy for Connecticut; Robert M. C. Graham, Deputy for New York; Andrew B. Frazer, Deputy for New Jersey; Anthony E. Stocker, Deputy for Pennsylvania; Abraham T. Metcalf, Deputy for Michigan; Enoch T. Carson, Deputy for Ohio; Nicholas R. Ruckle, Deputy for Indiana; John C. Smith, Deputy for Illinois; Albert V. H. Carpenter, Deputy for Wisconsin; Heman Ely, Gr. Treas., Gen. H.E.; Clinton F. Paige, Gr. Rec., Gen. H.E.; Samuel C. Lawrence, Gr. K. of the Archives; Chas. T. McClenachan, Gr. Mas. Gen. of C.; Robert E. Patterson, Gr. Mar. Gen.; Wm. Highy, Gr. Standard Bearer; George O. Tyler, Gr. Capt. of the Guard; Albert P. Moriarty, Asst. G. Sec.; Thomas R. Lambert, D.D. Gr. Prior; J. H. Hobart Ward, Henry C. Urner and Ozias W. Shipman, Marshals of the Camp; Andrew Nembach, Organist. Ill. Samuel C. Lawrence was re-elected as one of the Trustees of the Permanent Fund for a term of seven years.

The third day was devoted principally to a consideration of the Constitutions as amended, and the regulations relating to jewels and insignia, after which the newly-elected officers were installed by Ill. Josiah H. Drummond, Past M.P. Sov. Gr. Comm., assisted by Ill. H. S. Goodwin, G. Marshal General. Several more Ill. brothers had the 33° conferred upon them, and proclaimed and enrolled honorary members of the council. Several communications of interest having been recorded, and votes of thanks to the Trustees of the Masonic Hall for the accommodation afforded, and to Ill. S. C. Lawrence, and the Committee of Management, of which he was the Chairman, having been passed, the session closed, to meet again at Chicago, Illinois, on the second Tuesday in September, 1886.

Bros. Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Lord Dunraven, and the Hon. D. Plunket are among the members of the Ministry who have accepted invitations to be present at the Lord Mayor's banquet on the 9th Nov. prox. Several of the ambassadors and judges and the Speaker will also be present.

Bro. Major-General Sir Charles Warren was entertained at a grand banquet given by the London Chamber of Commerce, on Wednesday, at the Cannon-street Hotel, among the principal guests being Bro. Col. Stanley, M.P., Secretary of State, and Bro. the Earl of Dunraven, Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., and Bro. Alderman Waterlow. The principal toast of the evening, "The Health of Sir C. Warren," was drunk with much enthusiasm.

On the 15th inst., at the lodge room, Blackfriars-street, Edinburgh, the Masonic Lodge Journeymen, No. 8, entertained a number of the brethren from the Channel Fleet. The deputation, which was a representative one, was headed by Bro. Cornish. They were received in a most hearty manner, and passed a pleasant evening, a vote of thanks being accorded at the close of the proceedings to Bro. Rennie, R.W.M.

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CRAFT—
United Mariners Lodge, No. 30.
Duke of Leinster Lodge, No. 259 (I.C.)
MARK—
Finnemore Mark Lodge, No. 358.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Hull Packet," "Natal Mercury," "Jewish Chronicle," "The
American Exhibition," "Die Ba u hütte," "Keystone," "Court
Circular," "Freimaurer Zeitung," "New York Dispatch," "The
Freemason" (Toronto), "Public Ledger," "Masonic Record,"
and "Masonic Journal."



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1885.

Original Correspondence.**ATHOL LODGES.**

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Having, through the courtesy of the esteemed
Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, been per-
mitted to search the Archives in Grand Lodge for materials
for my new work on Masonic Records, I have discovered
some particulars which I venture to think will be of general
interest to the Craft. In pursuing my researches last week,
specially amongst the records of the Athol or Ancient
Masons (in which I received very valuable assistance from
Bro. H. Sadler), I discovered at the end of one of the
early Athol Registers several lists of lodges, which were of
peculiar value to me in my present investigations, inasmuch
as they give the dates of warrants and places of meeting
of all the Athol Lodges in 1751, 1752, and 1753, the details
of which will appear in "*Masonic Records*." But the matter
of special interest and importance is, that in December
1752 there was a "closing up" of the ancient numbers
(after the example of the Moderns in 1740), which does not
appear to have ever been noticed until now (*vide* Gould's
Athol Lodges, p. vi.), and for the benefit of all whom it
may concern, I transcribe the heading of the list of 1752,
namely:—

"Dec. 27, 1752. Anno Lap 5752. Grand Lodge in due
form assembled at the Five Bells Tavern, in Wich Street,
Strand, London, Bro. Thos. Blower, Mastr. of (then) No. 8
in the chair. Ordered the members of Nos. 7 & 10 should
be discontinued in this Book for their disobedience of the
21st Rule of the Grand (sic), and the following be the true
list and numbers of all the Antient Regular Lodges in and
about London, Anno Lap 5752."

The dates of constitution of the lodges named in the
several lists prove, without doubt, that all the lodges then
warranted from No. 7 to No. 16 took other numbers in
December, 1752; No. 16, being the last lodge warranted
prior to this "closing up," becoming No. 14 at that date.

There is also a minute bearing on this subject in Vol. I.
of the Athol Minute Books, dated December 6th, 1752,
which appears to be the authority for the alteration made on
the 27th of the same month. It reads as follows:

"Resolved unanimously. That the Lodges who, by
neglect or disobedience, have forfeited their Rank or Num-
ber, shall be discontinued on the Registry, and the Junior
Lodges who have proved themselves faithful friends of the
Ancient Craft shall henceforth bear the Title or Number
so forfeited. The distribution to be according to seniority."

I trust the foregoing will prove as interesting to the Craft
as it is gratifying to me to record.—Yours fraternally,
JNO. LANE, P.M. 1402, Torquay.

"A SLANG PHRASE."

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Your leader writer is evidently better acquainted
with the statistics of the various great Charities of the Craft,
than with the volume of the Sacred Law. The expression
which he calls a slang phrase, "the very skin of his teeth,"
may be found in Job xix., 20: "I am escaped with the
skin of my teeth."—I am, yours fraternally,
DRYASDUST.

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ATHOLL MASONS.

In order to assist my friend and brother, John Lane, in
the preparation of his great work, to be entitled "Masonic
Records," I am anxious to see all the copies known of the
printed proceedings of the "Atholl" Grand Lodge, before
the year 1802. Brethren having copies to lend, or sell for
that matter, will kindly let me know at once, and if such
"proceedings" cannot be sent me on loan, then I will state
how they can be utilized for the purpose in hand. I feel
assured there are many of these printed sheets scattered
about, before the year 1802, for already, Bro. Patchitt, of
Nottingham, has kindly lent me two copies, and I can
promise that an excellent use of all such papers will be made
by Bro. John Lane and myself. Bro. Lane has just returned
from his examination of the Grand Lodge archives, through
the unvarying courtesy of the Grand Secretary, but as
there are no printed proceedings in that famous collection
earlier than 1802, he has now to depend upon lodge officials,
and Masonic students for assistance in tracing "Atholl"
Lodges prior to that period, by the printed "Quarterly
Communications." Brother students please help.
W. J. HUGHAN.

**Craft Masonry.**

ST. JOHN'S LODGE (No. 167).—The installa-
tion meeting of this old established lodge was held at the
Holly Bush Hotel, Hampstead, on Tuesday, the 13th inst.,
under the presidency of Bro. Edwin Storr, W.M., who was
supported by the whole of his officers, a goodly array of
Past Masters, many members of the lodge, and 20 visitors,
amongst whom we noticed Bros. Woodmason, W.M. 37;
E. Stimpson, P.M. 15; T. Griffiths, P.M. 1446; W. M.
Stiles, P.M. 1507, &c.; H. Lovegrove, P.M. 1777, &c.;
J. W. Osborn, J.W. 704; J. Dale, 1613; and A. H.
Scurrah, 2048.

After the minutes of the election meeting had been con-
firmed and the audit reported adopted, showing a good
balance in hands of the Treasurer, Bro. Yeomans, P.M.,
presented Bro. John Potter, S.W. and W.M. elect, to the
W.M. for installation, which ceremony was performed in
the most impressive and faultless manner for which Bro.

Edwin Storr is so famed. The sum of 10 guineas was unanimously voted from the lodge funds, to be placed on Bro. Storr's list, who will represent the Benevolent Institution in February next.

At the banquet which followed the newly-installed W.M. presided in his most happy style, and presented to Bro. Storr the P.M.'s jewel which was voted to him for his very able and much valued services as W.M., 1884-5. The officers invested by the W.M. were Bros. Edwin Storr, I.P.M.; H. E. Coffin, S.W.; C. H. Fry, J.W.; J. T. Rowe, P.M., Treas.; J. R. Thompson, P.M., Sec.; F. Freeman, S.D.; W. A. Scurrah, J.D.; N. Goodchild, I.G.; Hollis, P.M., D.C.; and Yeomans, P.M., W.S. Bros. A. W. Lane, John Hearsom, and J. Madvery, who rendered valued assistance in the lodge working, discoursed some excellent recitations and songs, and the party separated after spending a most pleasant evening.

TRANQUILLITY LODGE (No. 185).—On Monday evening last the brethren of this old and prosperous lodge assembled at the Guildhall Tavern, under the presidency of Bro. S. Boas, W.M., who was supported by Bros. H. Tipper, J.W.; J. M. Levy, J.D.; Bloomfield, I.G.; W. J. Bayley, P.M., Treas.; A. Myers, Sec.; S. Rosenfeld, D. of C.; Thompson, Stwd.; J. D. Barnett, P.M.; Mathan Moss, P.M.; S. Barnett, P.M.; A. E. Staley, P.M.; and F. Glickstein, P.M. Amongst the visitors were Bros. R. Sundell, Rev. Solomon Jacobs, 406; I. P. Cohen, P.M. 205; and J. T. Crauford, 766.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Saul Nathan was passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. H. Mayer was subsequently raised to the Sublime Degree. The ballot was taken for Mr. Max Wienschen, and Mr. Sidmund Sulzbacher. Bro. David Hill was proposed as a joining member. The voting in each case was unanimous, and Mr. Wienschen and Mr. Sulzbacher were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order by the W.M., who acquitted himself in a most creditable manner.

After the business the brethren and visitors sat down to a sumptuous banquet, superintended by Bro. Marchant, whose arrangements were all that could be desired. The customary loyal and Craft toasts were duly honoured, and amidst an abundance of harmony a very agreeable evening was passed.

CONFIDENCE LODGE (No. 193).—This old and prosperous lodge reassembled after the summer vacation on Monday evening, the 12th inst., when there was a numerous attendance of brethren and visitors, at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street. The chair was occupied by Bro. W. Cubitt, the Master, who was well supported by his officers. There was a rather formidable agenda, including the initiation of four candidates, and ceremonies in the Second and Third Degrees, but in consequence of time being limited, the latter were deferred until the next meeting. In tribute of respect for the late Bro. H. Webb, who was an old Past Master of the lodge, the brethren appeared in Masonic mourning, and it was resolved to forward a letter of condolence to the widow of the deceased. At the conclusion of the business, a *recherché* banquet was provided by Messrs. Clemow, covers being laid for 70 guests, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were interspersed with music and singing.

MERCHANT NAVY LODGE (No. 781).—This popular lodge resumed its working career on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse, after an interval of three months only, there having been an emergency meeting held in June last. The minutes of the last regular lodge as well as the emergency meeting having been read and confirmed, and Bro. Westbrook having been interrogated in the usual manner previous to being passed to the intermediate Degree, the brethren proceeded to ballot for Mr. William Powel Griffiths and Mr. Arthur Wilkinson, which proving satisfactory those gentlemen were informed of the result. The lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Westbrook was passed in the customary manner, and took his seat among the brethren as a F.C. The lodge having been resumed to the First Degree, Messrs. Griffiths and Wilkinson were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the ancient Order. Matters of a purely Masonic character occupied the lodge for a further period of about twenty minutes, after which the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was of a most *recherché* character. Brethren to the number of 59 sat down, among whom were Bros. Pringle, W.M.; Gaisford, S.W.; Palmer, J.W.; Bull, S.D.; Shepperd, I.G.; Timson, D.C.; Varcoe and Pasfield, S. and J. Stwds.; Bro. Clements, J.D., being unavoidably absent through professional duties. The Past Masters were ably represented by Bros. Robinson, Ould, Rawe, Schierboom, Daniels, Breden, Reed, Neville, Reeves, and others; while among the visitors we noticed Bros. Money, W.M. 28; Kennett, P.M. 1716; Hancock, W.M. 1716; Kemp, 1519; and Clements, 1816.

The usual Masonic toasts followed, and the proceedings were further enlivened by songs from Bros. Palmer, Anderson, and Bull; a recitation from Bro. Keeble in his usual forcible style, and the duet "All's well," by Bros. Palmer and Kennett; Bro. Robinson, P.M., gave the "Entered Apprentice's Song" with a very clear ring, peculiarly his own. The approaches to the lodge rooms showed a marked improvement upon previous occasions, thus showing that the new proprietor is fully alive to studying the comfort of the brethren.

CITY OF LONDON LODGE (No. 901).—There was a large attendance of brethren and visitors at a regular meeting of this lodge, held at the Guildhall Tavern, City, on Monday evening, the 19th inst., under the presidency of Bro. McClelland, the Worshipful Master, who was supported by Bros. David Hughes, I.P.M.; H. Harbord, S.W.; Daniel Hughes, J.W.; John Hughes, P.M., Treas.; C. Beaumont, P.M., Sec.; R. P. Stevens, S.D.; J. P. Hoddinott, I.G.; R. Clinch, D. of C.; Ernest C. T. Hand, Org.; A. Prince and W. R. Haylock, Stwds.; Past Masters J. Hughes, G. A. Cundy, Alfred Ginger, and A. Griffiths; G. E. Fimister, J. B. Jackson, G. Lawson, H. Barwell, W. G. Judge, J. Parsons, H. Barnell, R. Gillard, F. W. Venner, E. Venner, C. Bates, H. Derry, P. Rogers, Whitwell, Woodstock, Tyler, and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. W. J. Godwin, 1343; W. Drinkler, 765; J. Spencer, 765; G. Gillard, 1382; and others.

Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient rites, and

the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The bye-laws were then considered, and lodge was advanced to the Second Degree, when Bros. J. B. Jackson and F. W. Venner were passed to F.C., the ceremony being ably conducted by the Worshipful Master and his officers. Having opened in the Third Degree, Bro. Parsons was raised to the Sublime Degree, the working being all that could be desired.

After the transaction of some routine business the brethren adjourned to supper, which was served in Bros. Ritter and Clifford's best style, under the superintendence of Bro. Newton, when the usual loyal and Craft toasts were duly honoured.

The Worshipful Master gave "The Queen and the Craft," which toast was enthusiastically received; after which he said there was another toast the City of London Lodge never failed to honour, and that was "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master." He could say very little to enhance the feelings of admiration they all in common with other Masons entertained towards His Royal Highness for his exertions to extend the blessings of Freemasonry over all the world. He had recently been visiting the country where he was first initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, and had taken the opportunity of renewing his fraternal regards with the people amongst whom he first saw the light.

Bro. Joseph Spencer was called away on important political business at this juncture, to the great regret of his many friends.

The Immediate Past Master, Bro. David Hughes, said he had now the pleasure of proposing "The Health of their esteemed Worshipful Master." He had so often before expressed the estimation of the brethren for Bro. McClelland, and his abilities displayed in the working of the ceremonies, that he need only say they had had a further illustration of it on this occasion. Bro. McClelland always afforded them a great amount of pleasure and satisfaction by his working in every respect. They all appreciated his abilities so much that it was only necessary to mention his name in connection with the toast.

Bro. McClelland, on rising to respond, met with a very cordial reception. He thanked the proposer of the toast for the kindly way in which he had brought his name before the brethren, and the company for the way in which they had received it. They all knew his feelings respecting the interests and welfare of the City of London Lodge, and he assured them that during his occupancy of the chair and ever afterwards he should ever study those interests as he had done in the past. He looked back upon the pleasant evenings he had spent in connection with that lodge. He trusted that in his future conduct in support of the lodge to meet with the same kindly feeling as he had experienced in the past, and that the affairs of the lodge would always be conducted with the same harmony and concord as they had hitherto enjoyed.

Several other toasts followed, that of "The Visitors" being warmly received, and responded to severally by the visiting brethren present.

The proceedings were varied by an excellent selection of vocal and instrumental music; Bro. Hand, the Organist of the lodge, and Bro. Fimister rendering efficient assistance on the pianoforte.

GREAT NORTHERN LODGE (No. 1287).—The October meeting of this lodge was held on the 15th inst. at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Thomas Ellis Bathard, W.M., presided, and there were also present among a list of nearly 50 brethren Bros. Richard Cave, S.W.; J. B. Lancaster, J.W.; James Webb, P.M., Treas.; T. J. H. Staton, P.M., Sec.; Joseph Edgar, S.D.; J. Hemming, J.D.; Rev. John H. Rose, Chap.; John Paul, Stwd.; P. H. Brooks, I.G.; W. Cleghorn, P.M.; H. T. Reed, P.M.; Charles Kempton, P.M.; Thomas Owen, P.M.; J. E. Jupe, P.M.; and Edwin Lancaster, P.M. Visitors: Bros. J. A. Harvey, P.M. 1314; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; James C. Smith, J.W. 1744; T. Cull, P.M. 1446; E. Valeriani, W.M. 1687; and C. J. Henton, 1216.

After the opening of the lodge, and the reading and confirming of the minutes, the W.M. raised in excellent style, and in a full lodge, Bro. Jas. Jackson and Bro. Chalmers. In the course of the evening, Bro. Staton, Sec., informed the lodge that to Bro. James Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, who, as a member of the lodge, was present, the lodge was indebted for the election on Monday, the 12th inst., to the Masonic Boys' School of two boys connected with this lodge—West and Dobby. The brethren received this announcement with feelings of great satisfaction, and the lodge was then closed.

The brethren afterwards partook of a banquet at Freemasons' Tavern, supplied in splendid style by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, and superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins. When the banquet was concluded, and grace had been said by the Chaplain, the W.M. proposed the usual loyal toasts, which were duly honoured.

Bro. Kempton, I.P.M., in proposing "The Worshipful Master," and referring to his working, said it reflected no discredit on the lodge. The W.M. had given them that night a most enjoyable evening, and for that, if for nothing else, they had to give him their sincere thanks. But it was not for that, but for his Mastership as a Mason, they should give him thanks. He had done his duty, and done it satisfactorily, and they regretted he had not had more to do. They were quite convinced that he would have done more work equally as well as that he had done. There was, however, yet time for more work before his successor took his place.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said if he had not merited the applause of the brethren, he hoped he should in the future do better, and win the esteem of the brethren. While on his legs he might bring before the brethren "The Health and Prosperity of the Masonic Charities," and while Bro. Terry was present, couple his name with the toast. A very hard worker was Bro. Terry, and the brethren should the more especially thank him for the great energy he displayed in getting into the Boys' School two sons of late brethren of the lodge. Bro. Terry did not want patting on the back; he did everything with the best intention, and therefore it was not necessary to occupy the brethren's time with more words.

Bro. Terry said he must acknowledge the very great kindness of the brethren, both in lodge and at the table, in thanking him for the little services he had rendered to two sons of deceased members of the lodge on the previous Monday. Nothing gave him greater pleasure. The case of little Dobby he was pledged to support; when the late Bro. Dobby was on his deathbed he promised Bro. Dobby

he would. He had been successful in getting three of that brother's children into different schools. With respect to the son of Past Master West he helped along with the lodge, but he could not assist them in that case until he had made Dobby perfectly safe, but he was able to help. With regard to the Institutions, he was glad to see that the brethren recognised the deep importance and the full value of them. After enumerating the advantages of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and the good work they were doing, Bro. Terry said that the Masonic chain would be incomplete without the link which was formed by the Benevolent Institution. Noticing the growth and extent of this Institution in the course of twenty years, he said that when he became collector twenty-one years ago the amount brought in at the festival that year was £3000; whereas at the festival of the present year it was £17,800. The annuity given to the men twenty-one years since was £25, and to the widows £15 up to £20. The men had now £40 a year, and the widows £32. At the former time there were 110 annuitants; there were now 375; while twenty-one years ago £2000 was paid in annuities, the total now paid was £14,600; so that in the short space of twenty-one years what had been the growth of that Institution, and to whom were they indebted for that growth? First to the goodness of the cause itself, and secondly to the benevolence of the Craft. In appealing for assistance he could remember that two years ago the Great Northern Lodge sent a Steward to this Institution, but he would venture to hope he was not asking too much in requesting the favour of a Steward for next Festival. He was anxious on the subject, because the Boys' School, having erected a preparatory school, was sending out an appeal for subscriptions, which, if sent in up to the end of 1885, were to give double voting power, and this would have a most deterrent effect on the other. A lodge had only a certain amount of money to give away, and if it was given to one Institution, all the eloquence in the world would not give more funds. If he might advise the lodge on this subject, he thought Bro. Kempton would be a most magnificent brother to take the office of Steward, in which case no doubt the lodge would make a contribution. The lodge was already a Vice-President of one branch of the Benevolent Institution, and it would not take much to complete its Vice-Presidency of the other branch. The advantages of the Institution were well-known to all the brethren. It assisted poor old people who could not assist themselves. It was in the power of the brethren to assist so many between now and next February that he trusted they would come forward and do so. He believed the Institution would have 120 candidates at the next election. There were at present only two vacancies for 70 candidates. This, he thought, was sufficient to incite the brethren to bestir themselves on behalf of the Benevolent Institution.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Visitors," and said that the lodge was always glad to receive visitors, and to make them comfortable when they came.

Bro. Valeriani, W.M. 1687, replied, and said he had been so often a visitor at this lodge that he thought he deserved another title, for he had really begun to think himself one of the members. He never refused an invitation to the Great Northern Lodge.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of Bro. Webb, Treasurer, and Bro. Staton, Secretary," said the brethren knew that Bro. Webb was very careful of the money of the lodge, and what he did was always done with great pleasure, and he was always ready with his assistance. Bro. Webb was to be thanked for the excellent report the brethren had had that night. As to the Secretary, Bro. Staton, he could only say it was with the deepest feeling of sorrow they found he had been obliged to leave the lodge immediately after it was closed on account of some bereavement he had had. The brethren were very sorry he had left just at the time when they were most pleased to have him among them.

Bro. Webb having replied touchingly for Bro. Staton, assured the brethren that, with respect to himself, he hoped the brethren thought he did all in his power for the lodge, for every single member, and for the members as a body, and therefore he hoped he might be looked upon as strictly impartial all round. Bro. Webb then supported Bro. Terry's appeal for the Benevolent Institution, and said Bro. Kempton had elected to stand as Steward for its next Festival.

Bro. Kempton, I.P.M., in replying for "The Past Masters," said he should be happy to represent this lodge at the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution.

The other toasts were given and honoured before the brethren separated.

ERA LODGE (No. 1423).—The election meeting of this lodge took place on the 10th inst. at Albany Hotel, Twickenham, Bro. J. T. Moss, P.M., P.P.G.R. Middx., in the absence of the W.M., through sickness, in the chair, supported by the following officers: Bros. J. Faulkner, P.M., P.G.S.D. Middx.; Dr. J. Beresford Ryley, P.M., P.G. Stwd. Middx.; E. H. Thielay, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; G. S. Elliott, S.W.; W. H. Matthews, J.W.; E. W. Devereux, P.M., Sec.; Dr. Wm. Faulkner, S.D.; Wm. Beaton, J.D.; H. B. Hassel, Stwd.; J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler, J.D.; James Baker, R. M. Jones, W. Lovelock, and Dr. Seymour, the only visitor present being Bro. J. W. Long, P.M. 669.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last regular and emergency meetings having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken (having already been proposed) for Dr. Seymour, and that gentleman being in attendance, he was initiated in due form. By permission of the W.M., Bro. J. Faulkner, P.M., passed Bros. Jones and Baker. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and Bro. G. S. Elliott, S.W., was unanimously elected. Bro. J. W. Baldwin having resigned the lodge in consequence of ill-health, Bro. John Faulkner, P.M., was elected Treasurer. Bros. Jones, Baker, and Dr. Seymour were elected Auditors. It was unanimously resolved that a Past Master's jewel, of the value of 12 guineas, be presented to the W.M., Bro. F. P. Jenkins, for valuable services rendered to the lodge during his term of office. A sum of £30 was voted to a distressed brother. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, and the usual toasts followed.

ST. MARTIN'S-LE-GRAND LODGE (No. 1538).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, there being a large attendance of brethren and visitors. The W.M., Bro. J. P. Parkes, occupied the

chair, and was supported by Bros. G. Hatch, S.W.; Liversage, J.V.; Fluck, S.D.; Woodward, Secretary. Among the visitors we noticed Bros. Whitaker, P.M. 1572; Edwards, P.M. 788; Fillan, W.M. 1673; H. H. Cooper, 1827; and Syckelwood, 1288.

The lodge was opened with the choral hymn, under the direction of Bro. Archer, the energetic Organist of the lodge. Bro. Hatch, S.W., W.M. elect, was then presented by Bro. Smith, P.M., and installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Parkes, the retiring W.M., who delivered the addresses in his usual effective style. Bro. Whitaker acting most efficiently as Director of Ceremonies. Bro. Hatch proceeded to appoint and invest his officers, at the same time instructing them in their respective duties: Bros. Liversage, S.W.; Fluck, J.W.; Woodward, Secretary; Larking, S.D.; Mumford, J.D.; Newell, I.G.; Archer, Organist; and Gilbert, Tyler. Bro. Robertson, P.M., Treasurer, and Bro. Larking being absent through illness, their investiture was postponed until the next meeting. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, the Treasurer's balance sheet showing a handsome balance in hand. The W.M. then pinned to the breast of Bro. Parkes, I.P.M., the Past Master's jewel presented by the lodge in recognition of his services during his year of office. Three candidates were proposed for initiation. The banquet subsequently provided was of a very high order.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, "The Health of the W.M.," proposed in a racy speech by Bro. Parkes, was enthusiastically received.

Bro. Hatch, in responding, referred feelingly to the bonds of brotherhood and friendship existing between himself and all the brethren, and confidently anticipated their growth and increase during the coming year.

Bro. Whitaker, P.M. 1572, was toasted as "Director of Ceremonies," and made a neat little speech in acknowledgment.

Bros. Hardy, Fillan, Edwards, and Davies responded for "The Visitors," and other toasts followed, the proceedings being varied by a series of songs and recitations, under the direction of Bro. Archer, which contributed largely to the pleasure of a most successful evening.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—The ordinary meeting of this lodge was held at Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, on Monday, the 12th inst. Bro. F. Ernest Pocock, M.D., W.M., occupied his chair, and was supported by his officers as follows: Bros. W. H. Harris, acting as S.W., in the absence of Bro. G. Marshall, L.L.D.; G. A. Berkeley, J.W.; L. Lichtwitz, S.D.; J. Morley, J.D.; Skar, I.G.; W. H. Smith, P.M., Treas.; T. Holland, P.M., Sec.; Foakes, I.P.M.; Phillips, P.M.; Ramsay, P.M.; Perry, F. Marshall, Conway, Levy, Gibbs, Rose, Rennie, and others. Visitors: Bros. M. Lindskey, of Lodge Solomon à Trois Serrures, Gothenburg; Sir Roper Lethbridge, 1642; Whaley, 172; and Hutchinson, 1238.

The minutes of the last lodge meeting having been read and the revision of the bye-law confirmed, Bro. Mark Levy was passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., after which Messrs. Charles Roe and John Cooper were initiated into Freemasonry according to ancient custom. This being election night, Bro. Berkeley, J.W., was unanimously elected as W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Marshall, the S.W., who is already numbered amongst the rulers of the Craft, declining to be nominated for the chair. Bro. W. H. Smith was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Potter, Tyler. Bros. Rose and Perry were elected as lay brethren on the Audit Committee. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the W.M. for his exertions in the chair. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

After grace had been said, the W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft." He said that it did not require words from him to introduce this toast to the notice of the brethren. They all knew the gracious lady to whose health they were drinking. She was the daughter of a Mason, and the mother of a race of Masons. "God save the Queen" was then sung, the brethren following the lead of Bro. Sir Roper Lethbridge.

In proposing the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," Bro. Pocock reminded the brethren of the hard work done by the Grand Master, more particularly on the Commission for the Housing of the Working Classes. His Royal Highness had attended almost every meeting of the Commission, except during the period when he was prevented from attending to any public business whatever through the lamented death of their late Bro. the Duke of Albany. "God bless the Prince of Wales" was then sung by Bro. Rennie.

"The Grand Officers" toast was proposed by the W.M., who alluded in a feeling manner to the absence through ill health of Bro. the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, P.G. Chap., the founder and first W.M. of the lodge, and the brother from whom the lodge derived its appellation.

Bro. Foakes, I.P.M., then assumed the gavel, and in an exceedingly complimentary speech proposed "The Health of the W.M." This was drunk with musical honours.

Bro. Pocock, in returning thanks, said he considered it fortunate that he was not a very modest man, or he would have been thoroughly overpowered by the demonstration of respect which had just been given by the brethren. In taking leave of them as their W.M., he begged to tender his heartfelt thanks to his officers and to the brethren all, for the hearty support he had received at their hands during his year of office, and he assured them that whatever chair he might hereafter attain to, he should always look back with exceeding great pleasure to his year of office as W.M. of the St. Ambrose Lodge.

In proposing "The Initiates," Bro. Pocock was sure the brethren would welcome the accession to their number of two such brethren as they had that night received into the Order. He had been pleased to see that they had evidently been much impressed with the solemnity of the ceremony they had just passed through, and he had no doubt that in good time they would prove themselves to be good Masons and true.

Bros. Roe and Cooper, in reply, said that it was their intentions to take to heart the advice of the W.M., and, as far as in them lay, to become thorough hard-working Masons.

"The Visitors" was the next toast proposed; and Bro. Pocock said they were honoured by the presence of four visitors that evening—a small array for the St. Ambrose Lodge—but they made up in quality anything they might lack in quantity. The first name on the list was that of Bro. Lindskey, from the lodge Solomon à Trois Serrures. He was sure the brethren would feel themselves particularly

honoured by the presence of Bro. Lindskey, when he informed them that he hailed from the lodge in Sweden in which our beloved Grand Master was initiated. Surely the next best thing to being members of that lodge themselves, was to heartily welcome and to hold out the hand of fellowship to a brother from that lodge. Then he was highly honoured by having at his side a brother who at present wore only the plain white of an E.A., Sir Roper Lethbridge. Bro. Lethbridge was the last initiate in his (the W.M.'s) mother lodge, the Earl of Carnarvon, and he had done him the honour to come there that evening to see whether they could do things in West Kensington as well as they could do them in North Kensington. He trusted it would not be the last time that they would see Bro. Sir Roper amongst them. The next visitor was Bro. Whaley, 172, and he (the W.M.) was pleased to see that the Old Concord Lodge still kept up its good old plan of sending one if not more visitors to the St. Ambrose Lodge. He welcomed Bro. Whaley with the utmost cordiality, and as this was the first time his face had been seen amongst them, that was only the greater reason why it should be seen frequently in future. Bro. Hutchinson, of 1238, they had seen before, and the more they saw of him the more they would want to. Bro. Hutchinson was steadily working up the ladder in his own lodge, and he (the W.M.) was sure that when he arrived at the chair of K.S. he would make a most efficient Master.

Bro. Lindskey replied (in English), thanking the brethren for their kind reception of his name, and assuring them that the brethren of the lodge to which he belonged considered it as one of their highest honours that their lodge had been selected in which to initiate H.R.H. our Grand Master of English Masons. He concluded his speech by inviting the brethren, one and all, to come to the lodge Solomon à Trois Serrures, Gothenburg.

Bro. Sir Roper Lethbridge said he was exceedingly pleased to have been present among them that evening, and had he known that it was possible, he would certainly have endeavoured to obtain permission from the W.M. of his own lodge so that he might have been passed to the Second Degree by his friend Bro. Dr. Pocock. The brethren saw that he was but a young Mason, but had he known the privileges of Masonry he was sure that he should have joined the Craft years ago.

Bros. Whaley and Hutchinson also replied. The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of "The Past Masters," and again alluded feelingly to the ill-health of Bro. A. W. Hall, P.G.C., which prevented him from being with them. Bro. Dr. Ramsay, their second Master, was, as they well knew, "all there." Whenever there appeared the slightest danger of their wandering from the straight and narrow line of Masonic rectitude, Bro. Ramsay was sure to be at his post to warn them of their danger, to lead them back to the beaten path, and to show by his advice, his presence, and his conduct the interest he took in the St. Ambrose Lodge. Bro. Tayleur, their third Master, was unfortunately prevented from being with them; but he was sure his good wishes were then and at all times with the lodge. Their I.P.M., Bro. Foakes, who having for so long a time sat in the chair close to it, was now about to go down to the bottom of the class, and what was worse, he (the W.M.) felt that it was he himself who was to displace him. However, he felt sure that Bro. Foakes would bear him no ill-will, but, on the contrary, would always be ready to take his place were he unavoidably prevented from attending.

Bros. Dr. Ramsay and Foakes returned thanks. The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Treasurer and Secretary and the other Officers of the Lodge." He said the thanks of the brethren were due to the Treasurer, Bro. W. H. Smith, for the admirable manner in which he had manipulated the finances of the lodge, and had converted the £30 deficit which existed 12 months ago into a balance, which, it was true, was a small one, but still it was on the right side. Bro. Holland, the Secretary, they all knew, was an author, and therefore they were hardly surprised at the flow of oratory which fell from his lips while reading the minutes of the last meeting of the lodge. Both to him and to the Treasurer, as well as to the other officers—to each of whom the W.M. referred in turn—his sincere thanks were due for the hearty way in which they had supported him during his year of office.

The Officers replied in turn, and the Tyler's toast brought to a close a most enjoyable evening.

During the evening it was mentioned that the St. Ambrose Lodge of Instruction resumes its weekly meetings at Baron's Court Hotel on Monday, the 19th inst., at 8 p.m.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 1949).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Brixton Hall, on Saturday, the 3rd inst. The W.M., Bro. Henry Baldwin, P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx., presided, and most of the officers were present, with Bros. H. M. Williams, W.M.; S. Richardson, W.M.; Phillips, P.M.; and Porter, as visitors. The candidate for raising not having returned from his trip to Italy, there was not much business before the lodge.

After dinner Bro. Albert, who will represent the lodge at Bro. Terry's next festival, responded to the toast of "The Charities." Recitations by Bro. J. Poore, P.M., and songs by Bros. Williams, Phillips, R. Poore, Richardson, and the W.M., enlivened the proceedings.

WALDECK LODGE (No. 1969).—The installation meeting of this small but successful lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, the 13th inst., Bro. G. A. Wehlen, W.M., in the chair. This lodge is composed entirely of Germans, but the ceremonies are worked in the English language, therefore the excellent way in which the ritual is carried out makes it the greater credit to the officers who have to work in a foreign tongue. The Waldeck was founded at the time of Bro. the late Duke of Albany's marriage to a daughter of the Prince of Waldeck and Pyrmont. His Royal Highness honoured the lodge by becoming a member, and gave the members permission to wear on their collars and on the founder's jewels the arms of the Waldeck Principality, which, together with the beautiful banner overhanging the Master's chair, were made by Bro. George Kenning. No other business was transacted at this meeting, a Board of Installed Masters was therefore formed subsequent to the reading and confirmation of the minutes. The outgoing Master did what all Master of lodges should do, that is, instal his successor. Those present at the formation of the lodge included Bro. G. A. Wehlen

W.M.; Emil Schött, S.W. and W.M. elect; Carl Quitmann, J.W.; C. Walser, Treas.; Ernest Quitmann, S.D.; J. W. Schüller, D.C.; Chevalier L. E. Bach, Org. (Court pianist to the Royal Prussian Court); Ernest Voss, I.G.; Julius Quitmann, P.M.; H. L. Wolters, P.M.; Ernest E. Wendt, Grand Sec. German Correspondence; H. G. Buss, P.A.G. Sec., and W. Knoblanz. Visitors: Bros. John Weston, P.M. 1602; F. M. Thomas, 179; T. Walder Cooper, P.M. 538; R. Pierpont, W.M. 177; George Reed, P.M. 511; Walter Braby, 1541; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; J. I. Cantle, P.M. 1441; Thos. Bicknell, S.D. 538; Ch. Pfeister, J. De Grabowski, W.M. 183; and Lieutenant Henry Wright, S.W. and W.M. elect 1827. After the installation the W.M., Bro. Emil Schött, proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. Carl Quitman, S.W.; C. Walser, J.W.; Julius Quitmann, Treas.; E. Hollands, Sec.; Ernest Quitmann, S.D.; Otto Quitmann, J.D.; E. Voss, I.G.; L. E. Bach, Org.; J. Schüller, D.C.; and Max Lindlar, Steward. Bro. Wehlen next gave the addresses to the Wardens and brethren in a masterly style. The Master commanded the S.W. to close the lodge, and the brethren adjourned to banquet in the crown room. The usual loyal toasts were proposed from the chair.

In proposing "The Grand Officers," the W.M. said Bro. Dr. Wendt, Grand Secretary German Correspondence, was always present when his engagements would allow. Of Bro. Edgar Bowyer, he hoped it was not the last time they would see him amongst them. They must be aware that the M.W.G.M. was very particular about his choice of officers, and as long as they had such officers they would flourish.

Bro. Wendt, in replying, assured the W.M. that he heard with the greatest satisfaction the words which he had spoken. The Grand Officers feel very proud that their two chiefs are now holding important positions in the Government.

The Immediate Past Master next rose, and predicted that the Waldeck Lodge would continue to flourish under the jurisdiction of the new Master, whom he had great pleasure in installing.

The Worshipful Master thanked the company for the very kind way they had received the toast of his health. It had pleased the I.P.M. to bestow a good deal of praise which was undeserved. He promised to do his utmost to discharge his duties with fidelity, so as to win the esteem of the brethren.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Visitors" in a few words.

Bro. Geo. Reed said the visitors had received very kind hospitality, and all wished the Master a happy year of office. He complimented the lodge on the unanimity which seemed to prevail, and all would agree that the Installing Master had carried out his duties well.

Bro. Cooper observed that, though he had received several invitations to the Waldeck Lodge, this was the first time he had been present. He saw the Master initiated, and was much pleased to see him installed in the chair of King Solomon.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Installing Master," made a warm eulogy on the way the late Master had gone through his year, especially with regard to a ladies' banquet, concert, and ball, which was so successful. (We were informed that the Master had put his hand very considerably into his pocket to carry it out.)

The Immediate Past Master said he had endeavoured to uphold the Waldeck Lodge to the best of his ability. He was proud of being numbered amongst the P.M.'s. He thanked the brethren for the magnificent jewel they had presented him with in the lodge. He remembered the anxious moment when they entertained the ladies, and felt that a great deal was due to Bro. Bach, the Organist; Bro. Wolters, P.M.; and the W.M.

The Master observed that the Past Masters, though few in number, were strong in quality. It was with Bro. Julius Quitmann the idea of founding the lodge originated, and he brought the matter to a successful issue. Bro. Wolters, P.M., and Wehlen, P.M., were with him the mainstay of the lodge.

The several Past Masters duly responded.

Bro. Julius Quitmann said he had enjoyed the friendship of the W.M. for 14 years, and knew he was worthy of the position of Master in every respect. He (Bro. J. Quitmann) had always taken a great interest in the lodge, and was ably assisted by the Past Masters and officers.

The toast of "The Officers" was next drunk.

The proceedings were enlivened by music by Bros. Bach, Cantle, and the W.M.

THE ABBEY LODGE (No. 2030).—This flourishing lodge held its first meeting for the coming year, at the Westminster Town Hall, on Monday last, the 12th inst., under the presidency of Bro. W. H. Baker, the W.M., who was supported by Bros. Burdett-Coutts, I.P.M.; J. W. Rogers, Treas.; J. E. Shand, Sec.; H. Bowman Spink, P.M.; T. Bull, as S.W.; R. E. H. Giffin, as J.W.; H. R. Baker, J.D.; J. Gibson, I.G.; H. Mainwaring Dunstan, D.C.; C. C. Piper and G. W. Wheeler, Stwds.; S. H. Schartau, Org.; the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Chap.; together with about 80 brethren and visitors.

The ceremonies in the lodge consisted of raising Bros. Cookson, Richards, Flury, and Todman; passing Bros. Joshua Hawkins and J. E. Salway, while Messrs. Gammon, Hankin, and Shives were admitted into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. It is needless to say that the work throughout gave satisfaction to the brethren, especially when it is considered that this was the first regular meeting of the year.

At the conclusion of the working the brethren and their visitors dined together to the number of 92, Bros. Bertram and Roberts, the eminent caterers, supplying it in their very best possible manner.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," said that Freemasons had from time immemorial been loyal subjects to her Majesty, and always would continue so.

In connection with the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and the other Grand Officers" the Chairman said he had received a communication from Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, regretting his inability to attend; he was, though, pleased to see his old friend Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap., and the Chaplain of the lodge, present.

In his usual eloquent manner the Chaplain responded, his earnest remarks being listened to with great attention.

The Immediate Past Master proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and said that much credit was due to him for the energy displayed by him in the formation of the lodge, and which he had always exhibited since he had been in office.

The Worshipful Master, in suitable terms, replied, and proposed "The Health of their first Master, Bro. Burdett-Coutts." The toast was received with great enthusiasm, with full Masonic honours.

The Immediate Past Master, in reply, said that it was a great gratification to him to see the lodge so prosperous, he hoped it would continue to flourish, and he could assure them that it always would be a pleasure and delight to him to attend their meetings. In little more than twelve months their lodge had taken rank as one of the first in the Metropolis, and the brethren would, he was sure, do their best to maintain that prestige.

Other toasts followed, and were duly responded to, while an excellent selection of music was rendered by Bros. Schartau, Dalzell, Nettleship, Lloyd, Montague, Cattle, and H. R. Baker, under the direction of Bro. Schartau, the Organist of the lodge.

YORK.—York Lodge (No. 236).—On Thursday, the 15th inst., there was a meeting of emergency of this lodge for the purpose of formally opening a new organ which has been purchased by subscription amongst the members. The lodge was opened in the First Degree by Bro. W. Draper, W.M., who was supported by Bros. G. Garbutt, I.P.M.; H. Foster, S.W.; T. G. Hodgson, J.W.; J. Todd, P.M., Treas.; W. Smith, Secretary; S. Border, S.D.; C. M. Forbes, I.G.; A. Sample, Organist; H. S. Hopton and S. G. Crummack, Stewards; R. W. Hollon, P.M.; G. Balford, P.M.; T. B. Whytehead, P.M.; M. Rooke, P.M.; G. Kirby, P.M.; W. H. Gainforth, P.M.; J. E. McKay, P.M.; G. C. Lee, P.M.; Major McGachen, P.M.; T. Sanderson, T. Archey, E. W. Purnell, G. Seller, J. Sampson, C. Wardle, J. Hollins, M. Bryson, T. Evans, James Ramsay, J. Biscumb, J. Rutherford, P. Conacher (Huddersfield); Rev. C. Linley (Burslem); A. T. B. Turner, W.M. elect 1611; and others.

Bro. T. G. Hodgson, S.W., then on behalf of the subscribers, a list of whom he proceeded to read, presented to the Worshipful Master the organ for the use of the lodge, and the Worshipful Master suitably acknowledged the splendid gift, at the same time proposing a vote of thanks to Bros. Hodgson and S. Border, to whose efforts in the matter the raising of the requisite funds was due.

A programme of music for the occasion was then gone through, to the great delight of the brethren present. Bro. A. Sample officiated as Organist with consummate ability, and succeeded in well displaying the many good points of the instrument. The following was the programme: "Hail, Masonry Divine," solo by Bro. G. Kirby, P.M., and chorus by the brethren; organ solo, concerto in B flat (No. 2), Handel; anthem, "Behold! how good and pleasant," Shield, Bros. Todd, P.M., Kirby, P.M., and T. Sanderson; organ solo, "Vesper Hymn" with variations, Turpin; aria, "If with all your heart," Mendelssohn, Bro. J. Todd, P.M.; organ solos, "Cujus Animam," Rossini; and Hallelujah Chorus, Handel; Masonic anthem, "God save the Queen," solos by Bros. J. Todd, P.M.; G. Kirby, P.M.; and H. Foster, P.M.; concluding voluntary, War March from "Athalia," Mendelssohn. The organ, which has been constructed to order by the firm of Conacher and Co., of Huddersfield, is an exquisite instrument, thoroughly adapted for the purpose, being voiced specially for the room, and made up almost entirely of solo stops. It is made up as follows: Great organ—Open diapason, 8 feet; stopped diapason, 4 feet stopped; harmonic flute, 4 feet; viol da gamba, 4 feet. Swell organ—Salicional, 4 feet; voix celeste, 4 feet; dulciana, 4 feet; grishorn, 4 feet; hautbois, 4 feet. Pedal organ—Bourdon, 8 feet stopped; full compass throughout, and 2½ octaves of pedals. The front pipes are diapered and adorned with Masonic emblems, the bulk of the metal is spotted, and the cost has been (including the old instrument) about £150.

At the conclusion of the performance the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the supper room, where they enjoyed a harmonious evening.

DUDLEY.—Harmonic Lodge (No. 252).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, Stone-street. Present: Bros. Geo. T. Owen, W.M.; Jas. Turner, S.W.; R. Stevenson, J.W.; W. E. Walker, P.M., Treas.; Saml. Smith, P.M., Sec.; Septs. Bagott, S.D.; Jas. Warham, J.D.; M. Smith, D.C.; W. Swallow, I.G.; F. Garner, Tyler; S. Spittle, Asst. Tyler; R. G. Walker, I.P.M.; Edwin Turner, P.M.; Wm. Smith, P.M.; Wm. Waring, P.M.; Geo. Bagott, P.M.; Wm. Bagott, Henry Bagott, T. P. Hanson, Jno. Bywater, H. Swinchatt, E. J. Chambers, J. Jones, A. J. Baird, J. Sidaway, Geo. Morgan, Thos. While, and Wm. Docker. Visitors: Bros. A. Green, P.M. 493, and John Seddons, 526, P.P.G.C. Staffordshire.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for the candidate proposed at the last lodge meeting, and he was declared duly elected, but, being unavoidably absent, his initiation was reserved for the next meeting; however, there being no other pressing business, the W.M. with his officers went through the ceremony of initiation in efficient style, for instruction; the charge and the explanation of the first tracing board being excellently given by the Senior and Junior Wardens. Two candidates were proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and after "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

HUDDERSFIELD.—Lodge of Truth (No. 521).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 2nd inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Fitz William-street, the W.M., Bro. John W. Turner, in the chair, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. A. Armitage, S.W.; A. Graham, J.W.; J. Brierley, Treas.; John G. Cooper, Sec.; J. Eccles, S.D.; George Marshall, P.M.; Hy. Shaw, P.M.; Jos. Varley, P.M.; Allen Jackson, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; J. B. Matthewman, P.M.; F. S. Wilkinson, S. Crossley, E. A. Beaumont, W. E. Jowett, Past S.W.; John Varley (Mayor of Huddersfield), Past S.D.; Geo. Banks; H. Field; J. Firth, Past S.D.; S. Butterworth, Org.; R. Wray, B. Walker, H. Clayton, and T. Johnson. Visitors: Bros. Henry Smith, P.M. 302, W. Deputy Prov. G.M.; J. Martin, P.M. 275; W. Bingham, Sec. 1042; John Shoemsmith, P.M. 1783; H. Holdsworth, Sec. 1783; J. D. Taylor,

275; W. B. Wall, P.M. 290; W. Dawson, P.M. 1783; Joshua Lee, P.M. 290, Prov. G. Tyler; Alfred Gill, J.W. 244; Henry Hellowell, J.D. 1783; J. B. Abbey, P.M. 200; G. M. Marchant, S.D. 1773; J. W. Bedford, 2035; Joe Lumb, 299; and Edwin Dyson, Past J.W. 290.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The W. Deputy Prov. G. Master was saluted with the honours due to his exalted rank in the Craft, on acknowledging which he expressed the great pleasure he had in visiting the Lodge of Truth; he also gave a brief history of the lodge and spoke of its uniform prosperity, and trusted that as bright and happy a future was before it as it had had in the past. Bro. Johnson was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M., assisted by Bros. John Shoemsmith, P.M., and George Marshall, P.M. The W.M. gave notice that at the next regular meeting he would propose that the sum of ten guineas be given as a perpetual endowment of the W.M.'s chair to the Boys' School. A gentleman was also proposed for initiation.

"Hearty good wishes" having been given by the visitors and members, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony, when the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. The W.D.P.G.M. having to leave early, the W.M. proposed his health in becoming terms, to which he eloquently responded, and again expressed his pleasure at the hearty manner in which he had been received, and also complimented the lodge on the efficient manner in which the ceremony had been performed, and also the general business of the lodge conducted.

The Worshipful Master then asked the indulgence of the brethren for going out of the usual course, but he must embrace the opportunity of asking the brethren to join him in drinking the health of one who was a highly respected and esteemed member of the lodge, one who was not only respected as a brother, but who was beloved by the inhabitants generally, and the brother to whom he alluded was "His Worship the Mayor of Huddersfield, Past Senior Deacon of the Lodge of Truth." The toast was right loyally accepted.

The Mayor, in his reply, thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which the toast had been proposed and received, he also reviewed his connection with the lodge and expressed his sorrow at not being able to visit his brethren more frequently; still, though absent in body, he was with them in spirit.

The toast of "The Visitors" was very ably proposed by Bro. Allen Jackson, P.M., and as ably responded to.

The last Masonic toast having been proposed by the J.W., the brethren separated, after spending a pleasant and convivial evening. A selection of vocal music was excellently rendered by the brethren, accompanied by Bro. B. Walker on the pianoforte.

DERBY.—Arboretum Lodge (No. 731).—The usual monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 14th inst. Present: Bros. J. Copestick, W.M.; Cawthorne Webster, I.P.M.; Edgar Home, S.W.; J. Bland, P.M., Prov. G.J.D., as J.W.; W. Whittaker, P.M., P.P.G.R., Treas.; James Taylor, P.M., as Sec.; J. Chadwick, S.D.; S. Taylor, J.D.; J. Walker, D. of C.; W. Forman, Org.; W. Todd, as I.G.; J. Melrose and J. Jones, Stewards; Thos. Day, Tyler; T. R. Gee, P.M.; J. Brown, P.M.; A. Frazer, P.M.; A. Smith, P.M.; Geo. Tawer, W. H. Wright, G. H. Ward, A. Tyler, T. Jordan, W. Knight, J. E. Raye, T. E. Yeomans, P.M. 506; W. Humber, W. W. Heywood, T. H. Orme, and H. Tempest. Visitors: Bros. H. A. Bemrose, W.M. 253; J. E. Russell, W.M. 1085; R. Hunt, 802; and J. Cumberland, 1085.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last regular lodge were read and confirmed. A letter was read from the Grand Secretary, settling a dispute which had been raised as to whether or not it was imperative that joining Past Masters should insert the number of their lodge at the end of their names in the Tyler's Book. Grand Secretary ruled it was not necessary. His reply and letter sent to Grand Secretary were ordered to be entered on the minutes. The candidate for passing not having arrived, the W.M. rose to make the usual enquiries. Apologies for non-attendance were received from the J.W., Chaplain, Secretary, and I.G. Considerable interest was caused by Bro. J. Bland, P.M., proposing as a candidate for initiation the eldest son of the W.M.; this was seconded by Bro. J. Walker, D. of C. Two other gentlemen were proposed, and the W.M. having received the "Hearty good wishes" of the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to the Lower Hall, where supper was served, to which ample justice having been done, and thanks returned, the W.M. sent round the Charity box, and £1 was handed to Bro. J. Bland, P.M., to be handed to a distressed brother; the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, and to that of "The Prov. Grand Lodge," Bros. J. Bland, P.G.J.D., and W. Whittaker, P.P.G.R., responded.

Bro. Edgar Home, S.W., then proposed, amidst applause, "The Health of the W.M.," who had, he said, endeared himself to all his officers and brethren, and the number present testified to the respect in which he was held. He was also glad to see more candidates coming forward.

The Worshipful Master, in response, said he was exceedingly obliged for the hearty manner in which the toast had been received; he scarcely deserved half what had been said, but hoped always to be able to do his duty in the chair to which the brethren had so unanimously elected him.

Bro. J. Chadwick, S.D., proposed "The Past Masters," of whom he was glad to see so many present; it should have the effect of stimulating the officers to work with more diligence, as the Past Masters were always pleased to come to the help of the officers.

Bros. T. R. Gee and J. C. Merry responded, and incidentally Bro. J. Taylor, P.M., mentioned that 19 years ago on that night, neither the W.M. nor a P.M. were present, and he as S.W. ruled the lodge.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Visitors." Most of them had gone, but Bro. J. Cumberland, of 1085, being present, responded. He expressed himself as greatly pleased with the kind manner in which the W.M. had proposed the toast. He came only to see and hear, not to speak, but was pleased to be present for the second time, and felt quite as much at home as in his own lodge.

Bro. J. Bland, P.M., proposed "The Officers," paying them a high tribute of praise for their zeal and assiduity; he also regretted there had been no ceremony that night owing to Bro. Tempest's unavoidably late arrival.

Bro. S. Taylor, J.D., responded, thanking the brethren for their hearty reception of the toast. He believed all were imbued with the same spirit, which was to do their utmost for the lodge.

Bro. A. Frazer, P.M., then proposed "The Private Members," stating what a goodly number had been present, but humorously remarking they could not, like Mark Twain's Army, all be officers. He was pleased to see amongst them the brother of their highly esteemed P.P.G.S.W., Bro. John Smith, P.M., than whom no one had done more for Freemasonry in Derbyshire.

Bro. Smith, in responding, said he had no idea of being called upon to speak; he was delighted to belong to the lodge, and only regretted he had not joined years before.

Bro. W. Whittaker, P.M., specially proposed the toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. C. Webster," who did so much for the lodge during his year.

Suitable response having been made, the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings. Excellent songs were rendered by Bros. Melrose, Forman, Home, and Whittaker; recitations by Bros. A. Frazer, and J. Cumberland.

FROME.—Royal Somerset Lodge (No. 973).—On Thursday, the 15th inst., Bro. Samuel J. Lewis was installed as W.M. of this lodge, in the presence of a large attendance of brethren. The ceremony was very impressively performed by Bro. E. J. B. Mercer, P.M. 41, P.P. G.S. of W. The following officers were appointed: Bros. G. W. Wiltshire, I.P.M.; S. Spill, S.W.; T. H. Holroyd, J.W.; W. Mason, Treas.; R. R. Bromage, Chap.; S. H. Harris, Sec.; J. D. Pulham, S.D.; H. Goring, J.D.; E. Olive, D.C.; H. Bathurst, A.D.C.; R. J. Buck, I.G.; Wheeler, Org.; P. Edinger, F. Turner, R. S. Gough, and L. Watson, Stwds.; and B. Gunning, Tyler.

The brethren afterwards dined together at the George Hotel, where a banquet was served in capital style by Mrs. Turner.

CHATHAM.—Pentangle Lodge (No. 1174).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Sun Hotel, when Bro. T. Conry, R.N., was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson, Past Grand Chaplain of England. The following officers were duly appointed: Bros. B. Ninnis, M.D., R.N., S.W.; Le Mottée, M.B., J.W.; the Rev. W. H. Robins, Chap.; H. Penfold, Treas.; Quartermaster V. Brown, Sec.; Dr. D. Welsh, M.B., S.D.; R. Bentham, R.N., J.D.; Lieut. Col. F. R. Beechey, D.C.; and Butler, M.D., I.G.

Some business was transacted, and Charitable grants were made. Subsequently the new W.M. presided over the usual banquet, served by Host Spurrier.

WIGAN.—Lindsay Lodge (No. 1335).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall. Present: Bros. A. H. Crossley, W.M.; W. Johnson, S.W.; R. B. Seddon, J.W.; J. D. Murray, P.G.D.C., Treas.; John Browne, Sec.; H. Bouchier, S.D.; H. Riddlesworth, J.D.; G. L. Campbell, P.M., D.C.; W. Rigby, I.G.; W. Holt, Stwd.; W. Patterson, Tyler; C. E. Beazer, P.M.; J. Barlow, P.M.; White, Knowles, and others. Visitor: Bro. Vickers, of Equity Lodge, Widnes.

The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for two candidates for initiation, and was favourable. All business having been transacted, the lodge was then closed.

HARRINGTON.—Curwen Lodge (No. 1400).—The installation of Bro. Lancelot Ward, W.M. elect of this lodge, took place on Wednesday afternoon, the 14th inst. The W.M. elect was presented by Bro. G. Glen, P.M., and was installed to the chair of K.S. by Bro. J. Bafr, P.G.S.W., and Bro. G. Ryrie, P.G.S.D. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. Wynn, I.P.M.; A. Little, jun., S.W.; R. Thomas, J.W.; W. Carlyle, Treas.; J. Rubery, Sec.; Rev. A. F. Curwen, Chap.; Ralph Ward, S.D.; John Morton, J.D.; John Jenkinson, I.G.; George G. Glen, Org.; S. Bethel, D.C.; R. A. Usher, Robert Morton, George S. Smith, and William Unett, Stwds.; and T. B. Roxby, Tyler.

The following members and visitors were present: Bros. G. Glen, P.M.; W. Carlyle, Treas.; A. Little, Sec.; R. Thomas, S.D.; G. H. Smith, D.C.; J. Morton, I.G.; N. Belcher, Tyler; John Barr, P.M. 119, P.G.S.W.; George Ryrie, I.P.M. 119, P.G.S.D.; T. Studholme, S.W. 119; T. Allison, J.W.; J. Frears, Org. 119, P.G. Org.; W. J. Tyson, S.D. 119; H. Burns, W.M. 872, P.G.S.; T. Brakenridge, J.D. 872, P.P.G.D.C.; Thomas Atkinson, P.M. 872; J. Dickinson, P.M. 371, P.G.A.D.C.; J. Ward, 371; J. C. Thompson, W.M. 962, P.G.S.; W. Whitehead, 962; Joseph H. Hartley, S.W. 962; A. Joslen, 962; I. Evening, 962; C. A. Bradbury, 962; A. Ashmore, 962; G. B. M'Mullen, P.M. 962; I. Purser, I.G. 962; James Jolley, 962; J. J. Coverdale, 962, P.P. G. Org.; Wm. Unett, J. Kerby, E. Dryden, B. Roxby, R. Harkness, W. Bedford, R. Brown, I. J. Wilson, W.M. 1267; W. L. Towerson, P.M. 1267; E. Clarke, P.M. 1267, P.P.G.J.D.; H. Ward, S.W. 1989; J. J. Robinson, P.M. 1989, P.P.G.J.D.; and C. Gowan, W.M. 1989.

After "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed, the lodge was closed in due form according to ancient custom. The W.M. then invited the brethren present to a banquet at the Victoria Hall, where the usual toasts were given, and a pleasant evening spent.

MANCHESTER.—Trafford Lodge (No. 1496).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Monday, the 12th inst., at the Western Hotel, Moss-side. Under the regime of Bro. Burslem—who, throughout his connection with Masonry, has ever been mindful of the traditions of the Craft—the lodge has had a very prosperous year, and in the matter of working and good government can hold its own with any in the great Province of West Lancashire. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Burslem, when there were present Bros. G. Johnson, S.W.; B. Halliwell, J.W.; W. Biggs, S.D.; C. W. Maybury, J.D.; H. P. Jones, P.G.S., Sec.; W. S. Watson, P.M., Treas.; T. Carter, I.G.; S. D. McKellen, P.M.; D. Johnson, P.M.; J. McGrath, P.M.; J. G. Gillman, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; W. P. Davies, J. E. Mout, J. Kershaw, J. Morris, H. S. Green, C. Preston, and W.

Hill, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. W. Goodacre, P.G. Sec.; C. Jones, P.M. 1060; G. Chadderton, J.W. 854; P. Holden, W.M. 277; R. H. Harrison, 277; J. Bowden, I.P.M. 467; H. Taylor, S.W. 467; J. Ratcliffe, 277; W. J. Read, 1476; J. Buckley, P.M. 277; H. Patterson, P.M.; T. W. Bamford, S.D. 854; W. Hall, S.W. 1387; G. Hunt, P.M. 1009; T. Barron, 645; and J. Wilcox. The ballot having been successfully taken for a candidate (who, however, was unable to be present), Bro. Gillman, P.P.G.S.D., took the chair, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, duly installed Bro. George Johnson, S.W. and W.M. elect, into the chair of K.S. The brethren having been admitted, the newly-installed Master was proclaimed and saluted in accordance with time honoured ceremonial. The officers for the ensuing year were subsequently invested as follows: Bros. G. Burslem, I.P.M.; B. Halliwell, S.W.; Walter Biggs, J.W.; W. S. Watson, P.M., Treas.; H. P. Jones, P.G.S., Sec.; C. W. Maybury, S.D.; J. Kershaw, J.D.; Thomas Carter, I.G.; D. Johnson, P.M., D.C.; F. Long, Org.; W. Hill, Tyler; W. P. Davies, W. Blears, Walter Wild, and J. Morris, Stewards. The addresses to the W.M. was delivered by Bro. Burslem, I.P.M.; that to the Wardens by Bro. Jones, P.G.S.; and that to the brethren by Bro. D. Johnson, P.M. "Hearty good wishes" having been offered, and two candidates proposed for initiation, the lodge was closed.

The Festival of St. John was celebrated in the evening. At six o'clock the brethren sat down to a banquet, served in a style which reflected the highest credit upon the courteous host, Bro. Biddolph, P.M. The W.M. presided, and proposed the loyal toasts.

The toasts of "The P.G.M. of West Lancashire, the Earl of Lathom," and of "Col. Stanley, D.P.G.M., and the rest of the P.G. Officers" were honoured in the customary manner.

Bro. Goodacre, P.G. Sec., responded for the Prov. G. Officers.

Bro. Burslem, I.P.M., gave "The W.M.," which was received with enthusiasm.

In responding, the Worshipful Master expressed his sense of the honour which had been conferred upon him, and his determination to uphold the good name of the lodge.

The W.M. proposed the toast of "The Immediate Past Master," and the manner in which the proposition was received furnished ample testimony of the estimation in which Bro. Burslem is held by his brethren of the Trafford Lodge.

The remaining toasts included "The Visiting Brethren," proposed by Bro. McKellen, P.M., and responded to by Bros. Buckley, Bowden, and others; "The Installing Master," proposed by Bro. Jones, P.G.S.; "The Masonic Charities," given by the S.W.; "The Newly-Invested Officers," and "The P.M.'s of the Trafford Lodge."

The pleasures of the evening were greatly enhanced by the singing of many of the brethren, the musical programme being under the direction of Bro. Long, Organist of the lodge.

TWICKENHAM.—Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—This highly prosperous lodge met at the Albany Hotel on the 14th inst., when there were present among others Bros. the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, M.A., P.G. Chap. Middlesex, W.M.; Briggs, P.M. 157 and 1732, P.Z. 177 and 1326, S.W.; W. Taylor, P.M., P.G. J.W. Middlesex, acting J.W.; W. H. Saunders, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex, Treas.; T. C. Walls, I.P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, Sec.; Gurney, S.D.; Jenkins, J.D.; the Rev. L. D'Orsey, Chap., acting I.G.; Bunn, Williams, Toulmin, and others. Bro. Captain Cuming (Scotland) was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Raymond Thrupp, P.G.A.D.C., D.P. G.M. of Middlesex (honorary member), was announced and received in due form. Bro. Toulmin was then ably passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., who also gave most impressively the lecture on the second tracing board. The election of W.M. resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. Briggs, S.W., who duly acknowledged the honour conferred upon him. Bro. the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders was unanimously elected Treasurer—vice Bro. W. H. Saunders resigned—and Bro. Harrison, Tyler. The Audit Committee having been appointed, a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. W. H. Saunders, in recognition of his long and valuable services as Treasurer, and deeply regretting his resignation. Bro. Saunders having acknowledged this compliment in feeling terms, a Past Master's jewel was voted to the W.M., as well as a vote of thanks to him for the interesting lecture of the Second Degree delivered that evening. Bro. Captain Cuming having been proposed as a joining member, letters apologising for non-attendance were read from Bros. Richnell, J.W.; R. Saunders, and others. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The usual toasts followed.

HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—This lodge met at the Lion Hotel on the 15th inst. Among those in attendance were Bros. H. Jones, W.M.; J. C. Jessett, P.M., P.G.S.B. Middlesex, Treas., acting as S.W.; H. Wheatley, J.W.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, P.M., Sec.; Eales, J.D.; Ransford, I.G.; Davies, A.D.C.; E. Clarke, Bushell, H. Clarke, J. Smith, Ballard, Culverwell, Scholding, Plummer, and others. Bro. Supt. Fisher, P.M. 834, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Mr. Compton, and it proving to be unanimous, he was duly initiated into Craft mysteries by Bro. the Secretary. Bros. Bushell, J. Smith, and Clarke were then passed to the Second Degree. Several necessary alterations having been made in the existing bye-laws, and letters read from Bro. Sparring, S.W., and other absentees, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The customary toasts followed.

WALTON.—Wilbraham Lodge (No. 1713).—The annual festival of St. John, and installation of Bro. Dr. W. J. Fleetwood as W.M. of this lodge, took place on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Black Horse Hotel. The following were present: Bros. Dr. R. A. H. Wood, W.M.; Dr. W. J. Fleetwood, S.W.; Josiah Barlow, J.W.; George A. Harradon, Secretary; Edwin Smith, Treasurer; W. Webster, S.D.; J. Jones, J.D.; J. G. Hodgson, S.S.; J. W. Binks, J.S.; Alfred Cross, I.P.M.; Wallace Smith, P.M.; F. J. Pentin, P.P.A.G.D.C., P.M.; W. H. Buck-

nell, P.P.A.G.D.C. Staffordshire, D.C.; Rev. R. T. Leslie, P.G. Chas., Chaplain; Thomas Martin, James Pendrigh, T. G. Bark, P.M.; Robert Clachan, Daniel Parry, James Tomlin, James Prescott, J. McNally, A. Merchant, and J. Glover. The following visitors were present: Bros. P. C. Ashbury, P.M. 1620; A. Samuels, P.P.G.J.D., P.M. 1356; J. H. Barrow, P.G.S.D.; W. Lawson, Rev. John Stowell, 1350; H. Beynon, 123; R. H. Webster, W.M. 823; W. J. Guilbert, 823; R. Robertson, 286; J. Swift, 1356; John Curtin, 137; J. Phelan, 594; and John Walton, 1094.

The W.M. having been duly installed, he, on behalf of the lodge, presented the retiring W.M., Bro. Wood, with a handsome Past Master's jewel, manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 2, Monument-place, Liverpool, as a token of esteem, and in recognition of the manner in which he had discharged his duties during his year of office. The W.M. appointed the following officers for the ensuing twelve months: Bros. Josiah Barlow, S.W.; George A. Harradon, J.W.; Rev. R. T. Leslie, P.G.C., Chaplain; W. W. Webster, Secretary; Joshua Jones, S.D.; J. G. Hodgson, J.D.; W. H. Bucknell, P.P.A.G.D.C., D.C.; F. J. Pentin, P.P.A.G.D.C., Almoner; J. W. Binks, I.G.; James Tomlin, S.; R. W. Neville, Tyler; Dr. R. A. H. Wood, I.P.M.

The brethren dined together at the hotel. Vocal contributions were given by Bros. Williams, Jones, Rowlands, and Trevitt.

BRIGHTON.—Atlingworth Lodge (No. 1821).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Pavilion on Thursday afternoon, the 15th inst., the installing Master being Bro. B. Burfield, the retiring W.M., Prov. G.A. Sec. of Sussex, who performed the whole of the ceremonies in a most masterly manner. The lodge has from its foundation been worked mainly by the officers and members of the Brighton Board of Guardians, although during the last few years it has made its way amongst the resident professional and trading class generally. Bro. Burfield, the now I.P.M., has been for many years the Assistant Clerk to the Board of Guardians, his successor, the Rev. W. A. Tooth, is Chaplain of the Industrial Schools, and the Past Masters include Bros. Newsome, Superintendent of the Industrial Schools; S. Peters, Assistant Overseer; P. S. Godfree, Deputy Vestry Clerk, &c.

The following brethren were present: Bros. S. Peters, I.P.M.; W. A. Tooth, J.W.; T. Berry, Sec.; R. Peters, S.D.; H. Anscombe, J.D.; J. Billingham, I.G.; W. C. Newsome, Org.; M. Lelew and H. Hart, Stwds.; G. S. Godfree, P.M.; W. Newsome, P.M.; T. Hughes, Tyler; and H. H. Hughes, Asst. Tyler; J. N. Smith, O. Embling, T. G. Grevatt, M. W. Wormald, J. Seagrave, A. Loader, J. W. R. Bays, T. Bullard, A. Rose, M. Grinberg, J. Parsons, W. T. Beard, and J. Sayers. The visitors included Bros. John Henderson Scott, Deputy Prov. Grand Master; V. P. Freeman, Prov. Grand Sec.; C. H. Haine, W.M. 1110; H. Kent, W.M. 315; G. Cole, W.M. 1636; J. Belcher, 315; L. Weedon, W.M. 1465; W. Roe, Sec. 1636; H. E. Swaffer, 554; J. Eberell, P.P.G.P., P.M. 315; Sir Francis Knowles, W.M. 1726; E. G. Whittle, Org. 811; J. Curtis, P.P.G.S.B., P.M. 315; W. Nell, W.M. 732; T. W. Clowser, I.G. 732; S. Denman, S.D. 732; W. Botting, J.W. 732; W. R. Wood, I.P.M. 1636; G. J. Malcolm Smith, W.M. 1707; W. H. Gibson, P.P. G.W., P.M. 1636; J. Ridge, P.M. 315; W. T. Nell, P.P. G.P., P.M. 1636; J. W. Stride, P.P.G.J.W., P.M. 315; W. Ardley, S.W. 811; T. P. Harker, J.D. 732; G. R. Lockyer, P.M. 315; T. Packham, P.G.S.B., P.M. 1829; G. E. Chapman, W.M. 311; J. Edwards, 811; B. Dennett, P.G.A.D.C., W.M. 732; C. J. Smith, P.P. G.W., P.M. 1466; L. Lowdell, J.W. 271; J. C. Fly, P.M. 1247; and J. M. Kidd, P.P.G.S.W., P.M. 732.

The chief business of the afternoon was the installation of Bro. Rev. W. A. Tooth, M.A., Prov. G. Chaplain, as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. B. Burfield. The following were elected as colleagues of the W.M. for the ensuing year, and were invested with the insignia of their respective offices, viz., Bros. B. Burfield, I.P.M.; T. Berry, S.W.; R. H. Pearce, J.W.; H. Anscombe, Secretary; J. Billingham, S.D.; M. Lelew, J.D.; W. C. Newsome, D. of C.; H. Stair, I.G.; M. Grinberg and H. Hart, Stewards; and T. Hughes, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Burfield, in appreciation of the admirable manner in which he had carried out the duties of Master of the lodge.

The lodge having been formally closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where they sat down to a banquet supplied by Bros. Sayers and Marks, and served up by them in first-class style, the viands and wines being excellent.

The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured and interspersed by songs, sung by Miss Darlington, Miss Hochheimer, Mr. T. Alberly, and Mr. A. Neall, supplemented by the efforts of two of the visiting brethren; Bro. W. Ardley contributing a pianoforte solo in excellent style, while Bro. J. C. Fly gave the "Lost Chord," as a cornet solo, with such stirring effect as to win an enthusiastic encore. The duties of accompanist were ably carried out by Bro. W. N. Roe, P.P.G. Organist.

HARROW.—Citadel Lodge (No. 1897).—This lodgement on the 17th inst. at the Railway Hotel, Harrow Station. Bro. W. H. Lee, Prov. Asst. G. Sec., W.M., was supported by Bros. E. Woodman, S.W.; J. Weston, J.W.; W. Hurran, Treas.; J. Osborn, Prov. G. Std. Br., P.M., Sec.; O. J. Von Holtorp, J.D.; W. Wright, D.C.; J. H. Gaskin, I.G.; E. W. Mayne, Stwd.; T. I. Bird, P. Prov. G.S.B., P.M.; H. W. Mayes, P.P.G.P., P.M.; J. Hughes, H. Banks, J. E. Sheffield, W. J. Ball, G. F. Broach, J. Trolman, P. Young, J. Jones, E. A. Von Holtorp, A. Mayes, W. W. Lee, and L. Cole. The visitors present were Bros. W. H. Brand, P.M. 1524; J. J. Marsh, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Rhodes, 1524; and S. S. Millin, 1567.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Messrs. A. Mayes and E. A. Von Holtorp were initiated; and Bros. Broach and Ball were passed to the Second Degree, the ceremonies being performed by the W.M. in a very impressive manner. The chair was then, by permission of the W.M., taken by Bro. J. Osborn, I.P.M., who raised Bro. Banks to the Third Degree. Bro. Osborn thanked the W.M. for his courtesy in permitting him to perform the ceremony of raising his relative, Bro. Banks.

The W.M. having resumed the chair, Bro. A. Clark, P.M. 1227, was admitted a joining member. On the motion of Bro. Bird, P.M., it was resolved that the annual subscription and the initiation fee should be increased. It was also resolved, on the motion of Bro. Jones, that the members of the lodge should present a banner to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex. The money was immediately forthcoming, and a committee was formed to carry the resolution into effect.

After dinner, which was catered for in an able manner by Bro. L. Cole, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Provincial Grand Officers," and alluded in feeling terms to Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, who had, by his untiring zeal, and the admirable manner in which he performed the onerous duties of Prov. G.M., done so much to promote the welfare of the Province of Middlesex.

Bro. Bird, P. Prov. G.S.B., P.M., responded, and returned grateful thanks for the allusions to the Provincial Grand Officers, who were always only too happy to render any assistance they could for the benefit of Freemasonry in general, and especially of that province.

The toast of "The W.M." was then given by Bro. Osborn, I.P.M., who said he considered it an honour to have the felicity of proposing the health of Bro. Lee, who had performed his work in such an excellent manner. He had received his first lessons in Freemasonry from Bro. Lee, and felt assured that under his sway the Citadel Lodge would flourish and prosper.

Bro. Lee, in reply, heartily thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast of his health, and said that the brethren could rely upon him doing his best to promote the interests of the lodge. The next toast he had to bring to their notice was that of "The Initiates," and he was very pleased to say that there were two present that evening, both being relatives of members of the lodge. He gladly welcomed them, and hoped that by following the valuable precepts that had been instilled into them that evening, they would rise in Freemasonry, and become respected and esteemed in the lodge, as their relatives were.

Bros. Mayes and Von Holtorp briefly responded.

The W.M. then gave "The Visitors," who were always sure of a cordial reception in that lodge. They were generally fortunate in having a large number of visitors, and he trusted that those present had spent a pleasant and profitable evening.

Bro. Brand, P.M. 1524, replied and thanked the brethren for the hospitable manner in which the visitors had been received. He had worked shoulder to shoulder with Bro. Lee for many years in another lodge, and it afforded him no little pleasure to see the admirable manner in which the Citadel Lodge was conducted.

Bros. Rhodes and Millin also responded.

"The Health of the Joining Member" was next proposed, the W.M. offering Bro. Clark a hearty welcome. He had been associated with Bro. Clark in Freemasonry for several years, and felt sure that he would prove a valuable acquisition.

Bro. Clark, P.M. 1227, thanked the W.M. for the flattering terms in which he had proposed the toast of his health, and the brethren for the hearty reception they had accorded it, and assured them that he should be very glad to render any assistance in his power to promote the prosperity of the lodge.

In reply to the toast of "The Past Masters," which was heartily received, Bro. Osborn, P.M., said that he wished to convey his sincere thanks to the brethren for the magnificent manner in which they had responded to the proposal respecting the banner to be presented to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex. He had the honour of having been appointed Prov. G. Std. Br., and expressed his pleasure and pride that the standard it would be his duty to bear, should be presented by the members of the Citadel Lodge.

In proposing "The Health of the Officers," the W.M. thanked them heartily for the willing and efficient manner in which they performed their respective duties. He was very pleased to see Bro. Hurran, their esteemed Treasurer, in the lodge again, and hoped he would be at their meetings for many years to come.

Bro. Hurran replied, and after thanking the W.M. and brethren for the reception of the toast of his health, expressed his pleasure at being once more among them.

"The Tyler's" toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

The musical arrangements, which added greatly to the enjoyment of the brethren, were under the direction of Bro. Wright, who was ably assisted by Bros. Woodman, Sheffield, Jones, and Lee.

KIDSGROVE.—St. Thomas's Lodge (No. 1914).—The brethren of this lodge assembled at their lodge room on Tuesday, the 13th inst., to witness the installation of Bro. Woodcock as W.M. for the ensuing year. Forty-one brethren were present. Amongst the visiting brethren were Bros. the Rev. E. J. Roberts, P.M. 300, J. 1218, P.P.G.C. East Lancashire; F. Weston, P.M. 98, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Dunn, J.W. 979; J. Norris, W.M. 451; J. E. Worth, 451; J. Davenport, P.M. 451; F. W. Tomkinson, P.M. 451, P.P.G.S.D.; W. Lumb, W.M. 979; S. Morley, 98 and 451; C. E. Strickland, 451; W. Tunnicliffe, Sec. 418; J. H. Rowley, 98 and 2064; J. E. Brown, Sec. 2064; H. Windle, J.D. 418; J. J. Savage, P.M. 1086; C. F. Humphreys, 1942; J. Ingamells, P.M. 460, P.P.G.J.D.; T. Browning, 98; and Downing, 460.

The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Warburton, the retiring W.M., assisted by Bros. Davenport and Weston, acting as Wardens in the P.M.'s lodge, Bros. Storey and Pedley also taking part in the working. The W.M. appointed the following brethren as officers of the lodge: Bros. J. Forster, S.W.; J. Evans, J.W.; T. E. Storey, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C., Treas.; T. K. Pedley, P.M., P.G.S. of Wks., Sec.; E. J. Kelley, S.D.; M. Turner, J.D.; A. Evans, I.G.; J. M. Willdig and D. Richmond, Stwds.; and G. Isom, Tyler. Before the lodge closed Bro. Woodcock presented Bro. Warburton, the I.P.M., with a very handsome P.M.'s jewel, subscribed for by some of the brethren.

After the close of the lodge the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where a repast was provided, which did great credit to Bro. Busbridge. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and a splendid musical programme was gone through by the Kidsgrove Quartette Party, assisted by Bros. Turner, Downing, and Nichol.

CARDIFF.—Tennant Lodge (No. 1992).—The second annual festival of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Working-street, on the 8th inst., when Bro. Henry White, S.W., P.P.G.S., was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year by the retiring W.M., Bro. Thomas Mathews, P.P.G.S.W., Bro. W. D. John, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., 1754, acting as Director of Ceremonies. After the ceremony of installation the W.M. proceeded to appoint his officers as follows: Bros. Thomas Mathews, I.P.M.; D. S. Varzopolo, S.W.; David Williams, J.W.; Thos. Niven, Treas.; Edward D. Phillips, Sec.; T. M. Hale, S.D.; John Owen, J.D.; H. M. Tainsh, D.C.; J. E. Deacon, Org.; Robert Williams, I.G.; W. Hughes, Morris, and D. J. Morgan, Stwds.; and P. I. Riley, Tyler.

The lodge having been closed according to ancient custom, the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel and dined together, a most enjoyable evening been spent, enlivened by music, songs, and recitation, kindly contributed by Bros. J. E. Deacon, E. Fletcher, F. P. Adey, J. Radley, A. Greenhalgh, Thomas Evans, G. T. Coleman, C. Adam, and C. Fell.

INSTRUCTION.

TEMPERANCE LODGE (No. 169).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday evening, the 9th inst., at the Duke of York Tavern, Evelyn-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. T. Duffield, W.M.; J. G. Dale, S.W.; W. Wilton, J.W.; J. G. Milbourn, Preceptor; Henry Strickland, Hon. Sec.; G. Andrews, S.D.; W. Walters, J.D.; J. Walters, I.G.; T. Abbott, J. Honey, and Chas. Vellenoweth.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Vellenoweth personating candidate. Questions preparatory to passing having been answered, Bro. Honey was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Honey being candidate. Lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and Bro. H. Strickland worked the 1st and Bro. Milbourn the 2nd Section of the Lecture, and were assisted by the brethren. The W.M. rose for the first time, when the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time. Proposed by Bro. Preceptor, seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously, that the S.W. be W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business having been ended, the lodge was then closed.

Another meeting of the above lodge was held on Friday evening, the 16th inst., at the Duke of York Tavern, Evelyn-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. Dale, W.M.; H. Strickland, S.W.; H. Pitt, J.W.; W. C. Mowbray, S.D.; Borrett, J.D.; J. G. Honey, I.G.; and J. G. Milbourn, Preceptor.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Milbourn personating candidate. Questions preparatory to passing having been answered, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony worked by the W.M., Bro. Honey being candidate. Lodge was then resumed in the First Degree, and the W.M. rose for the first time, when the dues were collected. Proposed by Bro. Strickland, seconded by Bro. Mowbray, and carried unanimously, that Bro. Borrett, of the New Cross Lodge, No. 1559, become a member of this lodge of instruction. The W.M. then rose for the second time, and Bro. Preceptor proposed Bro. Strickland be W.M. for the ensuing week; this was seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. then rose for the third time, and, all Masonic business having been ended, the lodge was closed.

DOMATIC LODGE (No. 772).—This lodge met on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. Present: Bros. J. D. Smith, W.M.; Boys, I.P.M.; H. B. Buckridge, S.W.; Bannister, J.W.; F. J. Tull, S.D.; R. Rowlands, J.D.; Pigeon, I.G.; R. Walden, Sec.; J. Hill, Preceptor; E. M. Gibson, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. E. M. Gibson being the candidate. He answered the questions for the Second Degree, and retired. Bro. C. J. Smith was entrusted. The lodge opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. C. J. Smith being the candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. C. J. Smith proposed, and Bro. J. Tull seconded, that Bro. E. M. Gibson be admitted a member of this lodge, which was unanimously carried. Bro. J. Tull was proposed as W.M. for the ensuing week—the work to be the Third Degree with 1st Section of the Third Lecture. The lodge was then closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 19th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, W.M.; M. J. Green, S.W.; J. H. Wood, J.W.; G. Read, P.M., Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M., Sec.; E. F. Ferris, S.D.; J. C. Allman, J.D.; W. Death, I.G.; T. Friend, Stwd.; Captain A. Nicols, 1974; S. Smout, 1642; A. Hardy, J. Kershaw, O. W. Battley, D. Stroud, A. Steng, C. J. Morse, J. P. Gilbert, J. French, R. P. J. Laundry, E. C. Mulvey, and E. Coleman. Visitors: Bro. W. H. Chappell, 1425; and F. C. Mander, 1828, 2096.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bros. Mulvey and Hardy candidates respectively. The lodge was called off and on. Bro. Green was elected W.M. for next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. Bros. Chappell and Mander were elected members. The 2nd Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. Read, assisted by the brethren. It was resolved that the Fifteen Sections be worked on the 16th November by the following brethren, viz.: Bros. Allman, Mander, Steng, Mulvey, Stroud, Captain A. Nicols, Hardy, Chalfont, Edmunds, Battley, Davis, Smout, Kershaw, Wood, and Gilbert. Bro. Read will preside. The lodge was closed.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 16th inst., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Forscutt, W.M.; Hayes, S.W.; Mann, jun., J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; J. Gibson, Treas.; P. Coughlan, Sec.; Foulson, S.D.; Cope, J.D.; Barham, jun., I.G.; Wade, P.M.; Green, sen., P.M.; Edwards, Mimms, Luckhurst, J. Purcell, Musson, O. D. Ward, Mason, C. White, P.M.; F. Purnell, and Green, jun.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Luckhurst being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. then vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. Foulson. Bro. Grist, a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Grist being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree; and Bro. Foulson vacated the chair, which was taken by the W.M.; and he having risen for the second time, Bro. Hayes was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 17th inst., at the Tabard Hotel, Bedford Park, W. Present: Bros. John Brown, W.M.; H. Purdue, S.W.; G. H. Woods, J.W.; George Gardner, Treas.; W. Johnson, Sec.; A. Williams, S.D.; G. Gardner, J.D.; H. Furze, I.G.; Thomas E. Weeks, Tyler; Sims, P.M.; C. E. Botley, P.M.; W. Wesley, Preceptor; Steers, Craggs, Wing, Stroud, Wilson, Meyers, and F. Botley. Visitor: Bro. P. M. Sigg, P.P.G.O. Surrey.

First ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Meyers as candidate. Ques-

tions leading to the Second Degree were put, and answered by Bro. Steers, who was entrusted, and retired. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Second ceremony worked, Bro. Steers as candidate. Lodge closed to the First Degree. Bro. P. M. Purdue was voted to chair for next meeting. Lodge was then closed.

The first ballot of the Chiswick Masonic Benevolent Association resulted in favour of Bro. G. Gardner, Treasurer.

LEICESTER.—Union Lodge (No. 523).—At the monthly meeting of this very flourishing lodge, held on Friday, the 9th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, an interesting presentation was made to the retiring Secretary, Treasurer, and Steward. The acting W.M., Bro. H. Goodacre Marriott, 2028, desired W. Bro. J. T. Thorp, P.M. 523, P.P.S.G.W., to present the jewel, on behalf of the brethren, to Bro. E. P. Steeds, S.W. 2081, J.W. 1007, 1391, which was accordingly done in Bro. Thorp's usual able manner, allusion being made to the excellent services rendered by the recipient during the several years he had held the trinity of offices in the lodge. The jewel, which is of sterling silver, was specially designed to indicate the emblems of the various offices intended to be represented, and bore a suitable inscription. Bro. Steeds duly acknowledged the gift of such a handsome recognition of the work he had done, intimating that he should continue to take an active interest in the future career of the lodge. Letters were sent and congratulations given by W. Bro. S. S. Partridge, D.P.G.M., Leicestershire and Rutland; Bro. Joseph Young, Prov. G.D. of C.; W. Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z. (hon. member); and other brethren.

Royal Arch.

JERUSALEM CHAPTER (No. 185).—This old chapter met at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Wednesday, the 13th inst. Among those present were Comps. S. Elhorn, M.E.Z.; T. Davis, H.; Cleghorn, J.; Davage, P.Z., S.E.; E. A. Harris, S.N.; Staley, P.S.; Harfeld, P.Z., Treas.; Holbrook, P.Z.; J. Manders, P.Z.; T. C. Walls, G.P. Soj. Middx., P.S.; N. Moss, P.Z.; and G. Davis, P.Z. Among the visitors were Comps. Phillips, 158; Proudfoot, 1307; Mason, 1378; Woods, 1572; and Morse, 1642.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bros. J. Rosenfeld, M. Krumm, Myers, and D. Leobl, of 185; and J. Evans, 1965, and it proving to be unanimous, Bros. M. Krumm and D. Leobl being in attendance, were impressively exalted to the Degree of the Royal Arch by Ex. Comp. G. Davis, P.Z.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet, which was well served. The usual toasts followed.

ORPHEUS CHAPTER (No. 1706).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday, the 17th inst., when there were present Comps. Jas. Blyth, M.E.Z.; Dr. J. S. Lavies, H.; J. Shirley Hodson, J.; G. Cooper, C. Belton, R. Eve, H. M. Imbert-Terry, F. W. Imbert-Terry, G. C. Burry, W. A. Frost, H. McLaughlan, J. H. Thomson, W. G. Devey, and Rev. W. Stainer. Visitors: Comps. F. B. Page, 214, and E. Kipps, 79.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, after which Comp. Cooper installed Comps. Dr. Lavies, M.E.Z.; J. Shirley Hodson, H.; and H. M. Imbert-Terry, J. Comp. R. Eve was re-elected Treas., and Comp. Dr. Walsley Little was elected S.E.; Comp. Burry, S.N.; Comp. P. H. Waterlow, P.S.; and Comp. Frost, Org. The notice of motion to have four meetings instead of three was carried unanimously. The newly-installed M.E.Z. presented Comp. J. Blyth with a P.Z.'s jewel, and proposed four gentlemen for membership.

The companions then adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where a capital banquet was served. The M.E.Z. proposed the usual toasts, and during the evening presented Comp. G. Cooper with a massive jewel, as a mark of esteem from the members for his services to the chapter since its commencement. We need hardly add that the musical arrangements were of that description for which the Orpheus Chapter is so noted. The jewels were manufactured by Comp. George Kenning.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Chapter (No. 913).—A quarterly convocation of the above chapter took place at the High School for Boys, Brook Hill, on Thursday, the 15th inst., when Bro. J. Hooton, of 913, Craft lodge, was, after approval, exalted to the Supreme Degree. The grand ceremonial was worked upon the lines of Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson, M.A., P.G.A.S. England, and was splendidly rendered by Ex. Comps. R. Edmonds, M.E.Z.; W. Rees, H.; and E. B. Hobson, J.; while Ex. Comp. J. H. Roberts, P.S., did his portion to perfection. Among the other companions present were C. Coupland, P.Z.; and P.P.G.J. Kent; E. Denton, P.Z.; and P.P.G.P.S. Kent; E. Sweney, P.Z.; W. Musto, P.Z.; and P.Z. 248; R. J. Cook, S.N.; E. Tappenden, H. Wilson, R. Hewison, D. C. Capon, H. J. Bernays, W. G. Musto, G. R. Nichols, J. Farrier, G. Frost, and D. Campbell.

Mark Masonry.

BON ACCORD LODGE (T.I.).—This lodge held its installation meeting at 8a, Red Lion-square, on Thursday, the 15th inst., when there were present Bros. J. W. Fuller, W.M.; J. M. Collins, S.W.; W. G. Lemon, J.W.; Magnus Ohren, P.M., P.G.M.O.; J. Perry Godfrey, P.M.; Geo. Cooper, P.M., P.G.S.D.; Ralph Gooding, P.M., G.J.O.; Geo. Lambert, P.M., P.G.S.D.; Webster Glynes, F. A. Manning, H. C. Lambert, Dr. Zacharie, T. Vincent, H. E. Francis, H. L. De Montmorency, W. J. Spratling, Frank Landon, and T. J. Hanley. Visitors: Bros. Chas. F. Matier, P.G.W.; Fredk. Davison, P.G.W.; A. F. Godson, Prov. G. Master Worcester; J. Murray, P.G.S.B.; Cecil Quennell, J. P. Lewin, Edward Letchworth, J. P. Sutherly, and J. Brown.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. very ably advanced Bro. F. W. Imbert-Terry, W.M. Hope and Unity, 214, into Mark Masonry. Bro. George Cooper then took the chair and installed Bro. J. M. Collins as W.M., who appointed and invested Bros. W. G. Lemon, S.W.; Webster Glynes, J.W.; F. A. Manning, M.O.; H. C. Lambert, S.O.; W. M. Bywater, J.O.; Rev. A. C. Graystone, Chaplain; Magnus Ohren, Treas.; Thos. Vincent, R.M.; Geo. Cooper, Sec.; H. E. Francis, S.D.; H. L. De Montmorency, J.D.; and W. J. Spratling, I.G. The W.M. then presented Bros. G. Lambert and J. W. Fuller with Past Master's jewels; the former, who was W.M. in 1862, gave an interesting account of the early days of Mark

Masonry, the founders of which never dreamed of its attaining its present prosperous state. Two brethren were proposed for advancement, and the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where a splendid banquet was provided, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

HIGH CROSS LODGE (No. 284).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Sever Sisters Hotel, Tottenham, when Bro. John Dexter Birkin was installed as W.M., the ceremony being performed by Bros. C. Fitzgerald Matier, P.G.W., and T. Poore, P.G.I.G., in a most impressive manner. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. A. G. Fidler, S.W.; Percy Gilling, J.W.; Rev. C. H. Roberts, P.G.C., M.O.; F. Wheelhouse, S.O.; Webb, J.O.; Meek, P.M., R. of M.; Little, Treas.; Lewis, P.M., Sec.; Rev. C. H. Roberts, Chaplain and Organist; C. Handley, S.D.; E. Holt, J.D.; T. De Courcy Meade, D.C.; C. Sharpe, I.G.; and J. Handley, S.W.S.

After the usual business, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, where the repast provided by Bro. Oddy was done full justice to. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

During the evening the W.M. presented the I.P.M., Bro. Major Penrose Dunbar, late of "The Buffs," with a Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted him at the previous lodge meeting, and Bro. Dunbar responded in a most feeling and expressive manner.

The W.M. intimated his intention to represent No. 284 as Steward.

The visitors included Bros. C. J. Knightley, F. G. Eaton, 262; and James Garrod.

CHACEWATER.—Boscawen Lodge (No. 101).—The annual meeting of the brethren of this lodge was held on Monday, the 12th inst., when Bro. W. A. Bennett was ably installed as W.M. by Bro. J. F. Hooper, P.M. The officers for the ensuing year were appointed as follows: Bros. S. G. Moyle, I.P.M.; C. Kent, S.W.; H. Searle, J.W.; J. F. Hooper, M.O.; J. A. Moyle, S.O.; R. R. Old, J.O.; Rev. G. L. Church, Chap.; W. P. Hugoe, Sec.; J. Tregoe, S.D.; S. Mitchell, J.D.; J. Estlick, I.G.; and W. Lean, Tyler. The W.M. mentioned that he had received £2 from the P.G.M.M.M., Bro. Sir Charles Graves Sawle, for the purpose of a decoration for the Mark Lodge. The consideration of the matter was postponed until the next meeting. The general opinion was that the money should be applied to the purchase of a Mark T.B.

At the conclusion of business the brethren sat down to a dinner, capably served by Mr. Chamberlain, of the Britannia Hotel.

GUILDFORD.—Percy Lodge (No. 114).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Angel Hotel on Wednesday, the 14th inst., amongst those present being Bros. Binckes, G.S.; Piggott, P.P.G.R.; Drewitt, Wells, Collier, Day, White, Thomson, and others. The lodge having been opened according to ancient custom by the W.M., Bro. Charles Belton, P.P.G.S. of Works, and the revised copy of the bye-laws having been duly confirmed, Bro. Binckes, G.S., proceeded to install Bro. D. P. Cama, G. Stwd. (the well-known and much esteemed Parsee merchant), in the chair. The ceremony was performed by the Grand Secretary in his usual masterly manner, and, although suffering from severe indisposition, he came expressly from London to install Bro. Cama, who has done so much for our Masonic Charities. The W.M. then invested his officers, and gave the addresses in the most effective and impressive manner.

Several candidates for advancement and as joining members having been proposed, the next meeting of the lodge was announced for the third Thursday in November. The musical arrangements, both during the ceremony and at the subsequent banquet, were most efficiently carried out by Bro. J. C. Graham, P.P.G.O.

Obituary.

BRO. WILLIAM MILLER BRYCE.

By the death of Bro. William Miller Bryce, of Marchmont-crescent, Edinburgh, the Grand Lodge of Scotland has lost one of its oldest and most efficient office-bearers. For upwards of thirty years he filled the post, first of Assistant and afterwards of Grand Tyler, and he acted in a similar capacity in the higher Degree of Masonry. He was hall keeper from the date of the erection of the Masonic Buildings in George-street down to a few years ago, when he retired owing to his advanced age. Bro. Bryce was a great favourite with the Craft, and was held in high regard by the many members of Grand Lodge with whom he was brought into close contact for the uniform courtesy and urbanity which characterised all his official acts. He was known more or less to most Masons throughout Scotland, and had a large acquaintance in the different provinces visited by Grand Lodge during the last quarter of a century.

BRO. PHILIP FRANCIS SIMCOE.

The members of the Dunheved Lodge, No. 789, as also of the Province of Cornwall, have been much grieved to hear of the decease of Bro. Philip Francis Simcoe, of Penheale, near Launceston. Bro. Simcoe was an active member of the Fraternity, and had risen to high honours in the Society. In 1874 he was Senior Warden of his mother lodge, No. 789, Launceston, and served as the Master in the following year. In 1877, when the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall was held at Launceston, Lord Mount Edgcumbe, as Provincial Grand Master, appointed him as one of the Provincial Grand Stewards, and in 1880, at St. Ives, the R.W. brother bestowed upon Bro. Simcoe one of the highest offices in the province, viz., Prov. Grand Senior Warden. Of the Dunheved Royal Arch Chapter Comp. Simcoe was First Principal in 1880; he was likewise a member of the Restormel Preceptory, No. 90, Tywardreath, and of the Cornwall Rose Croix Chapter, Truro, in which he had held office. He will be much missed by the brethren, by whom he was esteemed and trusted as one of the chief members of the Craft in the province.



The installation of Bro. Colonel W. Stuart, P.G.W. England, of Tempsford Hall, as Prov. G. Master of the newly-erected Province of Bedfordshire, will take place at Bedford on Thursday next, the 29th inst., at 3.30 p.m. The Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, will officiate as Installing Master, and it is announced that Bro. Col. Lindsell, of Biggleswade, will be Deputy Prov. G.M., and Bro. Cumberland, of Luton, the first Prov. G. Senior Warden.

Bro. Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., addressed a meeting at Mortlake, on Friday, the 13th inst., of the electors for the Kingston Division of Surrey.

The Prince of Wales, after his arrival in Paris, visited and was visited by M. Grévy, President of the French Republic.

Bro. Sir H. Drummond Wolff, whose mission to Constantinople is announced to have been successful, had the honour of dining with the Sultan on Tuesday, and after dinner held a conference of three hours with His Majesty.

Bros. Earl Ferrers, P.G.M. Leicestershire and Rutland, and his Excellency Count Nigra, the Italian Ambassador, have arrived in London, the former from Ireland, and the latter from the Continent.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., has written a letter to a gentleman stating that there is no foundation for the report that his lordship intends retiring from public life.

Bro. Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., M.P., who was accompanied by Lady Dilke, and Bro. A. Cohen, Q.C., M.P., addressed a meeting of the electors at the Queen's Park Hall, Harrow-road, on Tuesday.

Bro. General Sir F. Roberts was to be present at a concert given in his honour at the Royal Victoria Hall and Coffee Tavern, Waterloo Bridge-road, on Thursday evening.

The ceremony of installation will be worked by the Alexandra Palace Lodge of Instruction, No. 1541, on Saturday, the 31st inst., at the Station Hotel, Camberwell, by Bro. Stacey, P.M., Preceptor, assisted by Bros. Woods, P.M., and Farwig, P.M. The lodge will be opened at 7.30.

R.W. Bro. Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., addressed a meeting of the York Conservative Association on Tuesday, Bros. Christopher Sykes, M.P., and Sir F. Milner, Bart., M.P., being among the principal supporters of the right honourable gentleman.

Miss Kuhe, daughter of Bro. W. Kuhe, P.G. Organist, gave her annual concert in the Dome, Brighton, on Friday evening last, Bro. Santley being one of the artists who gave his services on the occasion. The concert was a great success.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., presided at a meeting held at the Mansion House, on Friday, for the purpose of making the preliminary arrangements for raising a national memorial to the late Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury, Bro. Earl Granville was the principal speaker.

The Prince of Wales has signified his approval of a plan for holding a Congress of Chambers of Commerce of the British Empire in connection with the proposed Indian and Colonial Exhibition at South Kensington, next year.

Bro. Colonel the Hon. Sackville West, G.J.W., was among the notabilities present at Lampeter, on Thursday, the 15th inst., on the occasion of the Archbishop of Canterbury laying the corner stone of new buildings about to be added to the Church Training College in Wales, at a cost of some £10,000.

Bro. General Lord Wolseley and Lady Wolseley, Bro. G. O. and Mrs. Trevelyan, Bro. G. Shaw-Lefevre, M.P., and Bro. Abel Smith, M.P., were among those invited to the marriage, at St. Peter's, Eaton-square, on the 14th inst., of Mr. R. Abel Smith with Miss Holland daughter of Sir H. and Lady Holland.

Among the principal personages present at the great political meeting held in the Dome of the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Thursday, the 15th inst., when Lord Salisbury spoke in favour of the candidature of Bros. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., and Alderman Smith, were Bros. Lord Arthur Hill, M.P., and Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., presided on Friday afternoon last at the annual meeting, at the Mansion House, of the St. John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin, and in the evening, with his lordship's permission, a conversation was held in the Egyptian Hall in aid of the National Temperance League, the guests being received by the Lady Mayoress.

A special Provincial Grand Lodge of N and E. Yorkshire was appointed to be held on Thursday afternoon for the purpose of dedicating the Eboracum Masonic Hall, York. R.W. Bro. the Earl of Zetland, P.G.M., was to preside in person, while the business of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, would be in charge of Bro. Sir F. G. Milner, Bart., M.P., W.M. We hope to give a full report next week.

We have to acknowledge receipt of copy of "A Moral Lecture on the Past Master's Jewel," which was delivered by Bro. John Duckitt, P.M. 481, P.P.G.J.D. Northumberland, in the Northern Counties Lodge of Instruction, No. 406, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on the 3rd March, 1885. We thank Bro. Duckitt for his courtesy, and trust we shall find an early opportunity of considering his exposition.

A new council of the Allied Masonic Degrees— to be known as the Rose and Lily Council, No. 15—will be consecrated to-morrow (Saturday) at the Masonic Hall, 8A, Red Lion-square. The Consecrating Officer will be Bro. C. F. Matier, P.D.G.M., Grand Secretary, who will afterwards instal Bro. Robert Berridge, Grand Director of Ceremonies, the Worshipful Master designate, as Worshipful Master. The customary banquet will follow at the Holborn Restaurant at 5 p.m.

Bro. Grantham Dodd read a paper on "Lunacy Law" at the recent annual provincial meeting of the Incorporated Law Society at St. George's Hall, Liverpool.

Bro. Alderman Savory is one of the candidates for election, early next month, on the London School Board.

Bro. Sir John Bennett delivered an address on "The Lord Mayors of London," at the Sydenham Wesleyan Mutual Improvement Society, on Monday evening.

We are pleased to hear that the Coal and Corn and Finance Committee of the Corporation intend recommending a grant of £200 to the fund that is being raised for the widow and orphans of the late Bro. C. W. Thompson.

Bro. P. P. Alliston was on Thursday, the 15th inst., appointed a member of the Special Committee of the Court of Common Council, in the place of Mr. Mungo Mc George, retired.

Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., will address a meeting of the electors at the Birmingham Town Hall, to-day (Friday), and to-morrow will be entertained at the house dinner of the Midland Conservative Club.

Bros. the Lord Mayor, Alderman and Sheriff Evans, and Sheriff Clarke will be entertained at a banquet in the Public Hall, Reigate, on Wednesday next, the 28th inst., by the Mayor of Reigate.

Bros. Alderman and Sheriff Evans and Sheriff Clarke paid a state visit to Battersea on Tuesday, for the purpose of opening a grand fancy fair and Japanese village in aid of the Baptist Tabernacle, Battersea Park.

The floral and other decorations for the Rahere Almoners' Festival on Thursday were furnished by Bros. Dick Radclyffe and Unite, the costumes for the pageant by Bro. S. May, and the Stewards' badges were the gift of Bro. George Kenning.

Bro. the Lord Mayor entertained the Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers' at dinner at the Mansion House, on the 14th inst., his lordship and the Master of the company sharing between them the honours of the presidency.

Bro. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., and Sir W. Hart-Dyke, Bart., M.P., have placed their names on the Committee for the return of Bro. the Lord Mayor and Mr. Hubbard as M.P.'s for the City of London at the General Election.

Sir William Harcourt, M.P., on Saturday last unveiled a statue erected in Derby Market-place to the memory of the late Bro. M. T. Bass, M.P., Bro. Sir Arthur Bass, Bart., M.P., being among the principal personages present on the occasion.

Bro. Baron Henry de Worms, M.P., has issued his farewell address to the electors of Greenwich, and expresses a hope that, all differences having been allayed, Bro. T. W. Boord, M.P., will receive the entire support of the party at the General Election.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., presided at a meeting held at the Mansion House on Tuesday afternoon, in aid of Lady Dufferin's Fund for supplying medical relief to the women of India. Bro. Lord and Lady Charles Beresford and Bro. General Sir F. and Lady Roberts were among those present.

It is satisfactory to learn that the services of Bro. William Holland have been secured for another circus entertainment at Covent Garden Theatre, similar to the one which proved so generally attractive last winter. The theatre will open on Boxing-night, and the many excellent engagements which have been made, give promise of a grand success.

A conversazione in connection with the Young Women's Christian Association took place at the Egyptian Hall, Mansion House, on Tuesday evening, by the express invitation of Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress. Over a thousand guests were present. In the course of the evening several addresses were delivered, his lordship being one of the speakers.

Our readers will be pleased to hear that Comp. Edmonds, of the North London Chapter of Improvement, will preside at the meeting of the Camden Chapter of Improvement, which will be held at The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, on Tuesday next. We have no doubt Comp. Edmonds will be well and numerously supported by the members, and that there will be a strong muster of visiting companions on the occasion.

The following dinners took place at the Freemasons' Tavern, for the week ending Saturday, the 24th inst. Monday—Royal Albert Lodge; Old King's Arms Lodge. Tuesday—Enoch Chapter; Salisbury Lodge; Industry Lodge. Wednesday—Asaph Lodge. Thursday—Grenadiers Lodge; Polish National Chapter; Mount Moriah Lodge; Huguenot Dinner. Friday—Peace and Harmony Lodge.

ALDERSGATE WARD DECORATION COMMITTEE.—A meeting of the above Committee was held on Tuesday, at the Manchester Hotel. In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman, Bro. John Derby Allcroft, Bro. George Kenning was voted to the chair. The Hon. Secretary, Bro. M. R. Webb, announced subscriptions to the amount of £530. The Committee instructed Bro. Paget to proceed with the decorations.

The *Keystone*, of Philadelphia, announces the death on the 23rd September ult. of Bro. Benjamin A. Botts, M.W.G.M. of Texas, and nephew of the Hon. J. Minor Botts, of Virginia. Bro. Botts was quite of middle age, having been born in Virginia in 1831. He settled at Houston, Texas, about 1851, and served with the Confederate armies during the American Civil War. The deceased possessed talents of a high order, and his loss, both as G. Master and Past G. Commander of Knights Templar, will be very severely felt.

The Elcho Challenge Shield, won by the English eight at Wimbledon in July, was ceremoniously handed over to Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., and will remain in his custody till July next. Guards of honour were furnished by the different City volunteer regiments for the occasion, and the shield having been formally presented was hung in the Guildhall. In addition to Bro. the Lord Mayor, there were present the Lady Mayoress and Bros. Alderman Evans and T. Clarke, Sheriffs of London and Middlesex.

Bro. Lord Richard Grosvenor, M.P., left London on Wednesday for the purpose of visiting his Flintshire constituents and taking part in certain festivities at Buckley.

Bro. William Sutton Gover, F.S.S., F.I.A., will open a bazaar in aid of the Sunday School Building Fund in connection with the Catford Hill Baptist Chapel on Tuesday, November 3rd, in the New Hall, Catford Hill.

Sunday being the 54th anniversary of the birth of Bro. the Imperial Crown Prince of Germany, the public and many private buildings in Berlin were decorated with flags.

We are glad to hear that Bro. the Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master of Ireland, whose sudden illness in the early part of the week was the cause of serious alarm to his family and friends, has been pronounced out of danger and in a fair way to recovery.

Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., after visiting King's Lynn for the purpose of delivering a political address, reached Watton on Tuesday, on his way to Lord and Lady Walsingham's residence at Merton Hall, where his lordship was to spend a few days as a guest.

By the kind permission of Bro. the Lord Mayor, Dr. Samuel Kinns will deliver a lecture at the Mansion House on Friday next, on "The Remarkable Scientific Accuracy of the First Chapter of Genesis." The lecture will be illustrated by diagrams and geological specimens.

On Tuesday afternoon Bro. the Lord Mayor handed over to the trustees of the Gordon Boys' Home the sum of £29,320 3s. 4d., being the amount collected at the Mansion House as a national memorial to the late General Gordon.

Bros. the Lord Mayor, Alderman Sir H. E. Knight, Alderman Savory, Alderman and Sheriff Evans, and Sheriff Clarke were among those present when the Recorder of London opened the October session of the Central Criminal Court, Old Bailey, on Monday.

Bros. the Earl of Kintore and Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., had the honour of dining with the Queen and Royal Family on Friday, the 16th inst. His lordship left Balmoral the following day and Sir M. Hicks-Beach on Monday.

Bros. the Right Hon. Hugh C. E. Childers, M.P., G. O. Trevelyan, M.P., G. Shaw-Lefevre, M.P., and Marriott, Q.C., M.P., were among the parliamentary candidates who addressed political meetings on Saturday last.

Bro. General Sir F. Roberts is expected to remain in London during the rest of his sojourn in this country, leaving for India in the latter half of next week. Nearly all the officers who served on his Staff in Madras will rejoin their chief in similar capacities.

Bro. Major-General Sir Charles Warren reached Plymouth on his return from South Africa on Thursday morning, the 15th inst. In recognition of his services in Bechuanaland, the Queen has conferred upon Sir Charles the insignia of a Grand Cross of SS. Michael and George.

At a Court of Common Council on Thursday, the 15th inst., it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Bro. H. B. Marshall, P.G. Treas., to place in the Guildhall a marble bust of the late Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury, K.G., the cost not to exceed 200 guineas.

Bro. the Earl of Dalhousie arrived at Hawarden Castle in the course of last week on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone; but Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, who was to have been one of the Right Hon. gentleman's guests, has postponed his visit.

The last of the farewell dinners to Bro. Lord Carrington, P.G.S.W., on his departure to assume the Governor-Generalship of New South Wales, took place at the Hotel Métropole on Saturday evening last. Bro. Earl Granville presided, and among the guests were Bros. the Earls of Rosslyn, Durham, Arran, Dunraven, and Clonmel, and Lords Alcester and Charles Beresford.

The Prince of Wales reached Paris from Vienna on Saturday last in order to take part in the marriage festivities of his brother-in-law, Prince Waldemar of Denmark, R.W. Bro. Lord Suffield, P.G.W. Norfolk, being one of the suite in attendance on his Royal Highness. The Prince and Princess of Wales are expected to return to Marlborough House towards the close of the present week.

The Festival of Ye Rahere Almoners was arranged to be held on Thursday evening at the Cannon-street Hotel, and, to judge from the preparations which have been made, there can be little doubt as to its having proved a great success. It is gratifying also to hear that donations to the funds of this fraternity have been freely made of late, Bro. H. B. Marshall, Past Grand Treasurer, having contributed a sum of £10 10s., and Bro. D. P. Cama, £5 5s.

The arrangements for Lord Mayor's Day are steadily progressing. As regards the music, the Royal Marines, from Chatham, will play in the Guildhall during dinner, and Messrs. Coote and Tinney's quadrille band will perform in the library. The flowers and shrubs will be supplied by Mr. Williams, of Paradise Nursery, Holloway. Messrs. W. H. and L. Collingridge have been appointed printers and stationers to the committee. Bro. Kenning, of Little Britain, will provide the decorations for the committee (which will be presented by the Lord Mayor-elect and Sheriffs), and the usual scarves and rosettes. Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Evans has directed the Remembrancer to place ten of his thirteen tickets for the body of the hall at the banquet at the disposal of the inhabitants of the ward of Castle Baynard. The recipients will be selected by the members of the Court of Common Council of the ward.—*City Press*.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS will be found the best friend to persons afflicted with ulcerations, bad legs, sores, abscesses, fistulas, and other painful and complicated complaints. Printed and very plain directions for the application of the Ointment are wrapped round each pot. Holloway's alterative Pills should be taken throughout the progress of the cure, to maintain the blood in a state of perfect purity, and to prevent the health of the whole body being jeopardised by the local ailments; bad legs, old age's great grievances, are thus readily cured, without confining the patient to bed, or withdrawing from him or her the nutritious diet and generous support so imperatively demanded, when weakening diseases attack advanced years or constitutions evincing premature decrepitude.—[ADVT.]

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, October 31, 1885.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26.

- Lodge 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
 " 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 905, De Gray and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn-gate.
 " 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.
 " 1632, Stuart, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
 Chap. 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1537, St. Peter Westminster, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Cambria-rd., S.E.
 Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.
 Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 7.
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, 8.
 Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
 St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Ho., Clapham-rd.-station, 7.30.
 Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.
 Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.
 John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.
 Hyde Park, Porchester Hot., Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W., at 8.
 Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, 7.
 Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hot., Victoria-park-rd., E.
 Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
 United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Royal Commemoration, Railway Hot., Putney, 8 till 10.
 Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.
 Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30.
 Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook, at 8.
 St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 8.
 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27.

- Lodge 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 1158, Southern Star, Bridge House Hot., Londn. Br.
 " 1348, Ebury, S. Air-st., Regent-st., W.
 " 1744, Royal Savoy, F.M.H.
 Chap. 7, Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1339, Stockwell, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
 Mark 3, Kenstone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bds., at 7.
 St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., at 8.
 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
 Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
 Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.
 Varborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
 Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.
 Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.
 Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
 Finsbury, King's Head Tavern, 42, Threadneedle-st., at 7.
 Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
 Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.
 Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
 Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
 Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.
 Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 7.
 Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.
 Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 7.
 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
 Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.
 Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
 New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
 Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
 Ravensbourne, George Inn, Rushy Green, Lewisham, 7.30.
 West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30.
 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
 Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-st., Edmonton, at 8.
 Kensington, Courtfield Hot., Earl's Court Station, at 8.
 Duke of Albany, Rock Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8.
 Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
 Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.
 Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon-street, 6.30.
 Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.
 South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, 7.30.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28.

- Lodge 212, Euphrates, M.H., Masons'-avenue.
 " 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tav., Tottenham.
 " 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
 " 1017, Montefiore, S. Air-st., Regent-st., W.
 " 1056, Victoria, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot.
 " 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1719, Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1768, Progress, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1820, Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
 Chap. 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
 " 435, Mount Lebanon, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
 " 1624, Eccleston, Freemasons' Hall.
 Mark 176, Era, 8A, Red Lion-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Fidelity, Alfred Hot., Roman-rd., Barnsbury, at 8.
 Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Bishopsgate-st., 8.
 United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.
 Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark-bridge-road, 8.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
 United Strength, Hope Tav., Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.

- La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Gt. Portland-st., W., at 8.
 Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames.
 Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
 Temperance in the East, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
 Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse-st., at 7.
 Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.30.
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
 Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
 Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st. S.W.
 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.
 Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., E.C.
 Earl of Lathom, Station Hot., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
 Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.30.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29.

- General Committee Girls' School, at 4.
 Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 Chap. 704, Camden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1503, Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
 " 1623, West Smithfield, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 Allied Masonic Degrees—Grand Council, 8A, Red Lion-sq., W.C.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
 Vitruvian, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge, at 8.
 Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
 City of London, Tiptree Tavern, 6, Leadenhall-st., at 6.
 Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-rd., at 8.
 Southern Star, The Pheasant, Stangate, S.W., at 8.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-st., Limehouse, at 7.
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
 Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.
 Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.
 Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, 6.30.
 Leopold, Old White Hart, Borough High-st., at 7.30.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tav., Liverpool-rd., at 8.
 Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hot., Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C., 8.
 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
 Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
 Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-cl.-road, at 8.
 Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.
 Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-rd., at 8.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.
 North London Chapter, Alwyne Castle Tav., St. Paul's-rd., Canonbury, at 8.
 Creaton, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30.

- Chap. 749, Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hot., 40, Gt. Portland-st., W.C.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
 St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at 8.
 Temperance, Duke of York Tav., Evelyn-st., Deptford, 8.
 Unions Emulation (for M.Ms.), F.M.H., at 7.
 Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
 Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
 Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tav., George-st., Baker-st., W.
 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-st., Hammersmith, W., at 8.
 Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
 Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
 Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
 Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 8.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
 All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
 West Smithfield, Red Lion, Red Lion-court, Fleet-st., at 7.
 Ubique, 79, Ebury-st., Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30.
 Lily Chapter, Greyhound Hot., at 8.
 Panmure Chapter, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 7.30.
 Kintore Mark, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, 9.
 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31.

(No Meetings).

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.
 Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
 Star, Five Bells, New Cross-rd., S.E., at 7.
 King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.
 Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
 Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, Pimlico, at 7.
 Chiswick, Old Tabard Inn, Bedford-park, Chiswick, 7.30.

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A VOICE FROM AUSTRIA.

Near the village of Zillingdorf, in Lower Austria, lives Maria Haas, an intelligent and industrious woman, whose story of physical suffering and final relief, as related by herself, is of interest to English women. "I was employed," she says, "in the work of a large farmhouse. Overwork brought on sick headache, followed by a deathly fainting and sickness of the stomach, until I was unable to retain either food or drink. I was compelled to take to my bed for several weeks. Getting a little better from rest and quiet, I sought to do some work, but was soon taken with a pain in my side, which in a little while seemed to spread over my whole body, and throbbed in my every limb. This was followed by a cough and shortness of breath, until finally I could not sew, and I took to my bed for the second, and, as I thought, for the last time. My friends told me that my time had nearly come, and that I could not live longer than when the trees put on their green once more. Then I happened to get one of the Seigel pamphlets. I read it, and my dear mother bought me a bottle of Seigel's Syrup, which I took exactly according to directions, and I had not taken the whole of it before I felt a great change for the better. My last illness began June 3rd, 1882, and continued to August 9th, when I began to take the Syrup. Very soon I could do a little light work. The cough left me, and I was no more troubled in breathing. Now I am perfectly cured. And oh, how happy I am! I cannot express gratitude enough for Seigel's Syrup. Now I must tell you that the doctors in our district distributed handbills cautioning people against the medicine, telling them it would do them no good, and many were thereby influenced to destroy the Seigel pamphlets; but now, wherever one is to be found, it is kept like a relic. The few preserved are borrowed to read, and I have lent mine for six miles around our district. People have come eighteen miles to get me to buy the medicine for them, knowing that it cured me, and to be sure to get the right kind. I know a woman who was looking like death, and who told me there was no help for her, that she had consulted several doctors, but none could help her. I told her of Seigel's Syrup, and wrote the name down for her that she might make no mistake. She took my advice and the Syrup, and now she is in perfect health, and the people around us are amazed. The medicine has made such progress in our neighbourhood that people say they don't want the doctor any more, but they take the Syrup. Sufferers from gout, who were confined to their bed and could hardly move a finger, have been cured by it. There is a girl in our district who caught a cold by going through some water, and was in bed five years with costiveness and rheumatic pains, and had to have an attendant to watch by her. There was not a doctor in the surrounding districts to whom her mother had not applied to relieve her child, but every one crossed themselves and said they could not help her. Whenever the little bell rang, which is rung in our place when somebody is dead, we thought surely it was for her, but Seigel's Syrup and Pills saved her life, and now she is as healthy as anybody, goes to church, and can work even in the fields. Everybody was astonished when they saw her out, knowing how many years she had been in bed. To-day she adds her gratitude to mine for God's mercies and Seigel's Syrup."

MARIA HAAS.

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