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THE Craft in Ireland has sustained a great loss through the death of their respected Grand Master, the Duke of ABERCORN, and Masons everywhere, but especially in this country, will accord them a full measure of heartfelt sympathy. It is but the other day we published the glad news that his Grace had been pronounced well on his way towards recovery from a severe attack of illness; but a relapse followed, and our distinguished brother tranquilly breathed his last on Saturday, the 31st ult., to the deep and lasting sorrow of his family, his countrymen, and his brother Masons. The part he took in the government of the Grand Lodge of Ireland may not have been a very active one. Men of high rank like him, on whom devolve the weightier cares of political and social life, seldom have much leisure at their disposal; nor, indeed, in Freemasonry is it expected of such a chief that he should often take upon himself the personal direction of the body he presides over. But his Grace's influence was felt everywhere, and it is needless to say that influence was uniformly exercised to the benefit of the Craft. Moreover, when time and the cares of office permitted, his presence in Grand Lodge and at other important Masonic gatherings in Ireland might be reckoned upon with certainty, so that, though it will be easy enough for our Irish brethren to choose from among themselves a man of character and ability to succeed him, it will be difficult to find one so admirably qualified in all respects for the office of Grand Master. For, in faith, he was "a worthy gentleman" and "wondrous affable," and so long as Freemasonry in Ireland, as in England, remains what it is and always has been—a Society of men who "love the Brotherhood, fear God, and honour the King"—so long will the sterling virtues and beneficent sway of our late brother, JAMES, first Duke of ABERCORN, Grand Master of Ireland, remain enshrined in the memory of all good men and brethren.

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OUR Bedfordshire brethren are to be congratulated on the success of last week's ceremony. There was a large gathering in the Assembly Rooms, Bedford, where R.W. Bro. Col. Stuart, P.G.S.W. of England, was installed the first actual—though it appears he is not the first titular—Grand Master of the Province, and the proceedings throughout were marked by a genuine enthusiasm which was worthy of the occasion, and from which we have good reason to augur most favourably as to the future of the newly-created province. Enthusiasm, however, is apt to grow cold when the circumstances which worked it have passed away, and it is something to feel that, as regards the number of its lodges and the good will of their members, Bedfordshire has in itself the wherewith to maintain its position without trusting too confidently to the possibilities of the future. It starts with five lodges distributed among as many of its principal towns, and as we have lately had occasion to point out—in 1852 when the late Bro. Sir W. Williams-Wynn, Bart., was installed P.G.M. of North Wales and Shropshire, there were but four lodges in the whole of that large extent of country. Moreover, the five Bedfordshire Lodges are not of yesterday's growth. The youngest of them—No. 1470—has already completed an existence of 12 years, and its members, therefore, must be well versed both in the precepts and practice of Freemasonry. Its senior lodge, the Bedfordshire of St. John the Baptist, No. 475, Luton, dates from the year 1841; the Stuart Lodge, No. 540, Bedford, from 1847; the St. Andrews, No. 803, Biggleswade, from 1859; the Beaudesert, No. 1087, Leighton Buzzard, from 1865; and the Chiltern, No. 1470, Dunstable, from 1873. Thus all the lodges on its roll are experienced in the teachings and procedure of the Craft, and with that greater sense of responsibility and confidence which a provincial organisation is certain to give, we may now look forward to a move in the direction of greater earnestness and activity. We shall probably hear a good deal about the Province of Bedfordshire both in the immediate and more remote future, and we do not doubt that what we

shall hear will be to its credit. One assertion we venture to make without fear of contradiction, to wit, that it could not have been started under a better man than Col. Stuart, who is a Mason of long and varied experience, and who in the whole of his career has done what lay in his power to promote the welfare of the Craft.

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THE GRAND SECRETARY, in one of his speeches at the banquet which followed the installation of Bro. Colonel STUART as Provincial Grand Master of Bedfordshire, mentioned as a curious circumstance that very many years ago the titular dignity of Provincial Grand Master of Bedfordshire had been held by two brethren, one being a Bro. WILLIAM GILL, who, in 1799 and following years, figured as such in the books of Grand Lodge, and the other, Bro. ANDREW DENIS O'KELLY, who held the office from 1812 till his death in 1820. There were, however, no lodges in Bedfordshire at the periods named, and consequently the rank conferred upon those worthy brethren can have been honorary only, involving none of those cares and responsibilities which are now-a-days attached to the Grand Mastership of a province. Why these particular brethren should have been thus honoured does not appear. It may have been because they were associated with the county of Bedfordshire; or possibly it may have occurred to the Grand Lodge authorities that if a Provincial Grand Master were appointed, a Provincial Grand Lodge would follow, and that a Provincial Grand Lodge having found its way into existence, a number of private lodges would be established in different parts of the county. But whatever may have been the particular idea which led to the bestowal of this distinction on Bros. GILL and O'KELLY, the grant of patents, or deputations, to distinguished brethren to act as Provincial Grand Masters does not appear to have been governed by any kind of system; nor does the existence of lodges in the particular district or county with which the title was connected appear to have been a condition precedent of the creation of the dignity. We mentioned only the other day that the earliest deputation as Provincial Grand Master was granted to Bro. HUGH WARBURTON for North Wales in 1727, while the earliest lodge of which we have found any trace in that portion of the principality dates from 1743. If we accept PRESTON as our guide, we must assume that the bestowal of this honour on WARBURTON for North Wales in 1727, and on Sir EDWARD MANSELL for South Wales the year following, had its origin in a certain union alleged to have taken place in the Grand Mastership of Lord INCHQUIN, on the part of the "brethren of Wales," with the "Grand Lodge in London." If so, it would seem only reasonable to infer that the Grand Master, finding the spread of Masonry in counties remote from the seat of government becoming ever more and more extensive, considered it both wise and expedient to create certain offices, the holders of which, by having entrusted to them the exercise of some of his prerogatives, should be the better able to maintain and strengthen the interests of the Craft. Nor must we lose sight of the fact that, at this early period of the history of our Grand Lodge—that is, temp. INCHQUIN, both before and after—a belief prevailed—whether well or ill-founded is not material to the issue—that there were many Masons scattered throughout the country, brethren travelling about, survivors of those of whom we hear in the pages of PLOT and ASHMOLE, and so forth. This being so, it would follow that a Grand Master, who was heart and soul in his work, would be desirous of setting up some sort of local authority in districts where it was known or supposed that brethren were distributed about, and hence in these cases we have cited, and in others perhaps also, we may in some measure account for the reversal of the ordinary course of procedure by the appointment of rulers before there were any lodges for them to rule. Anyhow, it is not surprising that in the earlier days of our Grand Lodge, when once it had been resolved to appoint Provincial Grand Masters, the office should have been regarded in the light of a personal distinction, bestowed without any reference to the locality with which it was nominally associated. Or, it may be, it was conferred from a sense of the gratitude that would be shown thereafter by the recipients of the honour. One thing seems clear, namely, that the office of Provincial Grand Master, in the days more immediately following its institution, involved no more serious responsibility than that of accepting an additional amount of dignity in the Craft. If it entailed any work at all, it was the work of a pioneer rather than of a ruler of organised bodies of Masons.

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IT is most creditable to our Pennsylvanian brethren that the Home established in Philadelphia a year since, for the reception of indigent Masons of their jurisdiction, should already have made such sterling progress. The Report of the Committee of Finance shows that during the first year of its existence there have been received towards the support of this Charity some 14,434 dols. (£2887 about), while the expenses amounted to 3616 dols. (£723). The

sum invested as a permanent fund is already 7500 dols. (£1500), and the Home now has ten inmates. On what is spoken of as Donation Day—St John the Baptist's Day last—the contributions in cash were not far short of £325, and the contributions in kind were nearly equal in value. As the annual expense is set down at a minimum of 3000 dols. (£600), there would seem to be, judging from the results achieved during the past year, every prospect of the Home being maintained without trespassing too largely or too often on the resources of the brethren. This, as we have said, is most gratifying. It is true Pennsylvania, as a Masonic jurisdiction, is one of the strongest in the United States. It has a long array of lodges and a formidable membership, and, having regard to these facts, a total of less than 15,000 dols., or £3000, received in the course of one year, might not at first sight commend itself to our ideas as a bright example of generous contribution. But these are not the only facts we must take account of. The brethren have first of all their own expenses to provide for, and there are, no doubt, in Pennsylvania as here, many local non-Masonic charities which have claims for support and must not be left out in the cold. Moreover, there is probably a fair average of relief privately administered to the needy and afflicted, so that, all things considered, we are justified in considering the past year's report of the Pennsylvania Masonic Home as being indicative of an exceptional amount of goodwill towards so worthy an institution. There is one piece of advice we shall take upon ourselves to offer to the Committee of Management. We would earnestly impress upon them the advisability of strengthening as much as possible the permanent fund of the Home while there is yet time, that is to say, while the inmates are few in number. The more carefully they observe this policy, the more independent will they be of the subscription and donation lists, which sometimes show diminished totals when unusually high ones are most imperative. Let them put money in their purse against the inevitable rainy day, and they will invariably find their balances on the right side of the account.

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We publish elsewhere a series of resolutions unanimously adopted at a Committee meeting of members of the Stability Lodge of Instruction on Friday last; and we have no doubt the result of that meeting as indicated in the said resolutions, will give unqualified satisfaction to our readers. It is true we have many lodges of instruction, but there is only one Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and only one Stability Lodge of Instruction. The two have worked side by side in honourable rivalry for a long term of years, and it would be difficult to apportion the degree of success which has attended the efforts of each for the diffusion of sound knowledge as to the working of our ritual and ceremonies. Their systems may not, perhaps, be in exact agreement as regards details, but in essentials they are one, and it would have been little short of a calamity to the rising and future generations of brethren if the Stability Lodge of Instruction, which by the way is the elder of the two schools, had been permitted to die out.

### SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Communication of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. The convocation in August decided that the future meetings of Grand Chapter should be held in the Great Hall, or Temple, and also passed a resolution for providing appropriate fittings for Grand Chapter meetings. The Committee of General Purposes devoted its attention to the providing of such fittings, and called in the assistance of the Grand Scribe E., Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, for determining what were the appropriate fittings. Much research among the archives at Freemasons' Hall, and a diligent examination, resulted in the production of a beautiful display of banners, standards, and other appointments, which Comp. George Kenning was able to produce exactly in accordance with design. Long before the time appointed for the assembling of Grand Chapter a large number of companions attended for the purpose of inspecting the arrangements, and the general opinion expressed was one of entire satisfaction. The Grand Hall never looked more superb. Its beautiful decorations since it has been restored render it a fit receptacle for the gorgeous paraphernalia of the Royal Arch, and although this paraphernalia seemed somewhat dwarfed when compared with the usual furniture in the smaller room which has hitherto been used for the meetings of Grand Chapter, it gave an imposing appearance which must have impressed everyone who saw it with the dignity of the Supreme Degree to which they belonged.

The companions who presided, in the absence of the Prince of Wales, the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Earl of Lathom, were the Rev. H. A. Pickard, M.A., the recently-installed Grand Superintendent of Oxford; Comp. Powell, of Gloucester; and Comp. Ernest Emil Wendt, D.C.L.; and the other Grand Officers who attended were—

Comps. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E.; Frank Richardson, as G.S.N.; the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, as G.P.S.; Dr. Ralph Gooding, as 1st G.A.S.; H. J. P. Dumas, as 2nd G.A.S.; George Lambert, as G.D.C.; H. Maudslay, Robert Grey, E. Letchworth, Rev. Thos. Robinson, J. H. Matthews, Ralph Costa, J. Sampson Peirce, Magnus Ohren, J. M. Case, Peter de Lande Long, Butler Wilkins, Joseph Parkinson, E. M. Lott, G. Org.; J. Smith Eastes, J. Lewis Thomas, F. Davison, Thomas Fenn, H. G. Buss, J. R. Hollond, A. A. Pendlebury, P.Z. 1056; Albert Fish, P.Z. 95; C. A. Woods, Z. 1572; Samuel Brooks, Z. 975; C. F. Matier, P.Z. 59; L. Cornelissen, P.Z. 1201; M. J. Emanuel, P.Z., S.E. 188; C. H. Köhler, Z. 1381; W. M. Bywater, P.Z. 19; H. Massey, P.Z. 619, H. and Z. elect 1928; F. R. W. Hedges, J. 1900; James S. Fraser, Z. 214; George Emanuel, P.Z. 752; Charles F. Hogard, P.Z. 10 and 142; T. W. Whitmarsh, P.Z. 217; Rev. Thomas W. Lemon, M.A., P.P.G.P.S. Devon, P.Z. 189; Neville Green, P.Z. 1524; Adolphus Clark, Z. 1524; G. S. Recknell, J. 73; W. Dodd, P.Z. 1194; J. S. Cumberland, P.Z. 1611, P.G.J. N. and E. Yorks; D. P. Cama, P.Z. 1503 and 255, P.G. Swd. Br. Middlesex; W. Lake, P.Z. 1297 and 1589, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall; C. Gore King, Z. 1073; F. A. White, P.Z.

1716, P.P.G.R. Essex; George Graveley, P.Z. 898 and 554; T. C. Walls, M.E.Z. 1745; L. G. Gordon Robins, Z. 1118; H. J. Lardner, P.Z. 1623; Bentley Haynes, J. 65; Wm. Porter Webb, P.Z. 1381; F. B. Davage, P.Z. 185; M. L. Levey, H. 1524; and J. Da Silva, J. 188.

After the formal opening of the Grand Chapter, the report of the Committee of General Purposes was taken as received, and was as follows, as far as the accounts were concerned:

#### THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 15th July to the 20th October, 1885, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To Balance, Grand Chapter ...	£ 74 9 5	By Disbursements during the	
„ „ Unappropriated ...		Quarter ...	£ 204 18 0
„ „ Account ...	191 8 4	„ Balance ...	102 1 11
„ „ Subsequent Receipts ...	229 11 0	„ „ Unappropriated	
		Account ...	188 8 10
	£ 495 8 9		£ 495 8 9

Which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee having reported that the petitions for new chapters should be granted to the following new lodges, Comp. GREY moved that the prayers of the petitions should be granted, and Grand Chapter, therefore, resolved that charters should be issued in answer to the following petitions:—

1st. From Comps. John Read Dore, as Z.; Rawson Kelley, as H.; W. Henry Clough, as J., and 17 others for a chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Friendship, No. 750, Whitcliffe, Cleckheaton, to be called the Friendship Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Whitcliffe, Cleckheaton, in the county of York (West Div.)

2nd. From Comps. Donald Grant Macleod, as Z.; James Copley Moyle, as H.; Colonel Malcolm Furlong, as J., and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Philanthropy, No. 542, Maulmain, British Burmah, to be called the Tenasserim Chapter, and to meet at Maulmain, British Burmah.

3rd. From Comps. John Booth, as Z.; Samuel Holdsworths Stocks, as H.; William Thomas Flather, as J., and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Zetland Lodge, No. 603, Cleckheaton, to be called the Zetland Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Tofts, Cleckheaton, in the county of York. (West Div.)

4th. From Comps. the Rev. Thomas Cartwright Smyth, D.D., as Z.; Samuel Stead, as H.; Thomas Tyers, as J., and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Excelsior Lodge, No. 1042, Leeds, to be called the Excelsior Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds, in the county of York. (West Div.)

5th. From Comps. Thomas Blossom Dodson, as Z.; Robert Burleton, as H.; Michael Christian, as J., and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 860, London, to be called the Dalhousie Chapter, and to meet at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, in the City of London.

6th. From Comps. Charles Frederick Hogard, as Z.; Alfred Julius Henochsberg, as H.; Joseph Da Silva, as J., and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Israel, No. 205, London, to be called the Israel Chapter, and to meet at the Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, in the City of London.

The Committee also reported that, in consequence of the formation and recognition of a Grand Lodge of South Australia, there was no longer an English Craft Lodge in that colony to which the South Australian Chapter, No. 583, meeting at Adelaide, could be attached as required by Article 43, Royal Arch Regulations, and they, therefore, recommended that the charter of the said chapter be withdrawn and cancelled, and that the chapter be erased from the register of the Grand Chapter of England. This was agreed to.

It was also resolved that a copy of the proposed revision of the Royal Arch Regulations, as settled by the Special Committee, after having been laid before Grand Chapter, should be sent out to all Grand Superintendents and Chapters, that it be considered and, if approved, passed at the Convocation of Grand Chapter, to be held on the 2nd February, 1886.

Comp. GREY said that the Committee had laid out a sum of money not exceeding that voted to them in purchasing the furniture for decorating Grand Chapter, and he felt sure that the companions would agree with him that the furniture of Grand Chapter had added very much to the appearance and dignity of the Grand Chapter.

Comp. GEORGE LAMBERT thought that Grand Chapter ought to pass a vote of thanks to the Committee of General Purposes for providing the furniture of Grand Chapter. With the permission of the companions, he would move a vote of thanks, and that it be recorded on the minutes, to the Committee for the way in which the work had been carried out.

The motion was not seconded.

Comp. C. F. HOGARD said that, as a member of the Committee, he begged to deprecate the vote, and for this reason, that the work had been entirely due to the suggestion of the Grand Scribe E. To that companion they were indebted for the decorations of Grand Chapter, and the Committee felt that the vote, if such was to be passed, was due to the Grand Scribe E. The Committee could have done nothing. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke had devoted much time to searching the records of the Grand Chapter in order to see what was the correct form of having the furniture for Grand Chapter. What they now saw before them was a specimen of the work he had been engaged in, and therefore the Committee, renouncing all claim for producing the work, were only to anxious to accord all the merit to Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke.

Comp. JOHN S. CUMBERLAND could not help feeling that there was great force in the remarks of Comp. Hogard. The Committee without the assistance of the Grand Scribe E. would have effected nothing. Their labours would have been useless. Everything was due to the assistance of the Grand Scribe E. It was the practice in Masonry to thank those who actually did the work and gave the necessary information, rather than those who carried it out. He had very great pleasure in seconding the proposition of Comp. Hogard.

Comp. F. DAVISON thought it would be more satisfactory if the vote was given to the Grand Scribe E.

The ACTING M.E.Z. asked whether the mover of the resolution accepted the amendment.

Comp. GEORGE LAMBERT said he agreed to it, but he thought when he made his motion that the Grand Scribe E. would be included.

It was then resolved that the vote of thanks should be to the Committee of General Purposes and to the Grand Scribe E. for the able manner in which they had carried the resolution of Grand Chapter of August 5th, for providing appropriate fittings for the meetings of Grand Chapter in the Great Hall.

Grand Chapter was then closed.

The following is a description of the new "paraphernalia" which were used for the first time on Wednesday, and which, as we have said already, have been furnished, according to design, by Comp. George Kenning. The five standards are handsomely embroidered, the centre, or principal one, being of crimson velvet, while the other four are of silk, in their proper colours. The banners representing the 12 Tribes are pennant shaped, richly embroidered in gold and silk, with the names and mottoes of each tribe. The covers for the Scribes' tables are of crimson cloth, embroidered with suitable emblems in silk and gold, and handsomely trimmed with lace and fringe. The tripods are richly gilded and carved. The kneeling stools and seats are also richly gilded and burnished, and upholstered in royal blue Lyons silk velvet. The larger and lesser lights are very massive, and richly gilded. It should be stated that the altar is in white enamel, and that the Principals' sceptres are of gold, and very chaste in design.

### CONSECRATION OF THE GRETA CHAPTER, No. 1073, AT KESWICK.

The first chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Keswick was consecrated in the Keswick Hotel, on Wednesday, the 28th ult., named the Greta. The Craft lodge of the same name was constituted 19th October, 1865, and, most singular to say, by certain records in the province, it can be shown that the brethren of Keswick made an effort to secure a warrant so long ago as the 27th March, 1786, taking just 80 years to come to maturity, certainly indicative of the primitive rocks and mountains around what may be justly termed the Queen of the Lakes. The companions designate were Comps. Dr. Chas. Gore Ring, P.M. 1073 and 187, P.P.G.J.D. Cumberland and Westmorland, Z.; Dr. Rooke, P.Z., P.P.G.H. W. Yorks, H.; and Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.Z. P.G. Chaplain of England, J.

The hour fixed for the ceremony was four o'clock p.m., when a heavy contingent arrived from Chapters 119 and 371. A chapter was opened by Comps. Col. F. R. Sewell, Z. 371, P.P.G.S.N., as Z.; George Dalrymple, P.Z. 119, P.G.J., P.G.D.C., as H.; and F. Hodgson, P.Z. 119, as J. Subsequently the companions were reported, admitted, and greeted. Comp. G. J. McKay, P.Z. 129, P.P.G.H., in the absence of the Provincial Grand Superintendent of the province, discharged the duties of the consecration, ably assisted by Comps. J. Barr, P.Z. 119, P.P.G.H.; Wm. Sandwith, P.Z. 119, P.P.G.J.; Col. F. R. Sewell, Z. 371, P.P.G.S.N., acting S.E.; E. Tyson, P.Z. 119, P.G.S.N.; Wm. Bewlay, Z. 119, P.G.D.C.; J. Casson, Janitor; Rev. W. C. Brown, J. Hall, Edwin Jackson, E. P. Abraham, J. Paterson, P.S. 119; A. Moordaff, Dr. S. Braithwaite, and others.

The elements of consecration were duly applied, and the chapter was consecrated and dedicated to the Order in a most impressive manner by Comp. George J. McKay, who also delivered an able address on the rise and progress of Royal Arch Masonry. Comp. John Barr then proceeded to install Comp. Dr. Charles Gore Ring as First Principal, ably assisted by Comp. E. Tyson. The other two companions for the chairs of H. and J. being unavoidably absent, the following were invested as officers: Comps. Joseph Hall, Scribe E.; Rev. W. C. Brown, Scribe N.; Edwin Jackson, Principal Sojourner; and E. P. Abraham, Organist.

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the consecrating and installing chiefs, and the chapter was closed in form. The companions subsequently, at the invitation of the M.E.Z., sat down to an excellent banquet, prepared by mine host, Bro. Wilson, of the Keswick Hotel.

An emergency meeting was also held on the next day (Thursday), for the purpose of exalting several candidates, when Bros. G. H. Dixon, J. Robinson, and Thomas Usher, all of the Greta Lodge, presented themselves, and were duly exalted to the Supreme Degree. Comps. Dr. Gore Ring, Z., and George Dalrymple, H., gave the first and second lectures; F. Hodgson, J., gave the third lecture; J. Hall, Scribe E.; Rev. W. C. Brown, Scribe N.; E. Jackson, Principal Sojourner; assisted by Comps. William Bewlay, Z. 119; J. Paterson, P.S. 119; and J. Casson, Janitor. The chapter was then duly closed.

### INAUGURATION OF THE PROVINCE OF BEDFORDSHIRE.

The inauguration of the new Province of Bedfordshire, and the installation of Colonel William Stuart, Past Grand Warden, as its first Provincial Grand Master, took place on the 29th ult., at the Assembly Rooms, Bedford. The ceremonies were performed by Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, who was assisted by Bro. the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, Past Grand Chaplain; Bro. Frank Richardson, Past Grand Deacon; Bro. John S. Cumberland, as S.W.; and Bro. Swain, as J.W. The other brethren who attended were:

Bros. W. Stuart, P.G.S.W.; C. W. Spencer Stanhope, P.G.C.; Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Butler Wilkins, G. Std. Br., D.P.G.M. Norths and Hunts; J. S. Cumberland, P.P.G.J.W. North and East Yorks; Edwd. Swain, P.P.G.J.W. Herts; J. D. Hawksley, P.P.G.C. Cornwall; Saml. Johnson, P.G.S.B. Berks and Bucks; Henry Willis, P.P.G.O. Berks and Bucks; R. B. Poole, P.P.G.C. Bristol; Thos. Taylor, P.P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks; Edwin Carr, P.P.G.O. Berks and Bucks; Frederick Gatto, P.P.G. Supt. of Works Berks and Bucks; Henry Poynter, P.P.G.J.W. Berks and Bucks; E. T. Fountaine, P.P.G.T. Berks and Bucks; George Thompson, P.P.G.S.D. Suffolk; John Rogers, P.P.G.J.W. Norths and Hunts; James McCubbin, P.P.G.J.W. Berks and Bucks; L. Cooper, P.G.S.D. Berks and Bucks; Alfred Cookson, P.M. 540; Rowland H. Coombs, P.M. 540; E. Billson, P.M. 540; R. B. Stafford, P.M. 540; F. Thompson, W.M. 540; C. E. Prior, P.M. 540; Harry Thody, P.M. 540; John Sargeant, P.M. 540; John M. Cuthbert, P.M. 540; H. Massey, P.M. 619; F. J. Edgington, P.M. 1321; Arthur J. Hills, P.M. 803; Robert Henry Lindsell, P.M. 803; H. W. A. Sundoll, P.M. 1087; A. K. Lindsell, S.W. 803; James Fisher, P.M. 540; J. Colburne, P.M. 540; Joseph Spiers, P.M. 1087; R. King, P.M. 840; Edmond R. Green, P.M. 540; Francis D. Bull, S.W. 1639; Thomas Brown, S.W. 1087; S. L. Kilpin, S.W. 540; A. Plater, P.M. 1206; Sidney Spokes, W.M. 1470; T. L. Gerrell, W.M. 1087; R. Jarvis, J.W. 540; H. Osborne, P.M.; J. Cumberland, P.M. 475; Amos S. Ewen, P.M. 475; John W. Green, P.M. 475; Frank W. Ewen, J.W. 475; Harry Rose, J.W. 1470; W. C. Haselgrove, F.M. 475; E. A. Cumberland, P.M. 475; Augustus Morrow, P.M. 1470; J. Gladwell, P.M. 1470; Mark Whyley, P.M. 540; Chas. Gross, P.M. 1087; Fredk. Howell, P.M. 1470; Fredk. Jno. Brown, P.M. 475; Alex. Grafton, P.M. 1087; W. R. Phillips, P.M. 475; Alfred Atkins, P.M. 475; Charles Verey, P.M. 540; Philip J. Jackson, S.W. 49; Jabez Carter, P.M. 540; Jos. Miller, 540; Samuel Foster, 540; T. C. Rose, 803; Robt. E. Roberts, 540; Fredk. W. Webb, I.G. 540; David Bower, 540; John H. Whatley, J.D. 803; W. Bowman, 803; C. Brereton, Chap. 540; J. H. Miller, 228, and D.C. 948; John E. Page, J.D. 540; Alfred W. Tooky, S.D. 1087; J. C. H. Book, J.D. 1410; H. G. Hipwell, 1410; A. E. Anthony, 540; F. Williams, 540; A. B. Chibnall, 540; J. Harris, 3; Wilson A. Hetherington, 540; H. Thompson, 540; T. B. Nichols, 540; John Jennings, J.D. 1087; W. T. Wood, 540; Fredk. Jno. Coleman, 475; W. W. Collins, S.D. 1470; A. H. Allen, S.D. 540; R. Pearson, J.D. 1470; William Crew, 1470; R. W. Rankin, 475; Hugh Cumberland, S.D. 475; Wm. J. Gordon, 475; J. B. Lambie, 475; Thomas Hollis, 475; Jas. Woodward Hill, 540; Elias Bevan, 540; Geo. Reynolds, Tyler 540; Abraham Thurley, Asst. Tyler 540; Chas. Weston, Tyler 475.

After the opening of a Provincial Grand Lodge, Colonel SHADWELL H. CLERKE said the brethren were met on a Masonic occasion which was as interesting as it was unusual. They were met not only to instal a Provincial Ruler of the Craft, but also to inaugurate a Provincial Grand Lodge for the county of Bedford. They were aware that nearly all the counties of England had provincial organisations. Those organisations had been proved by experience to be very beneficial for the progress and support of Freemasonry. Bedfordshire was small in the number of its lodges, and there had not yet been a province created. In the course of forty-four years the lodges only numbered five, and the question of forming Bedfordshire into a province had been mooted amongst the brethren of the county for several years past. He had himself been consulted about it, and he had always had great pleasure in explaining as far as he could the objects and advantages to be gained by having provincial organisation. He might briefly explain now that there were many advantages to be gained. First, the lodges would be no longer isolated bodies of Masons, but would be joined by a common bond of union in a province. They would in the future have their own charitable funds, over which they would have entire control; they would have their own local means of obtaining preferment, which they could not have obtained otherwise, because their Provincial Grand Master would have their names brought before him, and have the opportunity of rewarding those brethren who distinguished themselves in the Craft by giving them the purple; they would also have a large amount of local self-government. If, unfortunately, questions of discipline or difficulty arose, as did occasionally occur in the course of human nature, the Provincial Grand Master would be able to deal with them locally, and they would not be carried to London. They would meet on the common floor of their Provincial Grand Lodge, and exchange Masonic ideas in a far better way than they could if they met off it. They might take his word for it they would have provincial organisation, which was so desirable for Charity, and would have the whole control of the funds. After long and serious consideration they had arrived at the decision that it was desirable to have that province. This having been agreed to, the question came before H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master whom he should appoint to take charge of the province. When that question arose, he thought there could not be a doubt that the Grand Master would do the very best he could for the province by selecting that good and worthy old Mason, Col. William Stuart, Past Grand Warden. The Grand Master had, therefore, no difficulty in appointing Col. Stuart, and he (Col. Shadwell H. Clerke) had been honoured by the command of His Royal Highness to act that day as his very humble deputy in installing Col. Stuart in the chair of that province. As he would have a further opportunity of speaking of Col. Stuart in the course of the evening, he would not now detain the brethren any longer, but would proceed with the ceremony of the day.

The GRAND PURSUIVANT then announced the arrival of the Provincial Grand Master designate, and Bro. Frank Richardson, who acted as Director of Ceremonies by direction of the Installing Master, obtained from Colonel Stuart his patent, and delivered it to the Installing Master.

A deputation, consisting of Bros. Cuthbert, Coates, Capt. Verey, Wyllie, and Green, was appointed to retire with the Grand Director of Ceremonies, and introduce Col. Stuart. This having been done,



Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, addressing Col. Stuart, said he had already announced to the lodge that H.R.H. the Grand Master had been pleased to appoint him as the first Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Bedfordshire. He could assure him that the manner in which his name had been received by the brethren present was most satisfactory. Colonel Stuart was a very old and tried Mason, dating back for over 40 years as a member of the Craft, and having held no less high and proud a position than that of Senior Grand Warden of England. He had, therefore, been well tried and trusted in the Order, and it required no words from his (Col. Shadwell H. Clerke's) lips to explain to him the duties he would have to carry out in the future as a Provincial Grand Master. Not only did he represent in himself a large amount of long and valuable services, but he brought down from his honoured father, whose acquaintance he (Col. Shadwell H. Clerke) had had the happiness of having, a further addition of Masonic work and excellence. It would be a great distinction and honour to the province to have such a worthy brother to preside over the brethren.

After Colonel Stuart had gone through the next ensuing formality, he was invested with the elegant apron, chain, and jewel of office, and placed in the chair, and the Installing Master took his chair on the left of the Provincial Grand Master. The salute followed, and the Prov. Grand Master having informed the brethren that he had appointed Lieut.-Colonel Henry Lindsell as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Lindsell observed the customary routine, and was also invested and saluted.

Bro. James Fisher, P.M. and Treasurer of the Stuart Lodge, was elected as Provincial Grand Treasurer.

The following brethren received the other appointments:

Bro. Col. William Stuart, P.G.S.W. Eng., P.M. 2, } 404, 540, 803	Prov. G.M.
„ Col. Robert Henry Lindsell, P.M. 803	Prov. Dep. G.M.
„ John Cumberland, P.M. 475	Prov. G.S.W.
„ Frederick Gotto, P.M. 1057	Prov. G.J.W.
„ Rev. Chas. Brereton, P.J.W. 540	Prov. G. Chap.
„ James Fisher, P.M. 540	Prov. G. Treas.
„ Mark Whyley, P.M. 540	Prov. G. Reg.
„ Charles Edward Prior, P.M. 540	Prov. G. Sec.
„ Frederick Howell, P.M. 1470	Prov. G.S.D.
„ A. J. Hills, P.M. 803	Prov. G.J.D.
„ William R. Phillips, P.M. 475	Prov. G.S. of W.
„ Alfred Cookson, P.M. 540	Prov. G. D. of C.
„ John W. Green, P.M. 475	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
„ Edward F. Green, P.M. 475	Prov. G. Purst.
„ Edmond R. Green, P.M. 540	
„ Arthur Knox Lindsell, P.M. 803	Prov. G. Stwds.
„ Alexander Grafton, P.M. 1087	
„ James Gladwell, P.M. 1470	
„ Charles Weston	Prov. G. Tyler.

The officers having been saluted, a Committee was appointed to draw up the bye-laws.

A BROTHER suggested that it might be an instruction to the Committee that the bye-laws should contain provisions for the formation of a Charity Fund for the province, with regulations for its dispensation, but

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said he had no power to give such an instruction. No doubt, however, the Committee would have the bye-laws of other provinces before them, and as most of the provinces had a scheme for the management of a Charity Fund, the subject would be in the mind of the Committee. Before closing the Grand Lodge he wished to thank Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Bros. Frank Richardson, and the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, for their kindness in coming to Bedford on this occasion. In forming a new province of course there were many difficulties in the way both in nominating and in appointing proper officers. Before a province was started the lodges had not been so much in communication as he hoped would be the lodges of that province in future. They had now for the first time a province in Bedfordshire, which had been launched under favourable auspices. They had a brother to give them advice, and he had to thank the Grand Secretary personally for having given him every assistance in his power, even to coming down to install him. He had also to thank other brethren, who had many of them come from long distances, and travelled through dangers and difficulties many miles to do honour to him. It was a pleasure to him to see so many of them, and he hoped to have the pleasure to see one or more of the Consecrating Officers at the meetings in the province from time to time. From the Grand Secretary they could obtain instruction and advice which might not be otherwise easily available. He had known the Grand Secretary many years—indeed, long before he was Grand Secretary. He would like to have seen Bro. Philbrick present, who was a member of his own lodge.

Colonel SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary, in reply, thanked the Provincial Grand Master for the fraternal reception the Grand Officers had had. It had given him great pleasure to be able to come to Bedford to take part in this most interesting ceremony. The Grand Officers congratulated the Province of Bedford very heartily upon its establishment. As to the absence of Bro. Philbrick, he had expected him by the same train; but on his arrival at Bedford a telegram was awaiting him, saying he could not be present.

Bro. BUTLER WILKINS said the Province of Berks and Bucks would be happy to lend the Bye-laws' Committee a copy of their bye-laws.

Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet at the Swan Hotel, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master. The arrangements by the Provincial Grand Stewards were everything that could be desired.

After banquet, grace was said, and the usual toasts were proposed.

In proposing "The Queen and the Craft," Col. STUART said that Masons wherever they were assembled showed the greatest loyalty to all constituted authorities, and therefore they dedicated their first toast to the ruler of the country in which they resided.

In giving the next toast, Col. STUART said that the name of the Prince of Wales was always received with pleasure, and with peculiar pleasure as that of the M.W.G.M. of England. The toast was always understood as Masonic. There was a time when the Order was not represented by the highest in the land; but now they had a person of the highest rank in this country after her Most Gracious Majesty to represent them as Grand Mas-

ter, and most of his family were in the Craft. They knew it was his wish as far as possible to promote Freemasonry, both in this country and elsewhere. The Prince of Wales's father never was a Freemason; but his grandfather was and all his uncles. There had been Masonry in the English Royal Family now certainly since the time of William III., who was made y Sir Christopher Wren. The same gavel was used on that occasion by Sir Christopher Wren as he (Col. Stuart) used when making the late lamented Prince Leopold. The Prince of Wales had shown by his zeal and attention that he was fitted in every sense to be Grand Master, and had not allowed the title to be a mere idle decoration. His Royal Highness had done his best to be among the brethren, though he told them when he was installed that he knew he had many duties to perform, and therefore could not come among them as often as he could wish. Still, when he could come he would come.

Col. STUART, in giving "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers," said those who had known the Craft for many years were aware that the life of a Grand Officer was not a sinecure. The Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master had a great deal of work on their hands at all times, and there was a great deal to be done in a short time. The Grand Officers were as a body as zealous as any body of officers could be. The old ones who worked hard in times gone by rested upon their oars; but the younger ones' life was a life of endless motion. Lately they had been four days running engaged in installations, and went from north to south, and from east to west. Grand Lodge thus kept a constant supervision of the whole body, and it would be a bad day for the Craft if there was a want of communication between the purple and the blue. He had heard that charged against them, and he remembered when in Grand Lodge the blue was not thought of by the purple. That was not the case now. The purple and the blue understood each other. The purple always helped the blue as far as they could, and the blue looked up to the purple. As a proof that the purple assisted the blue, he might mention that the Grand Secretary, a Past Grand Deacon, a Past Grand Chaplain, and the present Grand Standard Bearer, had joined in the ceremony of the day—inaugurating Provincial Grand Lodge and installing him.

The Rev. C. W. SPENCER STANHOPE, P.G.C., replying, said that during the last few days this was the fourth time he had been on his legs to return briefly thanks for this toast, and wherever he had done so the toast had been most heartily received, but nowhere more heartily than in this old town of Bedford, which was new to him that day. He congratulated the brethren on being formed into a province under the rule of such a genial, kind, and beloved Grand Master as Col. Stuart. As to the blue reverencing the purple, that was perfectly true, because to those who aspired to the purple the work was getting very hard indeed—harder and harder every year—because as time went on the number of lodges was monthly increasing, and since the time when the Prince of Wales became Grand Master the lodges in England had nearly doubled themselves. Besides the Prince of Wales, two most beloved noblemen ruled over them, one of them the ablest statesman in the land—the Pro Grand Master. Whenever his presence was seen in Grand Lodge they always knew some good words of counsel, or some good advice, were sure to be given. As he had said at Shrewsbury, the words that the Earl of Carnarvon uttered on the question of the Grand Orient of France and the late Papal Allocution would be remembered by all the brethren who heard him. In the same way the Earl of Lathom, as the Deputy Grand Master, was always welcome, because it was always a notice that the meeting would be one of peace, goodwill, and friendship. He hoped that Col. Stuart would be spared to preside over the Province of Bedfordshire for many years to come, and that the Grand Officers might be able to make it convenient to come down and be honoured by again being received in the same hearty, kind way as they had been that day.

Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary, in proposing "The Health of Col. Stuart," said he should preface his observations with the remark which they had before heard—that this was the toast of the evening. That was nevertheless quite an original remark. Although it was said in joke, it was so in earnest, because he was going to ask them to join him in drinking very cordially the health of that good, worthy, and distinguished brother, who had been unusually honoured by the Grand Master, not only in being appointed Provincial Grand Master of a province, but the first Provincial Grand Master of a new province. He had the opportunity in the Provincial Grand Lodge of speaking to the brethren at some little length before the R.W. Provincial Grand Master came in as to the particular points of advantage of a new province, and he need scarcely now repeat them. He would say, however, that it was a great advantage to be drawn together by this new Masonic bond, for they would meet together in Provincial Grand Lodge and know each other better. Moreover, they would be able to start some benevolent and charitable association, by which they could not only assist locally cases of distress, but would be able to put their shoulders to the wheel and assist all those great Masonic Institutions in London, which Masons were so proud of. The brethren of Bedfordshire ought to be very proud of having such a worthy brother as Colonel Stuart appointed as their head. Colonel Stuart came to them with great hereditary claims. As he (Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke) knew Colonel Stuart's father when he was Grand Master of a neighbouring province (Herts), he had seen his virtues were fully inherited by his son. All the brethren most heartily and thoroughly congratulated Colonel Stuart on attaining the position to which the Grand Master's patent had appointed him. From his own personal conviction he could say that he was the right man in the right place, and that he would rule the province with that "suaviter in modo" for which he was well known, and that his rule would be a genial, kind, and fraternal one. Although he had said that Col. Stuart was the first P.G.M. of the Province of Bedfordshire, he was able to inform the brethren that Col. Stuart was not the first Provincial Grand Master of Bedfordshire. The fact was that he was the third. He had been examining the records of Grand Secretary's Office, and he found that in 1799 a Bro. William Gill, of Penley Hall, Herts, was appointed Prov. Grand Master of Bedford. He appeared to have gone on for seven years, when his name disappeared from Grand Lodge books. He found again that Bro. Andrew Dennis O'Kelly, of Cannons, in Middlesex, was appointed, and he went on till he died in 1820. But although there has been two Prov. Grand Masters of Bedford, there was not all that time a single Masonic lodge in the country; so whether those brethren died of the hard Masonic work they had he did not know. However, times had changed, and the present Provincial Grand Master of Bedfordshire had not got quite such an easy time of it as had his predecessors. Although Bedfordshire was not a large province, Col. Stuart would have as much Masonic work as he could take, and he would do it most thoroughly.

Bro. Col. STUART, who was again received with loud cheers, said he always thought that the hardest task that could be thrown upon any one was to return thanks for his own health. It was easy sometimes to say what you might hope, and that you would try to do your best in any cause you undertook; but when one had to speak of oneself it always seemed to him to be an invidious task: either one's modesty made him say he was not worthy of anything that had been said of him, or he might take all and assume he was right. It was hard to draw the mean between those two points and to say he was thoroughly grateful for the honour conferred, and to say at the same time he was well aware that the kindness of those who were speaking his praises were beyond his merits. He had known Freemasonry from the time he was a schoolboy. He had never been out of it, except when he was travelling abroad and was not able to attend foreign lodges from the time he was an Eton boy, when he first entered the Order. He then took office at Cambridge and worked hard in the subordinate offices. At all events, he had identified himself with Masonry and was always only too glad to live among the brethren. He had not the good fortune to be an original member of the Stuart Lodge, because he was abroad at the time it was started: he could only join it six months afterwards, but when he joined it he came as often as he could. He had, however, other lodges elsewhere to attend to, and he did so as well as he could. But now he had to think not so much of his own lodges in particular as of the lodges in the country which were now brought in connection with him personally. How far he might make himself acquainted with all the brethren he could not tell, but he would endeavour to do so and would hold a Grand Lodge in different parts of the county, so that there might be as far as possible a successful endeavour to bring Grand Lodge home to all the brethren, and the brethren be all acquainted in the Grand Lodge. One thing there must be in the commencement of a province—a good many brethren well fitted to hold Grand office, and very few offices to give away, so that it would be three or four years before brethren who had worked hard for years could get office. It was an invidious task sometimes to make a selection, and he hoped the brethren would all be charitable in their action if any one was passed over. When he had to select out of several he must be guided by the advice of those who were best acquainted with all the circumstances. He would promise to act fairly and fearlessly, and all he had to remember was that when the gavel was placed in his hand that day it was not only a sign of honour but a sign of responsibility. He was responsible to the brethren and to the Grand Master of England equally, and also to the authorities over him and the laws by which Masons were governed, for the due and fit discharge of the duties of Provincial Grand Master. There might be times when difficulties and troubles might arise which might require some courage, and possibly some hard heartedness, to get through, but, though some of the brethren might disapprove of the line he might take, he thought in the long run if they were spared they would admit that what he did he did honestly and conscientiously. This being their first meeting in Provincial Grand Lodge he did not want to say much, because there might be some things floating in the minds of the brethren of what they might get out of Grand Lodge. One of these was to promote the Masonic Charities and to carry out the Masonic attributes of Charity—not only one or two Charities individually to subscribe to, but what they had to do was really to promote true Charity throughout the Masonic body, to make them willing to help each other in time of trouble, and say a good word when it might be of use. They should carry these feelings more into their private life than was usually the case, and not only confine them to public acts. He had been a great many years in Freemasonry; he had not so many left to him, but he hoped that in those which he had left to him he should continue to use his best efforts on behalf of Freemasonry.

Bro. Col. STUART next proposed "Success to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Bedfordshire." This was the first time that toast had ever been given. He only hoped the brethren generally would receive it well, and that in another year the brethren might be able to say that the honour had well been earned. He was going to ask the brethren to drink the health of the Provincial Grand Officers. Being first appointments, the duties would be arduous. Some of the brethren would have much to learn, and there would no doubt be some difficulties in giving up the time necessary to attend to the duties. The honour conferred carried a responsibility with it and it was expected that the Grand Officers would be ready to assist and instruct the brethren who were younger and less experienced. The very sight of a purple apron in a room might sometimes settle and smooth down differences that had arisen. The natural tendency was to pay respect to the purple, and to look up to and reverence those who wore it from the fact that they were supposed to have greater experience from their longer service to the Craft. He was sorry that the Deputy Prov. Grand Master was not well enough to have stayed to the banquet; he was a very old Mason and had been a good many years in the Craft, and had had a great deal to do in founding the St. Andrew's Lodge at Biggleswade. No man could do service better than by increasing the number of lodges. He who was the pioneer might perhaps be a better Mason than the one who sat in his own lodge. There were present numerous representatives of other lodges in the province. The largest number he believed was in the Stuart Lodge, which he believed was actually the most numerous, but the St. John the Baptist Lodge at Luton he believed was the oldest, and it was also a very large and influential lodge. One of the highest officers of Grand Lodge came from that lodge. They had other lodges of the country representatives, and altogether there was a very fair sprinkling present compared with the number of members of the lodge. Some of them came at great inconvenience, and would have been put to still greater inconvenience if they had stayed, therefore they had to leave. One misfortune in the country was that they were not able to get from one side of it to the other so well as they ought. The railway, unfortunately, was not laid out by Freemasons. But they must get over the difficulty if they could, and if they could not they must try to visit each other as much as possible. He would take care that the Provincial Grand Lodge should not be a fixed body, but always on the move, and he hoped by that course they would keep up communication between the lodges and Provincial Grand Lodge.

Bro. JOHN CUMBERLAND, S.W., in reply, after expressing his regret at the absence of Bro. Col. Lindsell, congratulated the county of Bedford on being formed into a Masonic province. The object so many of them had at heart had been accomplished under the most favourable circumstances, and they had also to be congratulated on Bro. Col. Stuart being chosen to preside over them—a gallant gentleman who was respected wherever he had been and wherever he was known. Bro. Col. Stuart had been exceedingly kind to him in conferring upon him the high honour of the position of Prov. G.S.W. He had not expected such a distinguished position, although he was the oldest Mason in the province next to Bro. Col. Stuart and Bro.

Phillips, of Luton, whose age prevented him taking the position of G.S.W. He trusted that all the good expectations of the brethren of the benefits to be derived from associating together in Bedfordshire would be realised, and that they would be attended with every possible success. He trusted that the brethren would be brought together, know each other, respect each other, and in every little matter that arose confer together and settle everything amicably. He hoped, moreover, that the province would not be behind all the other lodges and provinces in England, in performing those acts of Charity which had so distinguished the Masons of the present day.

Bro. Col. STUART next proposed "The Health of the Installing Officer, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.," who had come forward most readily that day to help the brethren of Bedfordshire in their difficulties. With Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke had rested a great deal of responsibility in assisting the province in its formation. Grand Secretary held a very important office in England, because he might be considered the adviser of the Grand Master as he also was his mouthpiece, and it was necessary that he should be able to know and to keep up the communication with every part of the country and every part of the British Empire. Wherever the English colonies went—indeed, wherever the English language was spoken—the Grand Secretary had something to say. In all our English colonies Grand Lodge had lodges, if not under Grand Lodge of England at least in affiliation to it. In America, though they were independent of us in the States, yet they treated us with respect and looked upon us as cousins and as their ancestors, and the Grand Secretary knew this, and had communications in every part of the world constantly going on. Those of the brethren who had relations abroad knew that Freemasonry was considerably progressing of late years, and with that progress more work fell on the officials. He supposed no official in Grand Lodge knew so well what the work was as his friend Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke. No difficulty arose in any part of the world where the British Grand Master's name was respected which was not referred sooner or later to Great Queen-street, and when it went there they knew who had to deal with it. Grand Secretary had to dress it up for presentation to the Grand Master, who expected to be fully advised upon it, and to have it put before him perfectly. From his position and his very great rank, and the many things he had to do, the Prince of Wales could not be expected to go into details himself, and Grand Secretary had to do it. Now, this required great knowledge of human nature and of the whole working of Masonry. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke had been many years in the Craft, he was well known to many of the brethren as a Freemason long before he held his present office; but he was selected by the Grand Master because it was known he had great tact and judgment, as well as great Masonic knowledge, and he had the confidence and respect of the brethren wherever he was known. He supposed there was no lodge in the country or in the colonies where the Grand Secretary's name was not known, and in the greater part of the lodges in England he was known to be spoken to. The brethren of Bedfordshire had to thank him for coming down with such able coadjutors as Bros. Richardson, Stanhope, Cumberland, and Butler Wilkins, to instal the Provincial Grand Master. But such kind assistance of these brethren in high rank evinced the true spirit of Masonry, and he hoped that the Installing Officer would carry back with him the feeling that he had done a good act, and he might rest assured that the brethren of Bedfordshire would be glad to see him among them at any time he felt inclined to favour them with a visit.

Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary, responding, said he felt great difficulty in returning thanks for the far too flattering remarks which the Provincial Grand Master had been good enough to use about him, and he must also thank the brethren most sincerely for the fraternal way in which they had received his name. It was quite true that he had the honour to hold a very important and onerous office. His time was fully occupied by the affairs of the Order; but his whole heart and soul were in it, and if he could only in the honest performance of his duty as Grand Secretary obtain the approbation of his brethren, he was fully and entirely rewarded for anything he might do. As he had already said, his work was very heavy. For instance, Col. Stuart was the third Provincial Grand Master he had installed in a week. He had installed Sir Offley Wakeman as Provincial Grand Master for Shropshire, and the next day he installed Lord Harlech as Provincial Grand Master for North Wales. These were great honours to fall on any working brother in the Order, and he felt very proud at being the humble representative of the M.W.G.M. on any such important occasion. He could assure the brethren that all his efforts were given towards the good of the Order, and he looked and watched over the interests of the various bodies and lodges, numbering over 2000 Craft lodges and 1000 Royal Arch chapters, which he had to supervise, and he took the greatest possible interest in the individual welfare of all of them. The correspondence he had every day at his office would probably surprise the brethren. He had from all quarters of the world 150 or 200 letters every morning at his office, and probably in half a dozen different languages. That was no light matter. However, he thanked the brethren very much for their kind reception. It had given him great pleasure to come down and start the province, which was starting so well, and he could only say that he would watch over it with very great interest. He hoped to see it progress, as he was sure it would, year by year, and he felt sure that in a few short years the Province of Bedfordshire would hold a high position among the provinces of England.

Col. STUART then proposed "The Visitors." After referring to the advantages of visiting lodges, and the pleasure there always was in seeing visitors, he continued that it must be a pleasure for brethren to come from a neighbouring province to witness the first stages of the infancy of a province. No doubt the visitors would be glad to see what an infantile lodge was like.

Bro. BUTLER WILKINS, G. Std. Br., replied, and said it had given him great pleasure to be present, because it had been a matter of surprise to him for a long time that Bedfordshire was not a province. He was pleased to find that at last the brethren and the lodges had combined for obtaining this desirable object. Four or five years ago the subject was mooted, and intimation was made—he would not say where from—to the Duke of Manchester that the lodges of Bedfordshire should be included in the Province of Norths and Hunts, and that steps should be taken to petition Grand Lodge for that purpose. When that came to his knowledge, and his Grace mentioned the matter to him, he at once told his Grace that he did not think it would answer, for one or two reasons. One reason was, that it would spread the province over such a large area that no Provincial Grand Master or his Deputy could work it with satisfaction to all concerned, and that it might raise a certain amount of jealousy between the old Province of Norths and Hunts and the brethren of Bedfordshire. He strongly advised his Grace to take no steps in the matter, because, for another reason, he was perfectly

convinced that as time went on the lodges of Bedfordshire would unite and form themselves into a province. He was doubly gratified that his advice given four or five years ago was that day justified. If they would allow him to give them one word of advice, he would say that there should be a thorough combination among all the lodges as regarded that grand principle of Masonry—the support of its Charitable Institutions. He could speak from experience he had obtained in Norths and Hunts, where, though it was a small province, they had the means by their vote of carrying their candidates four or five times out of every six on the first application. They might ask how that was done, and his answer was, that it was done by combination, or levelling, making all the votes votes in perpetuity for the lodges, and not for individuals, whereby the votes ceased on the individual's death. If Bedfordshire did this it would become as strong as Norths and Hunts. Let all the votes go into one hat, for by such a course they would have a larger voting power than if each lodge voted for its own candidate.

Bro. TAYLOR also replied, and congratulated the Grand Lodge on the great success of the meeting. What had been done would advance the interests of Masonry in Bedfordshire. He agreed with Bro. Butler Wilkins in what he had said about the voting power. It was the old story of the bundle of sticks. It was a matter of great importance in the use of Charity votes that the brethren should hang together and unite, also that they should emulate each other in giving voting power. The Stuart Lodge had done a great deal as a lodge; but, as far as he knew, it had not done its full share in individual members. Whatever a lodge might do from its own funds as a lodge, if the Charities depended on what lodges did, their success would be very trifling to what it had been. What was wanted was individual action. He believed a Steward should be found, and that many brethren should be found who would gladly give their services, and if this happened they would be rewarded with success. It was only the other day he received a letter from their Charity Secretary for Berks and Bucks, stating that they had been successful at the late elections. He felt sure that if Bedfordshire had a candidate requiring help, if they tried their utmost they would be equally successful as Berks and Bucks had been.

A Suffolk brother also replied, and, alluding to the subject of getting the votes in perpetuity, said that Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, the Deputy Grand Master of Suffolk, had so many votes—300—that the province was so afraid of losing the benefit of them, as they would if he died, that they talked of insuring his life.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings, which were highly successful throughout.

Bro. George Kenning manufactured the insignia for the Grand Master and his officers.

#### INSTALLATION OF BROS. LORD JERSEY & REV. H. A. PICKARD, AS P.G. MASTER & P.G. SUPT. OF OXFORDSHIRE.

A meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Oxfordshire was held on Wednesday, the 28th ult., for the purpose of transacting the ordinary business of the province, and of installing the Earl of Jersey, who has been appointed Prov. G. Master of Oxfordshire, in succession to the late Duke of Albany.

The meeting was called for 2 p.m., and by that hour some 200 brethren were assembled in the Convocation House, the use of which had been kindly granted for the occasion by the Vice-Chancellor—the Divinity School adjoining being used for the brethren to clothe in.

Among those present were Bros. Lord Leigh, R.W. Prov. G.M. of Warwickshire; the Rev. S. R. Wigram, P.G. Chap.; Rev. H. A. Pickard, P.G. Chap.; Rev. C. W. Spencer-Stanhope, P.G. Chap.; F. P. Morrell, P.G. Deacon; and Capt. A. B. Cook, P. Asst. G. Dir. of Cers.

Soon after the appointed time the Prov. G. Lodge was opened in form by Bro. Reginald Bird, P.G.D., Deputy Prov. G. Master, assisted by Bro. the Rev. S. R. Wigram, as Deputy Prov. G. Master, and Bros. E. Prescott and H. Robbins, the Prov. G. Wardens.

After the Prov. G. Master of Warwickshire and the Grand Officers present had been duly saluted, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and then Lord Leigh took the chair for the important business of the day.

After a brief address by his lordship on the purpose for which he was presiding over the meeting, the patent of the Prov. G. Master designate was read by the Prov. G. Secretary, and then the Earl of Jersey was introduced by a deputation appointed for the purpose, and the ceremony of his installation as Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire was duly proceeded with by Lord Leigh.

On the completion of the ceremony the ordinary business of the annual Provincial Grand Lodge was transacted, consisting of reports from the D.P.G.M., the Prov. G. Treasurer, and the Charity Committee, which showed the affairs of the province to be in a satisfactory condition. A noteworthy part of the report of the D.P.G.M. was a summary of the contributions by the different lodges in the province to the three Masonic Charities, showing a total of contributions from 1875 to 1885, amounting to £3100. This for a province numbering under 500 members, was considered a creditable performance.

After the presentation of Charity jewels—bars to those entitled to receive them—and the election of Prov. G. Treasurer, and the appointment of the other Prov. Grand Officers, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

Concurrently with the latter part of the proceedings a meeting of the Prov. Grand Chapter was being held in the University Masonic Hall, at which the Rev. H. A. Pickard, P.G.P.S., was installed G. Superintendent of Oxfordshire, by the M.E. Comp. Lord Leigh, G. Superintendent of Warwickshire.

The two bodies then united at the Randolph Hotel, where they dined under the presidency of the Prov. G. Master.

We should add that Bro. Reginald Bird, who has so ably conducted the affairs of the province since 1874, was re-appointed Deputy Prov. G. Master, to the great satisfaction of the brethren of the province.

#### THE NEW PROVINCIAL GRAND SUPERINTENDENT OF OXFORDSHIRE.

It would have been difficult for his Royal Highness the Grand Z. to choose a worthier successor to his late brother the Duke of Albany as chief of the Royal Arch Masons of Oxfordshire than M.E. Comp. the Rev. Henry Adair Pickard, Past G.P. Sojourner of the Supreme Grand Chapter, and till lately J. in the province he has now been appointed to rule. Comp. Pickard is a Mason of over 30 years' standing. In the course of his career he has filled several offices of great trust and responsibility, and in all cases he has discharged his duties with credit to himself and to the honour and advantage of Freemasonry. His experience, under these circumstances, is necessarily great, and as he enjoys the confidence and respect of the Craft in Oxfordshire, there is well-founded reason to anticipate that, under his able and genial presidency, the Royal Arch Degree in that province will be as successfully governed as in other parts of the country.

Bro. Pickard, like so many other worthy Craftsmen, was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, in the year 1851. Bros. the late Rev. T. F. T. Ravenshaw, G. Chap. in 1868-9, the Rev. W. F. Short, G. Chap. in 1870-1; the Rev. John Robbins, D.D., G.C. 1884; Reg. Bird, D.P.G.M. Oxfordshire; and Col. Adair, Past Prov. G.M. Somersetshire, being among his more distinguished contemporaries. In 1853 he was appointed a Prov. Grand Steward of Oxfordshire, and the year following one of the Prov. Grand Directors of Ceremonies, his colleague in that important office being Bro. the Rev. J. S. Sidebotham. In 1856 and again in 1857 he was elected to the chair of his lodge, his honours in Provincial Grand Lodge culminating in the latter year, when he had conferred upon him the collar of Grand S. Warden. In 1875 he was for the third time installed W.M. of his lodge, and had the honour of appointing and investing the late Duke of Albany as his S.W. In 1877, on the death of Bro. the Rev. W. Lake Onslow, Grand Chap., the Prince of Wales, who as a member and P.M. of the Apollo University Lodge, had full knowledge of Bro. Pickard's merits as a Mason, appointed him as the successor of that lamented brother, and in 1878, as was the custom in those days, H.R.H. re-appointed him to the same office.

As regards the Royal Arch Degree, which has now become his particular care in Oxfordshire, Bro. Pickard was exalted in the Alfred Chapter, No. 340, and in 1859 and 1860 successively occupied the chairs of J., H., and Z. He is likewise a P.Z. of the Apollo University Chapter, Past Prov. G.J. of Oxfordshire, and in 1882 was appointed G. Pr. Soj. of England.

These are the credentials of our reverend companion, and it cannot be denied that one who has filled so many offices in Craft and Arch Masonry has acquitted himself honourably. But they by no means disclose the whole of his claims upon our respect. He is a Vice-President of the Girls' School and Life Governor of the Boys' and Benevolent Institutions, while the number of Stewardships he has served on their behalf is nine, namely, five for the Girls, three for the Boys, and one for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Such a record as this is in all respects most creditable to the new Prov. G. Supt. of Oxfordshire.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DORSET.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorset was held at Portland on Friday, the 30th ult. The lodge was originally called for the 8th; but was postponed on account of the death of our late illustrious Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury, K.G., and Lord Lieutenant of the county, whose funeral was arranged to take place that day. About 100 brethren assembled, and the R.W.P.G. Master, Bro. Montague Guest, was supported by the D.P.G.M., W. Bro. Hambro; the P.G. Wardens, Bros. Soppitt and Robinson; Bros. Rev. C. G. Paget, P.G. Chaplain; Thornton, P.G. Treasurer; Case, P.G. Secretary; Howard, Crickmay, Rev. W. M. Heath, Gregory, E. T. Budden, H. C. Burt, W. D. Dugdale, and W. Smith, P.P.G. Wardens; the Rev. T. Russell Wright and Rev. J. H. Scott, P.P. G. Chaplains; and many other officers, Present and Past.

The lodge was opened in due form, and after some routine business, the Provincial Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. C. G. PAGET, delivered a very original and interesting lecture on the moral and social excellence of Masonry, and the privileges and duties of Masons, which he said might be summed up in "loyalty to the State, love to mankind, and reverence for all that is good and sacred."

The Treasurer, W. Bro. THORNTON, presented his accounts, which were passed, and Bro. Thornton was unanimously re-elected and thanked by acclamation for his efficient discharge of the duties of that office.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, following his annual custom, then addressed the brethren on the "Masonic events" of the past year. Beginning with the initiation of H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor, the eldest son of our M.W. Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, he passed on to the work of the Grand Lodge, noticing the decision of Grand Lodge as to a grant to St. Giles's Church—a decision precisely similar to one given in their own Prov. Grand Lodge, two years ago, on a similar application. The motion of Bro. Stevens, relating to mendicant Masons, was next reviewed, and the opinion expressed that the matter is one for individual lodges, which have ample powers to protect themselves, if they only give proper attention and display firmness of action. After reviewing the blackballing case and suspension of warrant for three months by Grand Lodge, the Provincial Grand Master reviewed the events and work of his own province during the year—I. The loss by death of the great and good Earl of Shaftesbury, one of the early members of the Apollo Lodge, Oxford, and one of the first contributors to the Dorset Masonic Charity. They had also lost P. Prov. Grand Master Eliot, at the great age of 91, who was initiated into Masonry at Weymouth in 1816, and was Prov. Grand Master from 1824 to 1839. He continued a subscribing member of All Souls' Lodge, Weymouth, from his initiation,



in 1816, to his death on January 7th, 1885—a period of 69 years. The province had sustained another loss by the recent death of the Rev. T. Pearce, P.D. Grand Master of the Province, for many years a zealous and hard-working brother. II.—The P.G.M. then alluded to the Charity work of the province, and congratulated the Prov. G. Lodge on the complete success which had attended the establishment of the Dorset Masonic Charity, as well as the large support accorded by the province to the great central Charities, and the election of all our provincial candidates to the benefits of those Institutions. III.—The revised Constitutions were then touched upon, and in conclusion he suggested a revision of the bye-laws of each lodge, and of the bye-laws of Prov. G. Lodge, so as to bring them in complete harmony with the present Constitutions of Grand Lodge.

A series of money votes were then made, viz., £10 10s. to the Portland Lodge—to be met by £10 10s. from the lodge—for the benefit of one or more of the central Charities; £10 10s. for the Girls' School, Bro. Milledge, Steward; £10 10s. for the R.M.B.I., Bro. E. T. Budden, Steward for the province; £10 10s. towards the National Memorial of the late Earl of Shaftesbury; and £5 to the Portland Lodge towards the expenses of receiving the Prov. Grand Lodge that day.

The report of the Provincial Committee for promoting the election of candidates on the central Charities was then read and approved.

W. Bro. E. T. BUDDEN, P.P.G.S.W., was then called on for the report of the Dorset Masonic Charity, of which an abridgement follows:

Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master and Brethren: Four years ago, in making our first report to P.G. Lodge, we had very little to state beyond the facts attending the formation and organization of a Charity for the Province of Dorset, under the sanction and control of the P.G. Lodge.

We can now report with a lively satisfaction, not only the continued progress of the Charity in usefulness and influence, but also the complete attainment of the first stage of our work by the establishment of a substantial and permanent endowment fund of £2125, producing from present stock a yearly revenue of over £90.

Six cases of distress have been relieved during the past year by grants amounting to £85, making the total number of cases during the four years of operation 15, and the total grants made £205.

During the past year the Charity has assisted four widows, one aged and infirm daughter of a deceased brother, and one Lewis, who has been apprenticed with a grant of £20, made to "promote his advancement in life."

Since the last report three lodges have become Vice-Presidents of the Charity by making up their lodge contributions to £50 each, viz., Weymouth, Poole, and Portland.

Eleven lodges and chapters in the province are now either Patrons or Vice-Presidents of the Charity.

From the foundation of the Charity, 27th December, 1880, to the 30th June, 1885, the contributions by lodges and members taken together have been as follows: Lodges and brethren of 137, Poole, £80 15s.; 170, Weymouth, £83 19s.; 386, Wareham, £71 4s.; 417, Dorchester, £118 15s.; 472, Shaftesbury, £133 6s.; 622, Wimborne and Chapter, £378 19s. 9d.; 665, Lyme, £25 7s. 2d.; 707, Bridport, £64 10s.; 1037, Portland, £74; 1146, Swanage, £110 7s. 6d.; 1167, Sherborne, £49 19s. 6d.; 1266, Blandford and Rose Croix Chapter, £217 17s.; 1367, Beaminster, £23 10s.; Provincial Grand Lodge, £300; Provincial Grand Chapter, £5; sundry donors, £414 11s.; total, £2125 0s. 11d. Of this total £24 15s. 6d. belongs to the Relief account.

It is only due to the P.G.M. to state that, in one form or another, he has contributed £259 towards this gross sum.

Each lodge has recently been furnished with a receipt and cheque book, to facilitate the collection of subscriptions; and the brethren are asked to co-operate with their own Lodge Committee, as well as with the General Committee, by placing their names on their lodge list, as subscribers of five shillings a year each.

This is all the General Committee ask for, and all that is really needed to provide—with the dividends from stock—a yearly revenue equal to meet all the claims and demands that can fairly be made upon the Charity. The stability and permanency of the Charity being now secured, it only remains for the province to support and maintain in a state of high efficiency the institution which has been established by so much unanimity, generosity and concord.

Signed H. C. BURT, Chairman.  
E. T. BUDDEN, Hon. Secretary.

June 30th, 1885.

The report was adopted unanimously.

The P.G.M. then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year, viz.:

Bro. W. H. Bond, P.M. 386 ...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" G. Brady, W.M. 1037 ...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. H. J. Mason, W.M. 1146 ...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" R. D. Thornton, P.M. 1037 ...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" P. L. Budge, W.M. 137 ...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" R. Case, P.M. 417 ...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" C. T. Marston, P.M. 137 ...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" C. G. Targett, W.M. 170 ...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" W. Burt, W.M. 622 ...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. Stroud, W.M. 417 ...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. Hallett, P.M. 386 ...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" W. James, W.M. 707 ...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" F. Budden, J.W. 622 ...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" T. Osborne, P.M. 472 ...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Wheatley, 137 ...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" Jeffrys, 170 ...	...	
" Gibbs, 170 ...	...	
" Whetham, 170 ...	...	
" Dunman, 417 ...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" Long, 707 ...	...	
" F. Long ...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

W. Bro. E. T. Budden, P.P.G.S.W., was appointed Steward for the Province of Dorset at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The Committee to revise the bye-laws of P.G. Lodge was then appointed as follows: The P.G.M., D.P.G.M., P.G. Treasurer, P.G. Secretary, and W. Bros. E. T. Budden, Howard, Heath, Dugdale, with power to add.

The customary salutations were given, and the lodge closed in due form. The brethren adjourned from labour to refreshment, a very capital banquet being provided by Bro. Graham, to which, after a fast of several hours, the brethren did ample justice. The usual toasts were given, and the brethren separated about 5.30 p.m. to regain their homes.

#### APPENDIX TO DORSET MASONIC CHARITY REPORT.

Abstract of accounts from commencement 27th December, 1880, to June 30th, 1885:

To Total Contributions ...	£2127 5 5	By Stock ...	£2125 13 0
		" Balance in hand ...	1 12 5
	£2127 5 5		£2127 5 5

#### RELIEF ACCOUNT.

To Total Interest on Investments ...	£269 10 1	By Grants ...	£205 0 0
" Subscriptions ...	24 15 6	" Sundry Payments ...	61 17 2
	£294 5 7	" Balance in hand ...	27 8 5
			£294 5 7

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DURHAM.

#### MEETING AT BISHOP AUCKLAND.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham was held on Tuesday, the 27th ult., in the Edgar Memorial Hall, Bishop Auckland, when the thirty-one lodges in the province were represented. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., Provincial Grand Master, presided, and was accompanied by the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., F.R.S., Deputy Prov. Grand Master; and the following Provincial Grand Officers: Bros. E. D. Davis, acting P.G.S.W.; R. A. Luck, P.G.J.W.; Rev. J. Lawson, P.G. Chap.; Babington Boulton, P.G. Treas.; T. M. Barron, P.G. Registrar; R. Hudson, P.G. Secretary; Thomas Walton, P.G.S.D.; J. C. Moor, P.G.J.D.; F. H. Bennett, P.G.J.D.; R. W. Thompson, P.G. Supt. of Wks.; Edward Hudson, P.G.D. of Cers.; J. J. Clay, P.G.D.D. of Cers.; H. W. Emerson, P.G.A.D. of Cers.; S. Fenny, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Gray, P.G. Std. Br.; D. Whitehead, P.G. Org.; T. Bradley, P.G. Asst. Sec.; J. T. Wilson, P.G. Purst.; J. Curry, P.G. Tyler; John Wood, P.P. G.W.; M. Corbitt, P.P.G.D.; H. J. Turnbull, P.P.G.P.; R. Kimmond, P.P.G.P.; H. Maddison, P.P.G.R.; Rev. J. P. Wilkinson, P.P. G.S.W.; H. Lawrence, P.P.G.W.; Geo. Greenwell, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Coxon, P.P.G.S.B.; Thomas Coulson, P.P.G.D.; C. S. Lane, P.P.G.D.; A. S. Fowler, P.P.G.D.; J. H. Jackson, A. T. Munro, P.P.G.S.B.; G. Stillman, P.P.G.D.; J. Wyld, P.P.G.P.; G. Hardy, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. McCulloch, P.P.G.W.; J. Laidler, P.P.G.D.; J. Graham, P.P.G.R.; W. T. Agutter, P.G.S.D. Staffordshire; C. D. Hill Drury, P.P.G.R. Norfolk; J. Sinclair, P.P.G.P.; Col. J. M. Meek, P.P.G.R.; R. Richardson, P.P.G.R.; W. Barlow, P.P.G.D.; and J. N. Pickering, P.P.G.O. West Yorks. There were also supporting the P.G. Master Bros. Banister, Past G.S.B. England; Col. Monks, P.P.G.W.; Bulman, P.P.G.W.; W. E. Franklin, P.P.G.D. The following Masters and Past Masters were also present:

Bros. A. Rhagg, 48; J. Dobson, 80; J. A. Rainbow, 94; J. R. Pattison, 97; G. Watson, 111; W. Logan, 124; G. Robson, 240; G. F. Allan, 509; J. Wetherall, J.W. 531; D. G. Smith, 661; W. Mastey, 764; G. Lazonby, 940; J. G. Kirtley, I.P.M. 949; R. Shadforth, P.M. 949; A. Hall, P.M. 949; J. Eggleston, P.M. 949; J. Sedcole, I.P.M. 1119; D. Bryce, 1121; W. Waistell, 1230; J. Todd, 1274; M. Harrison, 531; J. Hiller, I.P.M. 1334; H. Massing, 1379; W. Brandt, P.M. 1389; W. Beattie, P.M. 1389; Thos. Bowman, 1418; Thos. Coates, 1650; G. Rutherford, 1932; Walter Ross, 1970; W. Love, 2019; John F. Craggs, 2104; W. Eckford, P.M. 1643; J. Armstrong, P.M. 1274; W. Clarke Robinson, 1334; Rev. W. P. Swaby, Chap. 2039; and others.

The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed,

The Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. BABINGTON BOULTON, read the report of the provincial accounts. A balance of £159 had been brought forward from last year, and the total receipts amounted to £498 9s., and after making all payments, a balance of £207 7s. 5d. remained in hand.

Bro. Canon TRISTRAM, P.D.G.M., read the report of the Fund Committee, which recommended that the sum of 25 guineas be given to each of the three London Masonic Institutions—the Boys' School, the Girls' School, and the Benevolent Institution—and that £25 be given to the Durham Masonic Education Fund, and grants amounting to £50 were also recommended to be made in individual cases.

Bro. T. BRADLEY, P.G.A. Sec., read the report of the Charities Committee. This was the eighth annual report, and it stated that all their candidates for the Masonic schools this year had been elected. Since the formation of the Committee in 1878 they obtained the election of eight boys, three girls, two men and one widow to the Masonic Schools and Benevolent Institutions. The Committee trusted the brethren would continue their support towards the maintenance of those excellent Institutions. The Durham Masonic Educational Fund continued to show satisfactory results. They were educating at their own homes seven children at a cost of £71 3s. 9d.; their capital account was £382, and the balance of current account was £78 12s. 3d. The receipts for the past year amounted, with a balance brought forward, of £102, to £172 10s. 9d., and the payments amounted to £93 18s. 6d., leaving a balance of £78 12s. 3d. The Committee asked for the continued support of the brethren of the province. Several new cases were recommended for adoption.

On the motion of Bro. C. S. LANE, P.P.G.D., Chairman of the Committee, seconded by Bro. J. C. MOOR, P.G.J.D., the report was adopted.

It was agreed, on the motion of the PROV. GRAND MASTER, that a letter of thanks be written and forwarded to the Marchioness Dowager of Londonderry for the handsome gift to the Provincial Grand Lodge of the clothing and Masonic jewels of the late Marquess of Londonderry, P.G.M. They could never forget the courtesy, kindness, and justice the late marquess evinced in the carrying out of the duties that he discharged so ably and so well. (Applause.)

Bro. T. M. BARRON, P.G.R., presented the report of the Committee upon provincial bye-laws, which was adopted after some discussion.

The roll of the lodges of the province was then called, and the Masters gave in numerical and financial statements, in the main of a satisfactory character.

Bro. C. S. LANE proposed, Bro. E. D. DAVIS, P.P.G.W., seconded, and it was unanimously resolved, that Bro. Richard B. Reed, P.M. 48, be Provincial Grand Treasurer, who returned thanks for his election. Bro. B. Boulton was thanked for his term of office as Provincial Grand Treasurer by the PROV. GRAND MASTER.

The Provincial Grand Master re-appointed Bro. Canon Tristram, Deputy P.G.M. He then preceded to appoint and invest the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—

Bro. James Laidler, P.P.G.D., P.M. 1334 and 1932	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
W. D. Tate, P.M. 764	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
J. Lawson, 124 (reappointed)	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
R. Coulton, 2019...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
R. B. Reed, P.M. 48	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
C. E. Barnes, P.M. 124, 1334, and 1932	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
R. Hudson, I.P.M. 2039 (reappointed)	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
Samuel Wilson, P.M. 124 and 1379	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
J. G. Smith, P.M. 48	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
David Armstrong, P.M. 1121	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
J. G. Kirtley, I.P.M. 949	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
Joseph Armstrong, P.M. 1274	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
E. Hudson, P.M. 764 (reappointed)	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
J. J. Clay, P.P.G.S. of W., P.M. 97 (reappointed)	...	...	Prov. G.D.D.C.
J. G. Athey, P.M. 240	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
Thos. Henderson, P.M. 94 and 2039	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
T. J. Johnson, P.M. 531	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
J. M. Pickering, P.M. 1418...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
W. Crawford, Org. 1121	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
T. Bradley, P.P.G.D., P.M. 940 (reappointed)	...	...	Prov. G.A. Sec.
W. Eckford, P.M. 1643	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
D. Finlay, P.M. 1230	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
J. J. Wilson, S.W. 80	...	...	...
J. A. Hall, J.W. 240	...	...	...
J. E. Reed, S.W. 424	...	...	...
J. Wetherall, J.W. 531	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
John Ostle, P.M. 1121	...	...	...
John Hudson, P.M. 2039	...	...	...
Joshua Curry, 48 and 424	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER then delivered an address to the Provincial Grand Lodge, touching many matters of interest to Masonry in the province. He believed he could say that Masonry was in a very flourishing state. In 1882 they had 1979 subscribing members; in 1883 there were 2011, and in 1884, 2239.

The lodge was afterwards duly closed, and in the evening the annual banquet was held, at which Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., P.G.M., presided.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

The annual general meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Assembly Room, Three Swans Hotel, Market Harborough, on Friday, the 23rd ult., under the auspices of St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1330. In the absence of the R.W.P.G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl Ferrers, the chair was taken by the W. Bro. S. S. Partridge, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, who was supported by the R.W. Bro. W. Kelly, P.P.G.M., and most of the Provincial Grand Officers. Notwithstanding the extremely unfavourable state of the weather, there was also a good attendance of other members, though not so numerous as on recent previous occasions.

The Craft lodge having been duly opened, the W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge entered and were received with all due honours. Prior to the opening of the Provincial Grand Lodge the ceremony of installing Bro. Charles W. Wartnaby as W.M. of St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1330, was very efficiently performed by Bro. F. Grant, P.P.G.S.W., assisted by Bro. A. McIvor Tindall, Prov. G.S.B., two P.M.'s of the lodge.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then opened in form, and the rolls of lodges and Provincial Grand Officers were called, after which the minutes of the previous annual general communication and of an especial meeting held in February last for the consecration of the Lodge of the Golden Fleece were read and confirmed.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY read a very satisfactory report of the Provincial Committee of General Purposes, which on motion duly made was received and adopted.

The following report of the Provincial Charity Committee was also read and adopted:—

To the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland.

During the past year your Committee have to report that there has been no candidate from the province for either of the Central Masonic Charities; the votes have therefore been lent to other responsible bodies, to be repaid for the support of cases from our own province. The votes standing to the credit of the province will now ensure the election of a candidate for either of the Masonic Institutions. Your Committee desire to record their high appreciation of the valuable services rendered by W. Bro. Captain Richardson, who represented the province at the last annual Festival of the Girls' School, upon which occasion his list was the highest presented by any Steward, and reached the magnificent total of £405. This splendid result was not achieved without great exertions on the part of Bro. Richardson, and the Committee are glad to find that his efforts on behalf of the Charities are about to be suitably recognised by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master. W. Bro. Clement Stretton was a Steward at the Festival of the Boys' School, to the funds of which he again contributed in his usual generous manner. During the year a small grant has been made to the widow of a brother who was for a short time a member of the John of Gaunt Lodge. It is this year the turn of the Boys' School to receive the support of the province, and the Committee most cordially nominate W. Bro. F. Macaulay, P.P.G.S.W., and recommend his appointment as Steward, to represent the province at the next Festival of that Institution. They have voted a sum of £10 10s. to be placed upon his list. A daughter of a lately deceased member of the Commercial Lodge, No. 1391, is a candidate for the next election of the Girls' School. The Committee most strongly recommend her case to the favourable consideration and support of the province. The brother referred to was a Life Subscriber to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. His daughter will not be eligible for admission after September next, on account of her age, she must therefore be elected at the next election to be held in April.

The Prov. Grand Registrar's report was next received, from which it appeared that one lodge (the Golden Fleece, No. 2081) had been added to the roll, and that the net increase in the number of subscribing members in the province was 18.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer's accounts, previously printed and circulated, were taken as read, and were approved and adopted, the balance in hand being: On the General Fund account, £93 1s. 6d., and on the Charity Fund account, £29 8s. 7d.

W. Bro. Robert Waite was then unanimously re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER in the chair presented to W. Bro. Captain J. G. F. Richardson, P.M. 1560, the Grand Lodge Charity jewel, in recognition of his valuable services as Steward on two occasions at Festivals of the Royal Masonic Institutions for Boys' and Girls.

Bro. RICHARDSON acknowledged the gift in very suitable and eloquent terms.

The Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested as follows:—

Bro. Fred. J. Baines, P.M. 523	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
Capt. J. G. F. Richardson, P.M. 1560	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. W. R. Hurd, 2081	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
Rev. T. B. Hardy, 2028	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
Robert Waite, P.M. 466	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
L. P. Chamberlain, W.M. 1265	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
Rev. C. Henton Wood, P.M. 1560	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
C. W. Wartnaby, I.P.M. 1330	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
John Hassall, P.M. 779	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
John Fletcher, W.M. 1130	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
Joseph Young, P.M. 523	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
Robert Rowley, W.M. 279	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
John D. Harris, W.M. 1560	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
Charles Oliver, W.M. 1007	...	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
John Harrison, W.M. 1391	...	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
W. H. Barrow (F.C.O.), 523	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
E. J. Foxwell, W.M. 50	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
H. Pickard Brown, W.M. 523	...	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
W. Marchant, 50	...	...	...
J. H. Marshall, 279	...	...	...
G. Newsome, 523	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
W. J. Freer, 1265	...	...	...
E. P. Steeds, 2081	...	...	...
Dunn	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
Tanser	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

W. Bro. T. Macaulay, P.M. 1330, P.P.G.S.W., was appointed Charity Steward to represent the province at the next Festival of the Boys' School.

It was duly proposed, and carried unanimously, that an address, congratulatory on his marriage, be presented to the R.W.P.G.M., the Earl Ferrers. A draft of the address, which had been prepared by the Prov. G. Secretary, was read and approved, and ordered to be suitably illuminated on vellum for presentation to his lordship.

Bro. WATSON, W.M. of the Lodge of the Golden Fleece, No. 2081, tendered an invitation for the next meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge to be held under the auspices of his lodge.

A vote of condolence with W. Bro. G. Toller, P.G.S.B., P.D.P.G.M., on the death of his father, was moved by R.W. Bro. KELLY, seconded by the DEPUTY PROV. G. MASTER, and carried.

There being no further business the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in form, and in harmony.

The proceedings terminated with an excellent banquet, at which the Deputy Provincial Grand Master presided.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

On Friday, the 30th ult., Grand Mark Lodge for the Province of Kent, was held at Canterbury, under the banner of St. Martin's Lodge, No. 262.

The brethren assembled in goodly numbers in the beautiful Masonic Temple in St. Peter's, and of which the Canterbury brethren have so much reason to be proud, and at 3 o'clock a procession of Prov. Grand Officers was formed, who escorted the R.W.P.G.M.M., the Rev. Thos. Robinson, M.A., to the lodge, which was then opened in ample form. Among those present were:

Bros. Podevin, D.P.G.M.M.; Rev. H. Cummings, P.G.S.W., G. Chaplain England; Sweny, P.G.J.W.; Eastes, P.G.S.W., G.S.O. Eng.; Emmerson, P.G.S.W.; Snowden, P.P.D.G.M.; S. Clarke, P.G.S.O.; Binckes, P.G.W.; Farran, P.M.; Rev. J. B. Harrison, P.G. Chap.; G. Page, P.G. Treas.; J. Klatt, P.G.D.; W. Watson, P.G.A.D.C., G.S.O.; E. Denton and F. Wood, P.G. Stwds.; Nicholls, J.D. 44; J. Bush, P.M. 69; W. Weston, 226, P.G.J.D.; A. Penfold, 226, P.G.M.O.; C. Coup-land, P.G.W.; F. Nicholls, 237; Hor. Ward, 262, G.M.O.; T. Blamires, W.M. 262; P. Higham, S.W. 262; E. Beer, P.M. 262, G. Std. Br.; W. D. Young, R.M. 262; A. T. Simpson, W.M. 267; R. H. Bateman, S.W. 309; E. Binstead, Sec. 322; J. C. Weddell, J.W. 322; W. Kipps, W.M. 332; and many others.

The Prov. G.M.M. was saluted by the brethren on his re-appointment as P.G.M.

The minutes of the last Prov. Grand Lodge, held at Woolwich, were read and confirmed, and the report of the Treasurer presented and passed. Bro. G. Page was again re-elected Treasurer.

The R.W.P.G. MASTER then referred, in feeling terms, to the resignation of the D.P.G.M.M., Bro. Podevin, who, however, would continue to serve the province in another office, and announced that the position of Deputy P.G.M.M. had been offered to V.W. Bro. the Rev. Hayman Cummings, G. Chap. of England, the present G.S.W., by whom it had been accepted; and he was sure the brethren would receive the announcement with satisfaction.

The V.W. Bro. Rev. H. Cummings was then presented by W. Bro. Podevin, the retiring D.P.G.M.M., and duly obligated and installed by the R.W.P.G.M.M.



The brethren having saluted the D.P.G.M.M., the R.W.P.G.M.M. proceeded to appoint and invest the officers for the ensuing year, the complete list of whom are as follows:

Bro. Rev. Hayman Cummings, G.C. Eng., P.M. 322	D. Prov. G.M.
" Horatio Ward, P.M. 262...	Prov. G.S.W.
" W. A. Weston, P.M. 226	Prov. G.J.W.
" F. Wood, 309...	Prov. G.M.O.
" Dr. Walter, W.M. elect 152	Prov. G.S.O.
" Creighton Walker, P.M. 69	Prov. G.J.O.
" Rev. B. Harrison, W.M. 129	Prov. G. Chap.
" Geo. Page, P.M. 129	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. Kipps, W.M. 332	Prov. G.R. of M.
" J. C. Podevin, P.P.D.G.M., P.M. 152	Prov. G. Sec.
" Edwin Beer, P.M. 262	Prov. G.A. Sec.
" A. T. Simpson, W.M. 267	Prov. G.S.D.
" J. Bush, P.M. 69	Prov. G.J.D.
" J. Kennett, S.W. 266	Prov. G.D.C.
" F. Nicholls, R.M. 237	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" W. H. Popplestone, J.D. 226	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" F. G. Nichols, M.O. 44	Prov. G. Org.
" Samuel H. White, S.D. 266	Prov. G.I.G.
" R. T. Rolfe, Tyler 129	Prov. G. Tyler.

The dispatch of some other Masonic business was then proceeded with, among other matters a sum of 15 guineas being given from the P.G. Lodge funds, to be placed on the list of the V.W.D.P.G.M.M., Bro. Rev. H. Cummings, who again would represent the Province of Kent as Steward at the next Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund.

Prov. Grand Lodge having been closed, the brethren speedily re-assembled at the Royal Fountain Hotel, where a *recherché* banquet was provided by the worthy and well-known Bro. H. Ward, G.S.W., to which a large number of Grand Officers and brethren sat down.

The usual loyal and patriotic toasts followed.

Bros. BINCKES, P.G.W., and J. S. EASTES, G.O., responded for "The Grand Officers."

"The Health of the R.W.P.G.M.M. of Kent" was proposed by the V.W. Bro. Rev. H. CUMMINGS, D.P.G.M.M., who referred to the long services of the P.G.M. to Masonry, and the many claims he had on the esteem and regard of the Masons of Kent, as one who, in military language, ever carried the Kentish colours to the front in every Masonic engagement, and with the other noble and distinguished rulers of Kent caused the name of their province to be received in Masonic gatherings with enthusiastic welcome. As R.W.P.G.M.M. his work, interest, and example was well known to them all. It was not easy to gauge it all, and he trusted the G.A.O.T.U. would long spare their P.G. Master to give them the benefit of his rich stores of true and genuine Masonic knowledge; that the province might long rejoice under his rule, and that he might have the gratification of seeing Mark Masonry flourish in Kent with an ever increasing progress.

The toast was honoured with enthusiasm, and the R.W.P.G.M.M., in reply, said it was always a pleasure to him to be received in the happy way the brethren did receive him; whether he was visiting a private lodge or presiding over his provincial meeting, the same happy note of welcome sounded for him. He was their own appointment, three times for the usual term they had elected him their P.G.M.M., and for six years he had done his best for the province and Mark Masonry, and the result they saw that day. He hoped to see it progress still more, if the G.A.O.T.U. spared him for the next three years. Referring to the bestowal of Provincial Grand honours, the P.G.M. concluded with some very excellent counsel and advice, which those present will remember.

The R.W.P.G.M. then proposed "The Health of the Deputy P.G.M.M. and P.G. Officers," and alluded to the magnificent success which had attended the Mark Benevolent Festival in July, when the efforts of the now Deputy G.M. Kent was placed in the front of all the provinces. Being in the front rank, there Kent must stay, and he trusted the brethren would give the new D.P.G.M. the welcome he deserved and support him in all his efforts to enhance the reputation of the province. Among the P.G. Officers were some who had done good service to the province; the G.S.W., Bro. Ward, was known as a mainstay of Masonry, and the late Deputy P.G.M. was still going to give his most valued aid and ability as P.G. Sec. With such lieutenants Mark Masonry must prosper and flourish.

The Deputy P.G.M.M., G.S.W., and Bro. PODEVIN, P.D.P.G.M.M., returned thanks in suitable terms.

To "The Visitors" toast Bro. FARRAN responded, and the W.M. 262 replied to the toast of "The Receiving Lodge."

A most happy and eventful day for Mark Masonry in Kent was brought to a close by the departure of a numerous contingent by the eight o'clock train for London.

#### DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF MALTA.

The half-yearly communication of this District Grand Lodge was held on Saturday, the 19th ult., at the Masonic Hall, La Valetta, Malta, under the banner of the Union of Malta Lodge, No. 407, E.C. The R.W.D. G.M., Bro. W. Kingston, on the throne, Bros. A. J. England, P.M. 407, acted as D.D.G.M.; Bros. R. H. Bullock and W. Pariente, D.G. Wardens, and a long array of District Grand Lodge Officers, Present and Past, supported their D.G.M. on this occasion. There was also a large attendance of brethren and visitors. District Grand Lodge was opened in due form, and the roll of District Grand Lodge Officers and private lodges in the district was called. The minutes of the last half-yearly com-

munication were read and confirmed. The minutes of the Committee of General Purposes held 30th September last were read. Their recommendation to District Grand Lodge for an additional grant of £10 from the Benevolent Fund of this district to the orphan children of a late brother of the Union of Malta Lodge, No. 407, was unanimously agreed to. The minutes of the said Committee were then adopted in their entirety.

The DISTRICT GRAND SECRETARY made the interesting announcement that he had received telegraphic information stating that George James Senior, son of the late Bro. George Senior, Union of Malta Lodge, No. 407, had been elected on 12th October to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. This good news was received with applause, and a hearty vote of thanks to V.W. Bro. Col. G. Haldane, P.D.D.G.M. Malta, P.W.M. 349, &c., and other brethren and friends in England who had largely contributed to his success, was passed. A similar vote of thanks was also passed to Bro. J. W. Starkey, District Grand Secretary, and brethren in Malta who had formed themselves into a working Committee, and rendered valuable help.

The DISTRICT GRAND SECRETARY, drew particular attention to the special appeal made in connection with the preparatory school, and suggested to the lodges and brethren of the district generally, to organise and do their utmost to increase their voting power.

The DISTRICT GRAND MASTER having addressed the meeting in a similar sense, District Grand Lodge was closed in due form, after which the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, where the usual Masonic and other toasts customary on such occasions were given and duly honoured. During the evening several subscriptions were handed to the District Grand Secretary for the Preparatory School, in reply to the appeal he made in open lodge.

**LIBRARY WORK.**—Right Worshipful Herman G. Carter, Grand Librarian of the Grand Lodge of New York, in his annual report, just made, says; "There has ever existed, among all cultured and enlightened people, a strong desire for the formation of libraries, to preserve the literature of their best writers and authors. To a great extent the ancients as well as the moderns, have promoted and indulged in this taste. The Grand Lodge should continue to keep a deep interest in its Masonic Library, and extend toward it a fostering care, for we are among the few Grand Lodges who possess one of the best and most complete libraries in the land. The collection of a library is a continuous work, and our zeal should not abate, for it is a history of the Craft in the past, and for all time to come.

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That we to them our solitude may give  
And make time present travelled, that of old.'

The Masonic publications are among the peculiar features of the literature of the day. No other secret society can compare with us in the varied and comprehensive treatises and scientific works, and to be a 'bright Mason,' is not only to be proficient in the ritual of our Fraternity, but to understand its laws, usages, teachings and philosophy. The Institution of Masonry has a wealth of rich and scientific literature, and nowhere in the world can the neophyte and Masonic student, in quest of knowledge, find a larger collection of Masonic and miscellaneous books, and serials, than are to be found in this Grand Lodge Library, comprising the works and writings of those eminent in the Craft for past generations."—*Voice of Masonry*.

**OFFICIAL VISITATION.**—Right Worshipful S. F. Chadwick, of Oregon, rightfully and very zealously advocates official visitation of lodges. He says: "There is nothing that will infuse life into a subordinate lodge and make it stand on its feet, equal to the visitation of the Grand Master annually. We know that a subordinate lodge which never sees a Grand Officer within its doors feels as if it were a sickly nonentity; but let the Grand Master announce that he is coming, and when the day arrives the brethren will gather in for the evening, and their wives and daughters also wanting to see the commander-in-chief, will have a fine spread, music and dancing, to follow when the veil is drawn aside. Brethren will be happy in the lodge-room and equally so in the repast. Try it. We know all about it. It will draw the remotest lodge to the centre. There is life in good cheer, and the good cheer of a Mason is his life. Southern Masons have no lack of the spirit to bring light out of darkness, only give them the opportunity. They are a head, in many respects, or their more northern brothers in matters that call forth the unselfish impulses of a kind heart. They do these things on a broader scale when they break forth. Even our brethren who live under the frowning icebergs of Alaska, with snowy mountains all around them, warm up in their social amenities, and become the best of men when the Grand Master visits their bailiwick. While our Northern Masons have the colder climate to chill the social intercourse, our Southern brethren feel the warm influences of the atmosphere in which they move; but let Masonry come in with her maternal regard for her children and all at once they will meet on the level in goodness of heart, and warmth of soul, without reference to locality or selfish interests to affect them." It is unquestionable that judicious official visitation of lodges is desirable and beneficial, and we hope it will be practised in all jurisdictions.—*Voice of Masonry*.

**CROSS, JEREMY L.**—An American Ritualist, of whom Mackey gives a long account, and who was born 1783, and died in 1861. He was a pupil of Thomas Smith Webb, who seems to have made many changes in the old Prestonian lectures, as well as in the high grade rituals. At least, Mackey says so. In 1819 Cross published his well-known "True Masonic Chart, or Hieroglyphic Monitor"—borrowed, Mackey tells us, from Webb's "Monitor," as Webb, in turn, had borrowed from Preston. The engraving of the Emblems made the book popular; and his "Templars' Chart," in 1820, seems to have been equally acceptable. As the "Handbuch" says, the great aim of his life seems to have been the extension of the high grade system, and in this he certainly succeeded. Whether his system was good per se Masonically, is and must remain an open question.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry*.

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## To Correspondents.

### OUR EXCHANGE COLUMN.

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BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"New York Dispatch," "Masonic Token," "Jewish Chronicle," "Die Bauhütte," "Freemasons' Journal," "Hull Packet," "La Chaine d'Union," "Citizen," "Sunday Times" (London), "The Leytonstonstone Express and Independent," "Knowledge," "The Miller," "Sunday Times" (New York), "Court Circular," "Cox's Monthly Legal Circular," "Effective Advertiser," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Cadiz Masónica," "The Piano, Organ, and Music Trades Journal," "El Taller," "Rokstad Advertiser," and "Bulletin au Grand Orient de France."



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1885.

## Original Correspondence.

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

### THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I shall be obliged if you will kindly allow me the opportunity of informing the Craft in general, and members of Grand Lodge in particular, through the medium of your widely-circulating journal, that Bro. D. P. Cama will in December next be again nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer. Our chief reason for not resting content with our non-success of March last is that a large number of Bro. Cama's friends had promised their votes elsewhere before his candidature was made known. Very many brethren, therefore, though personally wishing him success, voted in favour of one or other of his fraternal rivals. "Experientia docet;" and we, therefore, wish to avoid the same mistake on this occasion, which is the cause of my troubling you with this letter.

Bro. Dorabjee Pestonjee Cama, W.M. designate of the Cama Lodge, No. 2105, whose connection with Freemasonry dates from the year 1869, was, in the course of a voyage round the world, initiated in the Courage with Humanity Lodge, No. 392, Calcutta. In 1871 he joined the Marquis of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 1159, of which he is at the present time senior Past Master and subscribing member. In 1874 he joined the Harmony Lodge, No. 255, Richmond, Surrey, and last year the Sir Francis Burdett Lodge, No. 1503, Twickenham. He is also an hon. member of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, while his name is now awaiting the ballot as a joining member of the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 777, Guildford.

In the Royal Arch he is a founder and the senior P.Z. of the Sir Francis Burdett Chapter, No. 1503, and I.P.Z. of the Iris Chapter, No. 255. He is also an hon. member of the Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, No. 1642.

In the Mark Degree he is W.M. of the Percy Lodge, No. 114, a member of the Hiram Lodge, No. 13, and an hon. member of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 711.

In addition, he has had conferred upon him provincial honours in all the three Degrees, being a P.G. Swd. Br. in Middlesex, and P.G.M.O. in Middlesex and Surrey (Mark); and is besides a Grand Officer in the Cryptic Degrees of Freemasonry, and in the Grand Lodge of M.M.M.

He and Mrs. Cama are both Patrons of our four noble Charitable Institutions, viz., the R.M.B.I., the R.M.I. for Girls, the R.M.I. for Boys, and the Mark Benevolent Fund, and they have both of them served the office of Steward at the different Festivals.

Outside, as well as inside Freemasonry, Bro. D. P. Cama is well to the fore. He is the son of our benevolent Bro. P. H. Cama, of Bombay, and is well-known in London as a life member of several scientific and other societies; as well as by numerous acts of public and private benevolence. It was a Cama firm who first started in the City as Indian merchants; and when the original firm was dissolved in 1862, they distributed nearly £15,000 among the Charitable Institutions with which Bro. Cama, senior, was connected in London. The Hospital for Women in Bombay, the foundation-stone of which was laid in 1883 by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, two days after his arrival in that country, was also founded by Bro. P. H. Cama, at a cost of nearly £20,000.

I beg, in conclusion, to offer my apologies for taking up so much of your valuable space; but as Bro. Cama's name will certainly be put forward, I feel that it is only right to make known as widely as possible, and in a proper and becoming manner, our reasons for soliciting the suffrages of the brethren on his behalf; and I am pleased to say that we have received promises of support from so many influential quarters, that we look forward to March 3rd, 1886, with sanguine expectations.—I am, dear sir and brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

F. ERNEST POCOCK, M.D.,

28th October.

W.M. 1891, Z. 1891.



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### "ATHOLL MASONS."

Through the very kind assistance of Bro. W. Nott, of Devises, in particular, and also the valued aid of Bros. James Newton, of Bolton, and E. Patchitt, of Nottingham, we have now examined the printed Proceedings of the "Atholl" Grand Lodge, back to 1792 and down to 1813. All we want now is a sight, or particulars, of any before that year, particularly any from 1780 to 1790. Bro. Lane and I are most anxious to see any printed Lists or Calendars of the "Ancients" earlier than 1804. Though never traced of late years, and apparently unknown, I am convinced they were printed for at least ten years before 1804. I appeal most earnestly to brethren who can assist us in any way, to communicate with me as soon as possible, so as to render Bro. Lane's "Masonic Records" complete in all its parts.

W. J. HUGHAN, Torquay.

The Prince of Wales, who was accompanied by his eldest son, Prince Albert Victor, presided on Saturday evening last at a banquet in Fishmongers' Hall, when a testimonial consisting of silver vases was presented to Mr. E. Birkbeck, M.P., for his services on behalf of our fisheries. Bros. the Lord Mayor, M.P., Lord, Suffield, Sir P. Cunliffe Owen, Admiral the Hon. Sir H. Keppel, Colonel Sir C. Warren, Alderman Sir H. E. Knight, and Major-General Sir Evelyn Wood were among the guests.





### Craft Masonry.

#### UNITED MARINERS' LODGE (No. 30).—

The members of this sound and sterling old lodge re-assembled for the winter session on Tuesday, the 20th ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when a numerous company assembled to do honour to the occasion; the brethren mustered in full force, and with a goodly addition of visitors, left nothing to be desired in the way of numbers. Bro. Joseph Harling, W.M., presided, supported by Past Masters Bros. Chas. Davey, J. Shipley, J. Clark, and T. Smith; Bros. F. E. Davey, I.P.M.; L. Steingrater, S.W.; A. Coudrey, J.W.; W. Ansell, P.M. and Treas.; R. R. Harper, P.M. and Sec.; W. Boyce, I.G.; L. G. Reinhardt, Tyler; H. Gibbs, A. McClelland, B. R. Gotch, H. Murrell, J. H. Morgan, T. Campbell, B. Harte, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. S. Lazarus, P.M. 53, P.G. S.W. Wilts; S. Richardson, W.M. 183; E. Eydmann, 780; G. Calderwood, No. 0 (Mother Kilwinning, Scotland); and A. Johnston, 1201.

Notwithstanding the absence of work on the agenda paper, the lodge was opened and closed in a style which spoke volumes for the skill and ability of the Worshipful Master and his officers. The business of the lodge having been concluded, the brethren and visitors dined together, the arrangements, entrusted to the management of Bro. Marchant, being carried out in an eminently satisfactory style. During dessert, the usual loyal and Craft toasts were duly proposed and honoured.

The I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," said, it was with much regret that he had not the opportunity that evening of performing any ceremonies, for he believed that visiting brethren had missed a great treat. He hoped Bro. Harling might have the occasion to prove the abilities which they all knew he possessed before the expiration of his year of office.

The toast having been most cordially received, Bro. Harling, in replying in a capital speech, thanked the brethren for the kindly manner in which the toast had been accepted at their hands, and assured them it gave him much pleasure to be again the Master of his mother lodge, though he must confess it was an unexpected honour to be called upon to fill that position a second time. He regretted that this was not as prosperous a year as that during which he before held that office. On looking over the books for that year he found he had had 15 initiates, whereas during the current year they had only one as yet. It was an additional regret to see brethren passing away from them through various causes, but they must feel satisfaction in the fact that they were sufficiently strong to muster in such numbers as on the present occasion, and to pass so pleasant an evening as they were then enjoying. He would say this of the United Mariners' Lodge, it certainly retained the metal which was of use to the interests of the lodge. He did not speak disparagingly of those who had left the lodge, but it seemed to him that the best brethren still remained with them, and so long as that was the case, the lodge must always flourish. Although they might dwindle down to a small number, still there was sterling merit amongst them since they were still able to hold their own. He had the pleasure of visiting a lodge two or three weeks ago, where the members exceeded 150, and it seemed to him such a gigantic lodge that the members scarcely knew each other. He very much preferred that a lodge should be kept within due proportion in order that the brethren might meet on intimate terms, and thus enjoy the amenities, which were so characteristic of the Craft.

In turn the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Past Masters of the Lodge," and expressed the pleasure which must be afforded to all the brethren that after having attained to the summit of their ambition, they did not desert their former associates, but continued to evince an unabated interest in the welfare of the lodge.

Bro. Jas. Discoll, an old and esteemed Past Master, then responded in a few happily-chosen sentences, and was followed by Bro. W. Ansell, Treas., who congratulated the lodge upon its satisfactory condition.

In responding to the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. S. Lazarus, in an eloquent address, embodied some very excellent reminiscences of his Masonic life, which it will be our province, when time and space permit, to reproduce.

"The Health of the Officers," was then proposed, and severally responded to, and the proceedings, which were throughout of the most happy and harmonious description, were brought to a fitting close by the Tyler. During the evening a selection of vocal and instrumental music was given, which tended materially to enhance the enjoyment of both the brethren and their associated friends.

**FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—**This lodge held its installation meeting at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 27th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. Jordan, W.M.; Fromholtz, S.W.; W.M. elect; Coop, J.W.; McMullen, J.D.; Hudson, I.G.; Carter, P.M.; Treas.; Hakin, W.S.; Steng, D.C.; E. Hopwood, P.M.; P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; Green, P.M.; Charles Dairy, P.M.; Rumball, P.M.; Heaphy, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.M.; P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; Cobham, P.M.; and others. The visitors were Bros. Taylor, P.M. 144; Chapman, I.P.M. 1922; Wagstaff, 212; Burstom, 212; Popper, 278; Brand, 749; Nettlewhite, 1641; Dickinson, S.D. 1681; Harris, 251 (U.S.); and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, one brother was passed to the Second Degree, and one brother raised to the Third Degree by the W.M. By the W.M.'s request, Bro. Walls took the chair, and installed Bro. Fromholtz as W.M. for the year ensuing. The Installing Master appointed Bros. Dairy, as S.W.; Rumball, as J.W.; Chapman, as D.C.; and Hopwood, as I.G.; to assist him in the work. The officers appointed and invested for the year were Bros. Coop, S.W.; Hudson, J.W.; Carter, Treas.; W. Stuart, Sec. (by deputy); Hakin, S.D.; Steng, J.D.; Crane, I.G.; Johnson, W.S.; Day, D.C.; Weisler, A.D.C.; and Longstaff, Tyler.

The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing

Master, and a vote of thanks given to Bros. Taylor and Chapman for their services as Organist and D.C. A letter was read from Bro. W. Stuart, Secretary, who was unable to be present in consequence of severe indisposition. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The usual toasts followed. During the evening a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Jordan, I.P.M., and a very excellent programme of instrumental, vocal and dramatic selections given by Bros. Schartau, Carter, Taylor, and Chapman, whose clever efforts were loudly applauded.

#### MONTEFIORE LODGE (No. 1017).—

The first meeting of this lodge since the recess was held at the Café Royal, Regent-street, on Wednesday evening, the 28th ult., when the principal business was to receive a communication from the foreign lodges in Chili, S.A., relative to the late Sir Moses Montefiore, Bart. Although mainly composed of Jews, there are many non-Jewish brethren, foremost among whom we may mention the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., Incumbent of Curzon Chapel, Mayfair. The reverend brother, who acts as Chaplain to the lodge, is connected by marriage with an esteemed county family, the Cabbells, of Cromer, whose progenitor was for many years R.W.P.G.M. of Norfolk. The working of the lodge was admirably performed by Bro. N. P. Vallentine, W.M., assisted by the officers, Bros. D. M. Davis, S.W.; J. Manger, J.W.; H. H. Myers, S.D.; S. Vallentine, J.D.; L. Jacobs, Treas.; and Matthias Levy, Sec. A very handsome and feeling tribute was paid to the memory of the late venerable Hebrew philanthropist, and a resolution passed that the Chilean letter of condolence be sent to Bro. Sebag-Montefiore, the deceased baronet's nephew and heir, and his reply will be embodied in the lodge's answer to Valparaiso.

A recherché banquet followed, and the customary Masonic toasts were intermingled with a concert, in which Miss Nettie Wood, Signor Carti, and Miss Cranford took part, Miss R. G. Watson accompanying.

Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, as P.G. Chap. England, responded for "The Officers of Grand Lodge," and took occasion to enlarge on the cosmopolitan character of Freemasonry. The documents received that evening were peculiarly interesting to him, as Clerical Secretary to the South American Mission. Our Masonic brethren in that great continent were the sons of light and progress, and did vast good in spreading knowledge and carrying forward excellent work in the face of almost superhuman difficulties. He was proud, if for this reason alone, of his connection with the Order, but particularly of being a member of that lodge, which bore the name of one revered and lamented in the farthest ends of the world.

Bro. P. Soman, who responded for "The Visitors," explained how the address from the six Chilean lodges—English, French, Italian, German, and native—came into his hands through a relative in Valparaiso.

The W.M. expressed the thanks of the Montefiore Lodge to Bro. Soman for his trouble in the matter.

"The Past Masters" having been replied to by Bro. S. V. Abraham, to whom the document alluded to was addressed, the brethren soon after separated.—*Norwich Argus.*

#### WEST KENT LODGE (No. 1297).—

A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 24th ult., at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, when the following were present: Bros. James Crowden, W.M.; Philips, S.W.; Johnson, J.W.; Bellis, S.D.; Ormond, J.D.; Hand, I.G.; Bowler, Tyler; J. C. Woodrow, P.M., Sec.; Perrin, P.M.; R. H. Crowden, P.M.; Fullwood, D.C.; Powles, W.S.; Hicks, Dowding, Ferris, Evans, S. Saxby, Lavington, Bridger, and Lee Davies. Visitors: Bros. F. Philbrick, G. Reg., D.P.G.M. Essex; Wm. Lake, P.M., P.P.G.R. Cornwall; G. Saxby, P.M.; Archbold, P.M.; W. Hatkins, P.M.; Riley, Steane, and others.

After confirming the minutes of the meeting of July 25th, Bro. S. Saxby was raised to the Third Degree by Bro. R. H. Crowden, P.M., in the absence of Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., who had promised to perform the ceremony, but was unavoidably detained. Bro. Crowden's rendering was much appreciated by the brethren, and left a deep impression on the candidate. It was much enhanced by the traditional history being perfectly added by Bro. Bellis, S.D. and P.M. The next business on the agenda was to elect the W.M. for the coming year, when Bro. Philips was unanimously elected, and returned thanks to the brethren in the following terms: W.M. and Brethren—I thank you most cordially and sincerely for the high honour that you have conferred upon me by your unanimous vote, as it will place me in the proud position of W.M. of this lodge—this lodge in which I was initiated, and around which all my Masonic sympathies are centred. I am deeply sensible that the position of W.M. of any lodge carries with it a heavy responsibility, and especially so in this lodge, and at this particular time; for, dating from the memorable term of office of our respected and distinguished Bro. Robert Crowden, we have been blessed with a succession of Masters who, by their untiring labours and singleness of purpose, have raised this lodge to the proud position it now occupies in the Craft. It is therefore incumbent on me to exercise all my energies to ensure a continuance of prosperity, and I now promise that it will be my earnest and constant endeavour not only to promote the welfare of this lodge, but the comfort of each individual brother. In furtherance of which I shall, Worshipful Sir, so far as my limited intellectual powers will admit of, follow the example of the brethren who have previously occupied that chair which you now so worthily and ably fill. Brethren, I again thank you for this signal mark of your confidence and goodwill.

Bro. Stead was again elected Treasurer, and Bro. Bowler, Tyler. After the Audit Committee had been appointed Bro. W. J. Lavington, I.G. 857, and Bro. Reginald Bridger, 72, were balloted for and unanimously elected, and Bro. Lee Davies was elected an hon. member. A letter was read from Bro. J. B. Crump, I.P.M., declining to withdraw his resignation, which was accordingly accepted.

Bro. Philbrick, Grand Registrar, P.P.G.M. Essex, having arrived, the banquet was served in the Marble Hall, where a party of 28 sat down to do honour to it, and at the same time pay a compliment to the W.M., Bro. James Crowden, on the last occasion of his presidency.

The usual loyal toasts being cordially responded to, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Grand Officers,"

stating that no lodge was more loyal and devoted to its Grand Rulers and appreciated their work more than did the West Kent Lodge.

Bro. Philbrick, Grand Registrar, responded, explaining that the cause of his absence from the lodge was that he had been engaged in other important Masonic duties, aiding, in his capacity as Grand Registrar, the Grand Secretary and other Grand Officers in the constitution of the two new provinces of North Wales and Shropshire. He had come straight from Wales to be present at the West Kent Lodge, in response to the invitation of his friend, Bro. Crowden, but, unfortunately, somewhat late. He congratulated the lodge on the progress it was making, and predicted for it continued prosperity. In referring to the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master, he said that they had received honours from their Sovereign which would cause the mention of their names to be received with respect in any community, but in Masonic circles they had a special claim. The other Grand Officers were efficient and always did their duty, and the position which Masonry held in the outside world was due to wise discretion and skilful management on the part of those at the helm of Freemasonry. He considered the increase of lodges a matter for congratulation, and, when the tongue of good report had been heard in their favour, the increase of members as well; but their object should not be alone to multiply members. They were glad to welcome all who would reflect honour on their choice, but they must always remember that it was an honour to a man to be a Mason, and that he was not conferring it on the Order.

Bro. Perrin, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and asked the brethren, as it was possibly the last time they would respond to the toast under present circumstances, that it should be received with a double amount of cordiality, for he had always exhibited that kind, genial, and courteous manner, both at the banquet table and in the lodge, which was so much appreciated by the whole of the brethren. He had been always at his post, and all the ceremonies he had performed had been done in a very satisfactory manner.

Bro. James Crowden, W.M., responded, and thanked the brethren for their kindness and support during his year of office, which was now drawing to a close, and begged to assure them that he had endeavoured to the best of his ability to carry out the important duties of the chair, and it gave him great satisfaction to hear that his services had met with the approbation of the lodge generally.

"The Past Masters" were next toasted, and Bro. Robt. H. Crowden responded, assuring the brethren of the pleasure it always gave him to thank them for the compliment so regularly afforded them. It ought to be considered a red letter day in the annals of the lodge, from the fact of their having the distinguished company of the Grand Registrar, Bro. Philbrick, who at personal inconvenience, and after travelling all day from North Wales, had graced the banqueting table with his presence and support; and although the brethren were no doubt disappointed not to witness his raising of Bro. Saxby, he (Bro. Crowden) had had great pleasure to have been of service to the lodge, and perform the beautiful ceremony in his stead. He was glad it had met with the approval of the brethren. The welfare and prosperity of the West Kent Lodge were his constant care and anxiety, and if all the P.M.'s on their leaving the chair would be imbued with the same sentiments and study the interests of the brethren in preference to their own, he prophesied a very grand future for the West Kent Lodge.

"The Joining Members" were next toasted.

Bros. Lavington and Bridger both responded in suitable terms, expressing their pleasure in joining a lodge where he brethren were so united and happy, and who took such a pride in carrying out the ceremonies with so much enthusiasm.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. Archbold, who, in thanking Bro. Crowden for his assistance, considered himself quite at home in the lodge, as he had attended so many times previously. He had always thought the working of his lodge (No. 19) was second to none; but after witnessing the ceremony of raising by Bro. Robt. H. Crowden and the other officers that day, he had come to the conclusion that the West Kent Lodge could hold their own with any lodge extant.

Bro. Wm. Lake also responded.

Bro. Johnson, J.W., responded for "The W.M. Elect," as Bro. Philips had been obliged to leave to keep a professional engagement.

The toast of "The Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers of the Lodge" fell to the lot of Bros. Bellis and Johnson, who replied in suitable terms.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a happy and very satisfactory conclusion.

#### LODGE OF ASAPH (No. 1319).—

This lodge, which was established in 1870, for the convenience of members of the dramatic and musical professions, held its 16th installation meeting on Monday last at Freemasons' Hall. In consequence of the absence, through serious illness, of Bro. Charles Ernest Tinney, W.M., the Master's chair was occupied by Bro. F. Delevanti, P.M., and after the formal proceedings of opening lodge, and reading and confirming the minutes, Bro. William John Kent, J.W., and W.M. elect, was presented to Bro. Delevanti for installation, the S.W. chair being occupied by Bro. Edward Swanborough, P.M., and the J.W. chair by Bro. James Weaver, P.M. Bro. W. A. Tinney, P.M., acted as D.C., and Bro. C. S. Jekyll, P.G. Org., as Organist. Bro. Delevanti then in splendid style installed Bro. Kent, who immediately afterwards showed his proficiency in the work of a Master by delivering the charges to each of his officers for the year, as he invested them with their collars, and entrusted them with their emblems. The brethren appointed and invested were Bro. Henry Tinney, S.W.; Lestock Boileau Wooldridge, J.W.; Charles Coote, Treasurer; J. M. Chamberlin, P.M., Secretary; Walter Hopkins Smith, S.D.; Harry James Hitchins, J.D.; George E. Fairchild, P.M., I.G.; James Beveridge, D.C.; Alfred Morten, Organist; Henry Marsh Edsall and Tom de Brunnon Holmes, W.S.; and John Gilbert, Tyler.

After the delivery of the addresses by Bro. Delevanti, lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern to an elegant banquet, under the presidency of Bro. Kent, W.M.

The visitors were Bros. Arthur S. Taylor, P.P.G. Supt. of W. Surrey, 1201; Julian Cross, 1609; Sidney Ballard, 2101; W. J. Pilcher, 443; P. S. Levi, W.M. 1670; J. M.

Smith, 788; J. O. Fitzgerald, I.P.M. 1364; A. J. Burr, P.M. 101; W. W. Morgan, I.P.M. 211; W. R. Davis, W.M. 87; H. Massey, P.M. 679 and 1928; H. Mackintosh, P.M. 4; R. P. Stevens, S.D. 901; A. Borsdorf, 571; A. A. Mullin, J. Kift, 1701; J. R. Jekyll, late 1319; W. H. Schwartz, 1345; W. Jones, 134; W. J. Heath, J.D. 766; J. Llewellyn Jones, P.M. 1460; Charles Holt, 1351; G. R. Ouseley, W.M. 59; E. M. Hart, 1987; R. Gray, 571; J. Addison, 1987; Charles F. May, P.M. 780; H. G. Matthews, 5; J. H. Ball, P.M. 22; J. J. Hyam, 1409; H. W. Hemming, 311; A. G. Lewis, 140; E. Roberts, Steward 1623; H. W. Schartau, Organist 1549; and W. Bolton, 179.

After the loyal toasts had been given, Bro. Delevanti proposed "The Health of the W.M." In doing so he alluded in sympathetic terms to the absence of Bro. C. E. Tinney, I.P.M., whose illness all present so deeply regretted. He (Bro. Delevanti) little thought the duty of proposing the health of their Worshipful Master would devolve upon him; however, the duty undoubtedly would be to him a most pleasurable one. Bro. Kent and he were very old acquaintances, and he had always looked upon him as an ardent and devoted student, seeking to gain all the Masonic knowledge he possibly could. In the various offices he had filled in the Asaph Lodge he had brought a goodly amount of zeal to bear; had acquitted himself well, and had secured the respect and esteem of all associated with the lodge. He felt assured Bro. Kent would receive every assistance from the Past Masters, officers, and members, and that a happy future was before the Lodge of Asaph under the rule of their new Master, whom he would now call upon all present to pledge in a bumper.

Bro. Kent expressed his gratification for the cordiality with which the brethren had received his name, and had honoured the toast. The assistance he hoped and felt assured he should receive from the members would not resolve itself into a system of bolstering up; he was prepared to carry out his duties in a manner that he trusted would dignify the Asaph Lodge, in which he felt such pride. Their worthy Bro. Henry Tinney had provided so excellent a programme of entertainment that he would not further occupy their time; he would therefore conclude by again thanking the brethren for the honour they had done him.

In speaking to the next toast, "The Health of the Immediate Past Master," Bro. Kent referred to the telegram that had been received in an earlier stage of their proceedings from Bro. Charles E. Tinney, who had been compelled to undergo an operation. The brethren were aware that part of his (Bro. Kent's) duty that day was to have presented Bro. Tinney with the Past Master's jewel that had been voted by the lodge. This, however, must now be deferred, but he sincerely trusted that at their next meeting Bro. Tinney would have so far recovered as to be able to attend, when the formal presentation would be made. He would now ask them to drink to Bro. Tinney's better health, and to his speedy re-appearance amongst them.

The next toast was "The Past Masters," and allusion was made to the admirable manner in which Bro. Delevanti had exercised the functions of Installing Officer. The qualities of Bro. Chamberlin as Secretary were eloquently descanted on, while the interest taken in the lodge by Bros. Maclean, Jekyll, Frewin, and Edward Swanborough—the latter of whom had acted as Senior Warden during the evening—was spoken of in highly complimentary terms.

The toasts of "The Visitors," replied to by Bros. Dr. Mackintosh, A. J. Burr and Llewellyn Jones, and "The Officers" followed, and the Tyler's toast concluded the evening.

A capital programme of vocal and instrumental music, interspersed with recitations, was performed during the evening. The executants were Bros. H. Schartau, G. R. Egerton, Arthur Thompson, J. Kift, Egbert Roberts, H. Prenton, Ormond Yearsley, John Maclean, C. H. Stephenson, J. Egerton, J. C. Hambleton, Henry Tinney, and Arthur Thomas.

**ST. DUNSTAN'S LODGE** (No. 1589).—This excellent representative lodge held a meeting at Anderton's Hotel, on Wednesday, the 28th ult. Among those present were Bros. F. Farrington, W.M.; W. E. Farrington, S.W.; Bedingfield, J.W.; A. Tisley, P.G.S., P.M., Secretary; Bamber, S.D.; Skelton, J.D.; Wellsman, P.M., acting I.G.; W. Farrington, Organist; H. Clemow, I.P.M.; J. H. Dodson, P.M.; G. Manners, C.C., P.M.; C. Brown, W.S.; J. Gilbert, Tyler; and others. Among the visitors were Bros. T. C. Walls, W.M. 1793, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; Paine, P.M.; and Senecal, P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Mason was passed to the degree of F.C. by the W.M., ably assisted by his officers. The lodge was then duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well served. Upon the removal of the cloth, the W.M. in a genial manner proposed the various toasts briefly, but to the point. "The Health of the W.M." was warmly proposed by the I.P.M. Bro. Farrington having responded, then gave in kind terms the toast of "The Visitors," which was acknowledged by Bros. Walls, Senecal, and Paine. The toast of "The Past Masters" followed, and gave Bros. Clemow, Wellsman, Dodson, Manners, and Tisley an opportunity of saying some very kind things respecting the prosperity, harmony, and working of the lodge generally. "The Treasurer and Secretary" came next, and in the absence of Bro. Woodbridge, P.M., Treasurer, Bro. Tisley responded in a speech of some humour. The toast of "The Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. W. E. Farrington and Bedingfield, terminated the proceedings, which were greatly enhanced by a very good programme of instrumental and vocal music. Bro. W. Farrington and the Misses Farrington's efforts on the piano were greatly admired, and the excellent vocal abilities of Miss White and Mr. Horace White received well-deserved recognition.

**ORPHEUS LODGE** (No. 1706).—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday, the 31st ult. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. W. Willey, assisted by Bros. George F. Smith, jun., J.W., W.M. elect; J. Blyth, P.M., Treas.; W. Clifford, P.M., Sec.; C. M. Gray, S.D.; H. Guy, J.D.; Rev. W. Stainer, P.M., Chap.; F. Cambridge, Org.; H. Walmsley Little, I.G.; J. Hodges, P.M.; J. Murray, P.M.; and a large

number of brethren. There was also a numerous attendance of visitors, amongst whom were Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Capt. G. Lambert, P.G.S.B.; E. M. Lott, G. Org.; J. Terry, P.P.G.W. Herts, Secretary R.M.B.I.; W. H. Holroyd, W.M. 9; C. W. Trollope, W.M. 1826; T. Mallory, P.M. 51; E. Stimpson, P.M. 15; L. W. Harvey, P.M. 9; J. Vallentine, P.M. 9; G. R. Watts, P.M. 194; W. Gray, P.M. 1489; H. Helsham, 1803; S. J. Rossiter, Sec. 1839; A. Oakes, 1052; W. Henry, I.G. 1260; W. Foot, 1260; S. Holroyd, J.W. 9; H. Price, 55; T. J. Boulting, W.S. 173; R. P. Green, 1804; W. Poupart, I.G. 9; C. H. Cox, I.G. 1839; E. T. Hall, 5; W. H. White; W. W. Lee, 1897; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, ballot was taken for Bros. T. H. Hicks, 1597, and S. Vallentine, 9, and they were duly elected. The chief business of the afternoon was the installation of Bro. G. F. Smith, jun., as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year. The ceremony was ably performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. W. Willey. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. H. Guy, S.W.; H. Walmsley Little, J.W.; Rev. W. Stainer, P.M., Chap.; J. Blyth, P.M., Treas.; W. Clifford, P.M., Sec.; H. Parker, S.D.; W. S. Hoyte, J.D.; F. Cambridge, I.G.; R. Clowes, P.M., D.C.; D. Strong, Org.; M. Hubbard and G. F. Smith, sen., Stwds.; and Potter, Tyler. The usual addresses were then delivered by Bros. Willey and Gray. The next business was the presentation of a handsome Past Master's jewel to the outgoing W.M., Bro. Willey, who was highly complimented by the W.M. on the efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office. Bro. Willey responded in suitable terms, after which the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren then adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where an excellent banquet was provided.

The toasts of "The Queen" and "The M.W.G.M., His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," were duly honoured.

"The Grand Officers" was next given, and cordially received, the Worshipful Master remarking the pleasure he felt at seeing such distinguished Grand Officers as Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Capt. G. Lambert, P.G.S.B.; and E. M. Lott, G. Org., to whom he offered a hearty welcome.

Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., in reply, thanked the W.M. and the brethren for the very hearty manner in which the toast had been given and received. He was proud to say that one or two of the officers of Grand Lodge held important posts in the State, and were doing all the good they possibly good for the welfare of the country and the Craft. The Grand Officers were very pleased to find that their efforts were recognised and appreciated, and the brethren might rest assured that they would always use their best endeavours to keep the good old Craft to the front. In conclusion, Col. Clerke remarked that they were not present that night to listen to long speeches, but to the excellent music provided, and he again tendered his warmest thanks for the hearty reception that had been accorded the toast.

Bro. Willey, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said he felt sure the brethren would receive the toast with acclamation. It was a very great pleasure to him to propose the health of Bro. Smith, their esteemed W.M., whom he had known for many years. He congratulated Bro. Smith on attaining the chair, and was certain that he would fulfil his onerous duties to the satisfaction of the brethren and the welfare of the lodge. He heartily wished him a happy and prosperous year.

Bro. Smith, W.M., sincerely thanked the brethren for the enthusiastic manner in which they had drunk his health, and assured them that during his tenure of office he would spare no effort to maintain the prestige of the Orpheus Lodge.

The toast of "The I.P.M." was next proposed in graceful terms by the W.M., who said that the brethren were well aware how efficiently Bro. Willey had conducted the duties of the lodge during the past year, and he hoped that he would be spared for many years to grace their meetings by his presence.

Bro. Willey, I.P.M., replied, and acknowledged the kindness of the brethren in drinking this toast with so much enthusiasm. He also conveyed his warmest thanks to the W.M. for the flattering terms in which he had alluded to him, and hoped that he would be permitted to enjoy the friendship and society of the members of the lodge for some time to come.

Bro. J. Blyth, P.M., Treas., then took charge of the gavel, and in proposing the toast of "Prosperity to the Craft in general, and the Orpheus Lodge in particular," alluded to the prosperous condition the lodge was in at the present time. He was happy to say that at the last audit there was a balance of £150 standing to the credit of the Benevolent Fund. The Orpheus Lodge was a comparatively young lodge, and the brethren had every reason to be proud of the rapid strides it had made.

"The Visitors" was next given by the W.M., who said that this toast was always well received. He was very pleased to see so numerous an assemblage of visitors present that evening, many of whom had rendered such valuable service to the Craft.

Bro. Capt. G. Lambert, P.G.S.B., in response, said that it was his privilege to visit many lodges, but it was seldom that he had the pleasure of attending a lodge where the work was so ably done, and where there was such charming music to be heard. He was sure that he was expressing the sentiments of his brother visitors when he said that they were delighted at what they had heard; for they had come there that evening as tyros to learn to appreciate the admirable music to which the brethren of the lodge had treated them. He congratulated them on the musical programme they had provided, and of which they might well be proud, for they cultivated that which was beautiful and divine.

Bro. J. Terry, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, also responded, and after returning thanks for the manner in which the visitors had been received, congratulated the W.M. on his accession to office. He also congratulated the brethren on the flourishing condition of the lodge, and heartily thanked them for the musical treat they had supplied, and which he had thoroughly enjoyed.

The next toast proposed was that of "The Past Masters," the W.M. stating that he had received letters from Bros. Maybrick and Eaton Fanning, expressing their regret at being unable to attend. He, however, thought that the Past Masters were ably represented by Bros. Murray and

Hodges, who took a very great interest in the Craft, and especially in that lodge.

Bro. Murray, P.M., in reply, after thanking the brethren for their reception of the toast, remarked that it was always a pleasure to him to attend the lodge meetings, and he had never been absent since he had been associated with it. He was glad to see the lodge progressing so favourably, and was proud to say that since it was started, it had sent up between £400 and £500 to the Masonic Charities.

Bro. Hodges, P.M., also replied.

Bro. Clifford, P.M., responded for the toast of "The Secretary and Treasurer," and predicted a successful year for their newly-installed W.M.

"The Officers" having been given and duly replied to by Bro. Guy, S.W., the Tyler's toast closed a very enjoyable and harmonious evening.

A special word of praise is due to Bro. Hodges, P.M., under whose direction the musical arrangements were carried out. The music, which consisted principally of glees, &c., was rendered in an artistic manner by several members of the lodge, and considerably enhanced the pleasure of the evening.

**HOLBEACH.**—Alexandra Lodge (No. 985).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Monday, the 26th ult. Bro. J. H. Carter, W.M., occupied the chair, when Bro. J. R. Clarke was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bros. Burrell, P.M., and Woodrow, P.M., of 469. Messrs. Coupland, Townsend, and Peel were initiated by Bro. Abbott, P.M. After the lodge was closed, the following brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Bridge Hotel (the house of the W.M.), and a most enjoyable evening was spent, the usual toasts and songs being given during the evening: Bros. J. H. Carter, I.P.M.; J. R. Clarke, W.M.; Abbott, P.M. and Sec.; Millns, P.M.; Cox, P.M. and Treas.; Curtis, P.M.; Ridlington, P.M.; S. P. Mossop, P.M.; R. P. Mossop, P.M.; Sawyer, S.W.; Ward, J.W.; Scott, S.D.; Soweth, J.D.; Candwell, Jenner, Org.; Foxton, Chap.; Hargraves, Mason, Sunderland, O'Meara, Coupland, Peel, Townsend, Harper, Wilkin, Jas. Hiscox, W.M. 469; John Hiscox, P.M.; Burrell, P.M. 469; Woodrow, P.M. 469; Rae, P.M. 809; Bray, P.M. 809; Hardy, Tyler 985; Smith, Tyler 469; and Kingston, S.D. 469.

**NEWHAM-ON-SEVERN.**—Royal Forest of Dean Lodge (No. 1067).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 21st ult., at the Town Hall, when there were present Bros. J. Shaw Carleton, W.M.; J. S. Bradstock, S.W.; W. Lynes, P.M., J.W.; S. W. Woods, Treas.; W. G. Roberts, S.D.; R. Macartney, J.D.; F. Asgill Carter, A.M., D.C.; Thos. Cadle, P.M., I.G.; John Shiles, Stwd.; Job Webb, Tyler; Andrew Parker, I.P.M.; W. C. Heane, P.M.; S. W. Haddingham, A. C. Bright, W. Jones, and W. Spence.

The lodge was opened, and the ceremony of passing Bro. Wm. Spence to the Second Degree was performed by the W.M. A petition to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution to relieve a brother, formerly a member of the lodge, was signed by the W.M., Wardens, and brethren present. The lodge then adjourned to the banquetting room, where an enjoyable evening was spent.

**KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.**—Brownrigg Lodge (No. 1638).—On Wednesday, the 28th ult., an emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Sun Hotel. There was a large gathering of members, attracted by the work on the agenda, which consisted chiefly of a ballot for five candidates. This was the first meeting since the installation, and the officers were all present, viz.: Bros. J. W. Moorman, W.M.; John Drewett, S.W.; George Moorman, J.W.; Wm. Drewett, S.D.; Humphreys, J.D.; W. Vouldon, jun., I.G.; Abel Laurence, P.M., Sec.; C. E. Oedridge, P.M., Treas.; and W. Lane, Tyler. The visitors included Bros. R. T. Elsam, P.P.G.D.C., P.M. 839, &c.; Gifford T. Salmon, W.M. 1260; Mayo, 1614; Porter; Knight, 1981; and Rivers, of Hong Kong.

On a ballot Messrs. Harry Curtis and H. W. Willis, Mr. Kavanagh, and Mr. W. S. Salmon were elected, and while he necessary formalities were going on in a "convenient room," the W.M. for the instruction and improvement of the brethren opened up to the Third Degree and closed down. As a test of working ability this was most satisfactory. The candidates were then taken in order and initiated in a most impressive manner by the W.M., whose correct and efficient working was ably backed up by the principal and assistant officers. Communications were read from the Secretaries of the three great Charities, asking for Stewards for the approaching festivals, and the lodge will be represented thus—Girls, the W.M.; Old People, the S.W.; Boys, the J.W. It was incidentally mentioned that by means of benevolent associations connected with the Brownrigg Lodge over 300 guineas have been sent up in the last five years, independent of grants from the lodge and members' donations to Stewards' lists. Bro. Rivers, who was a joining member of this lodge when last in England, was again proposed as such, and he received a hearty welcome on his reappearance among the brethren.

After the cordial greetings from other lodges, the W.M. closed the lodge in solemn form, and an adjournment was made to the hotel for refreshment. The W.M. showed himself equally capable in the one chair as the other, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

**DUNMOW.**—Rosslyn Lodge (No. 1543).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 28th ult., when the following were present: Bros. A. Rattray, P.G. Steward Essex, W.M.; J. Pearce Lewin, P.P.G.S. of W. Essex, S.W.; Walter Rowe, J.W.; F. J. Snell, Treas.; W. de Vins Wade, Sec.; W. Noble, Org.; J. L. Franklin, I.G.; F. Warner, Tyler; H. E. Dehane, P.P.G.S.D. Essex, I.P.M.; G. D. Clapham, I.P.M.; R. C. Lyle, A. Tyler, C. Bint, D. Millbank, R. Brazier, and R. T. Scarr. Visitors: Bros. Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1974, P.D. G.S. of W. Punjab; E. Shedd, P.M. 276 and 1543; F. Sargeant, 6 (S.C.); A. Hardy, I.G. 201; G. Metcalf, 276; T. W. Smith, 276; W. R. Willcocks, 51; A. King, 446; and J. Newman, 1280.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bro. John Sargeant, 9 (S.C.), as a joining member, which proved unanimous in



his favour. A ballot was then taken for Mr. W. C. Sams, as a candidate for initiation, which also proved favourable, but he not being able to attend on this occasion, his admission was deferred till the next meeting. The next business was to pass Bro. D. Millbank to the Second Degree, which ceremony was effectively performed by the W.M. in the chair. The agenda paper having been thus far cleared, the principal work of the evening was entered upon, viz., the installation of the W.M. elect. Bro. J. P. Lewin, P.M., was duly presented by the I.P.M., and received at the hands of Bro. A. Rattray the benefit of installation. Bro. Rattray has a fine, powerful voice and good delivery, and being also very perfect in ritual, the ceremony was a real Masonic treat. The new W.M. then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. A. Rattray, I.P.M.; Walter Rowe, S.W.; the Rev. F. B. Shepherd, P.M., Chap.; F. J. Snell, P.M., Treas.; G. D. Clapham, P.M., Sec.; H. E. Dehane, P.M., D.C.; T. W. Noble, Org.; G. H. Williams, S.D.; R. C. Lyle, J.D.; J. L. Franklin, I.G.; Renforth, Scarr, and Braizer, S.W.s; and Warner, Tyler. Bro. Capt. A. Nicols, P.M., acted as D.C.

A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the retiring P.M. for his two years of valuable service. Bro. Rattray gracefully acknowledged the honour; but said he did not consider himself that he was so deserving of it as the brethren of the Rosslyn Lodge seemed to think. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from several brethren residing at a distance, and considering that some of the members present had driven over 23 miles, and few less than 10, the muster was a strong one. The rest of the business, which was of a private nature, being disposed of, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and the brethren shortly afterwards sat down to a good, plain, substantial country dinner, well served and superintended by Bro. C. Bint.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed, and were duly responded to; but as the list was an unusually long one—numbering 13 (with a like number of songs intervening)—it must be sufficient to say that Bro. Lewin spoke admirably and to the point on every occasion. Bro. G. D. Clapham replied for "The Past Masters," Bro. Dehane for "The Charities," Bro. Capt. A. Nicols for "The Visitors," and Bro. Rowe, S.D., for "The Officers of the Lodge."

The Tyler's toast brought a very successful evening to a close, and as the night was fine, with a clear moon, the long drive home to Bishop's Stortford proved an extremely pleasant one.

**SHANKLIN, I.W.**—Chine Lodge (No. 1884).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 29th ult., at the Masonic Hall, there being present Bros. John Bailey, W.M.; Alfred Greenham, S.W.; F. Cooper, I.P.M., Treasurer; Charles Scott, Secretary; Frank Rayner, S.D.; Charles Moorman, J.D.; George Humby, D.C.; J. W. Cantelon, I.G.; J. Middleton, Stwd.; W. J. Mew, Tyler; Francis Newman, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; W. Deeks, A. H. Brown, A. F. Swayne, T. A. Raynes, W. H. Collings, Lewis Colenutt, and W. Thompson. Visitors: Bros. Sir W. Gordon Macgregor, Bart.; J. Webber, W.M. 551; T. H. I. Petherick, P.M. 551; M. Lindfield, P.M. 551; F. Trueman, 551; W. Tolman, 551; J. H. McQueen, P.M. 11; and Kinsey, 694.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes and correspondence read, Bro. Alfred Greenham, S.W., read the proposed bye-laws and rules for the proposed lodge of instruction, which were carried unanimously.

The Worshipful Master, Bro. John Bailey, then rose and said: Brethren, I have the greatest pleasure in asking you to record a most generous gift made to our lodge by Bro. Sir William Gordon Macgregor. As a brother of our ancient Craft, visiting Shanklin during the summer for rest and health, he has grasped our hands in fraternal feeling, and has marked his kind appreciation of our sincere endeavours to receive him with all courtesy by presenting to our lodge this valuable portrait of our Grand Master. You will all, I am sure, join with me in offering our sincere thanks to Bro. Sir William for this welcome present, and will order that it be duly recorded in our minutes.

Bro. F. Cooper, I.P.M. and Treasurer, seconded. Bro. Sir W. Gordon Macgregor thanked the W.M. for the kind way in which his gift had been spoken of, and assured them he considered it an honour and a privilege to present it, and to be among them. Knowing Shanklin, as he did, for many years, and one of its oldest inhabitants, and a member of the lodge, Bro. Cooper, he could not but rejoice at the stride Masonry had made in the island, and particularly in Shanklin. He felt proud to be in a lodge where such unity of feeling and purpose existed, and where all strove to do their best for its welfare. Its unity was its strength in the past and present, and he hoped it would characterise it in its future. It was a pleasure to him to present the portrait of one who took such a deep interest in Masonry, and he trusted it might long decorate the walls of the Hall its members were so justly proud of.

The W.M. then moved a vote of thanks to Bro. George Kenning, P.M. 192 and 1057, P.G.D. Middx., for his many handsome presents to the lodge, consisting of a beautiful photograph of the interior of the Masonic Temple, London, framed, together with nine photos of distinguished Masons forming the Ancient and Accepted Rite of Freemasons; a medal struck in honour of the Prince of Wales's Installation, and a Cyclopædia of Freemasonry. He said: I feel assured that every member of Chine Lodge will appreciate not only the many gifts from Bro. Kenning, but the interest he had taken in it during and since his visit to Shanklin. When I look around me to-night and see the great improvements they have made to our Hall, I feel deeply sensible of such great kindness and generosity, and whenever I survey them, that brother's name will be present to my mind. I feel, brethren, we have entered on a new era of prosperity, marked to-day by such splendid gifts as those of Bros. Sir W. Macgregor and G. Kenning. I wish that the latter had been here to-day to witness our appreciation and receive those thanks he so well deserves, and which I know you will accord him.

Bro. A. H. Brown seconded the vote of thanks, and expressed his regret that he had not the honour of knowing such a worthy brother, being away from home at the last meeting; but, none the less, he appreciated such kindness from one who had sojourned in their midst, and one whom they would all proudly welcome again. To mark his own individual appreciation of his gifts, he would bear the expense of the frames they were placed and hung in—an announcement loudly applauded.

Bro. A. F. Swayne proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. F. Cooper for decorating at his own expense the banquetting room and the other outer rooms in the building; and to Bro. J. Mew, who had done the work for nothing. He expressed his pleasure at seeing Bro. Cooper follow in the footsteps of his father, who was the oldest Mason in the island, and who was known for his many acts of generosity, and to whom the lodge would ever be grateful for the land on which it was built. Bro. Mew, their Tyler, had carried out the work, which must have taken him many weeks to do, in a manner that entitled him to the best thanks of the lodge. This was seconded by Bro. W. Thompson.

Bro. F. Cooper thanked them for the vote of thanks. He felt great interest in the lodge, being one of its founders, and it pleased him to see it prospering, and anything to further its welfare, or conduce to the comfort in the Hall, he was proud to do.

The W.M. then alluded to the present of Bro. A. F. Swayne of a large mirror in the retiring room, which he knew the brethren would find useful, knowing the want of it in times past.

Bro. Collings proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Swayne, and spoke in admiration of the conduct of so young a member proving his interest in the lodge by so valuable a present. He said: Our S.W. surprised me to-day by saying he was looking forward to my flow of oratory on this occasion, but Greek lambics are more in my way. The brethren will know whatever I have failed to express, yet we all feel indebted to Bro. Swayne for his useful present.

Bro. Swayne suitably responded.

Bro. Colenutt proposed, and Bro. Humby, D.C., seconded a vote of thanks to Bro. A. H. Brown for framing the nine photographs.

The W.M. then said I now wish to ask the lodge to accept from myself the present of a banner. As a brother of our noble Craft, as one of the first promoters of Chine Lodge, and as your present Worshipful Master, I cherish the hope that you will in all fraternal feeling accept my gift. I have referred to myself as your Worshipful Master, but common gratitude bids me say that if I have filled that honourable position with anything of credit, I owe that to our esteemed Past Master, Bro. Newman, who has so constantly helped me to fulfil my duties.

Bro. F. Rayner, S.D., then rose and said the brethren had that evening been afforded several opportunities of expressing their thanks and showing their appreciation to several brethren, not only of that lodge, but of other lodges, for the very handsome presents offered for their acceptance for the purpose of improving and adorning the walls of the lodge. They could not but feel pleased and gratified at the prominence the lodge had acquired recently, and the notice with which it had been brought before the members of the Craft, principally through the kindness of their esteemed Bro. George Kenning, whom they hoped to have seen amongst them that night, and who would always receive a hearty welcome whenever he visited the lodge. The vote of thanks which he had the greatest pleasure in proposing was to their Worshipful Master, Bro. J. Bailey, for the beautiful banner he had presented to the lodge, and which now adorned the walls. It was a work of art, and he was sure the brethren would feel proud to sit under it wherever it might hang in future. On it was represented the emblems or working tools of a Mason, a faithful picture of the head of Shanklin Chine, from which the lodge derived its name, encircling this was, on one side the sprig of acacia, and on the other was depicted an ear of corn near to a fall of water. He then asked the brethren to accord a very hearty vote of thanks to the donor of the handsome banner, and he was sure they would do so with the enthusiasm it demanded. This was seconded by Bro. John Cantelo, I.G., and carried unanimously, after which the W.M. briefly, but suitably, replied.

Bro. F. Newman, P.M., having moved a vote of thanks to those members kindly lending the lodge sums of money free of interest to pay its mortgage off. Bro. Kaynes seconded, and in the course of his remarks said it was almost the first opportunity he had had of visiting the lodge for some years, and he was greatly pleased at the energy displayed and the interest taken in Masonry. He could remember Masonry in its earlier days in the island 40 years ago, and he was proud to see the spirit that was apparent in so young a lodge. It reminded him of his early days when their old member, Bro. B. Cooper, came regularly to the Yarborough Lodge. He had heard of what Chine Lodge had done, and he had heard that night the efforts they were making to reduce their debt. He thought such efforts ought to be encouraged, and he was willing to lend the lodge £100 at 3½ per cent., if other members would do the same. At the banquet afterwards, Bro. T. A. Raynes offered £200, with all legal expenses free. This announcement was received by the members with loud and prolonged cheering.

## INSTRUCTION.

**TEMPERANCE LODGE (No. 169).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday evening, the 30th ult., at the Duke of York Tavern, Evelyn-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. N. Pitt, W.M.; J. G. Dale, S.W.; Walters, J.W.; John Vohmann, S.D.; J. G. Honey, J.D.; R. Bouett, I.G.; J. G. Milbourn, Preceptor; Henry Strickland, Hon. Sec.; W. C. Mowbray, Treas.; and W. Sanderson, P.M.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and questions previous to raising having been answered, Bro. Honey was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Honey being candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the questions preparatory to passing answered, Bro. Honey was entrusted. The lodge resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Honey personating candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. rose for the first time. It was proposed by Bro. Strickland, seconded by Bro. Mowbray, and carried unanimously, that Bro. Walters, of the Lebanon Lodge, No. 1366, become a member of this lodge of instruction; the dues were then collected. The W.M. rose for the second time. It was proposed by the Preceptor, seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously, that the S.W. be W.M. for the ensuing week. The W.M. rose for the third time, and all Masonic business having been ended, the lodge was then closed.

**DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).**—This lodge met on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. Although there had been a great downpour of rain, the brethren mustered in good numbers. There were present Bros. H. B. Buckridge, W.M.; R. Rowlands, S.W.; C. H. Pigeon, J.W.; Crouch, S.D.; Bannister, J.D.; F. Tull, I.G.; R. Walden, Sec.; J. Hill, Preceptor; Lavington, J. W. Richardson, Rev. H. Townshend, A. O. Side, and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and then resumed to the First. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. G. Lavington being the candidate. The charge was delivered by the W.M. The lodge called off and on. Bro. R. Rowlands was called upon by the W.M. to give the explanation of the tracing board, which he did most satisfactorily. The 1st Section of the First Lecture was then worked by Bros. Hill and the brethren. Bro. A. O. Side answered the questions for the Second Degree. Bro. Hill proposed and Bro. Rowlands seconded that Bro. A. O. Side, of the Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1658, be admitted a member. This was carried unanimously. Bro. Hill proposed and Bro. Tull seconded that Bro. R. Rowlands be the W.M. for the ensuing week—carried unanimously; the working to be the Second Degree, the charge, the tracing board, and the 1st Section of the Second Lecture. The lodge was closed.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 2nd inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. J. H. Wood, W.M.; E. C. Mulvey, S.W.; F. Chandler, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M., Sec.; W. J. Mason, S.D.; C. S. Mote, J.D.; W. Death, I.G.; O. W. Battley, Stwd.; W. Craig, P.M. 1425; D. Gellion, P.M. 1425; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1974; J. L. King, P.M. 657; W. H. Chappell, H. Robinson, F. C. Mauder, Capt. Andrews, J. Laurence, and C. T. Thomson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Mauder being candidate. Bro. Mulvey was elected W.M. for next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. Bro. George Read was unanimously re-elected Treasurer and Preceptor, and Bro. H. E. Dehane Secretary for the ensuing twelve months. Bros. W. J. Mason, W. H. Chappell, and Capt. A. Nicols were appointed the Audit Committee; after which the bye laws were read. Bro. Capt. Andrews thanked the brethren in a feeling and appropriate manner for the sincere vote of sympathy he received from them on the occasion of his severe accident. The lodge was closed.

**SIR HUGH MYDDELTON LODGE (No. 1602).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 29th ult., at the White Horse Tavern, Liverpool-road, N. Present: Bros. Crawley, W.M.; Cross, S.W.; H. Patient, J.W.; Osborn, Treas.; Hughes, Secretary; Weeden, Preceptor; Ware, S.D.; Homan, J.D.; S. G. Patient, I.G.; and McMillen.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. McMillen acting as candidate. The lodge was closed down to the First Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Weeden, Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. It was proposed by Bro. Homan, seconded by Bro. Weeden, and carried unanimously, that Bro. Cross, S.D. of Burgoyne Lodge, No. 902, be elected a joining member. Bro. Cross was also elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bros. H. Patient, S. G. Patient, and Crawley were appointed to audit the accounts of the lodge for the past year. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent-Garden, W.C., on the 29th ult., when there were present Bros. E. C. Mulvey, W.M.; R. J. Harnell, S.W.; A. Gaminell, J.W.; H. G. Marsden, S.D.; Wilkie Jones, J.D.; H. S. Hunter, I.G.; W. Fowles, acting as Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Secretary and Treasurer; E. G. Coleman, C. Grassi, A. Kedg, J. W. Ford, J. H. Watts, P.M.; W. A. Dawling, T. A. Dickson, J. Skinner, P.M., and T. A. Weeks.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. A. Grassi having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony. Lodge called off and resumed. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. Lodge closed in the Third and then the Second Degree. Bro. W. Fowles worked the 4th Section of the First Lecture. On rising for the first time, Bro. E. G. Coleman, Enoch Lodge, No. 11, was unanimously elected a joining member of this lodge of instruction, being proposed by Bro. H. G. Marsden, and seconded by Bro. G. Reynolds. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. Fowles proposed that Bro. R. J. Harnell, S.W., be W.M. for the ensuing week; seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. R. J. Harnell, S.W., proposed that a letter of condolence be sent by Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec., from this lodge of instruction to Bro. W. C. Smith, their worthy Preceptor, stating they much regretted his illness, and earnestly hoping he might speedily be restored to health; seconded by Bro. A. Gaminell; carried unanimously. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 30th ult., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Coughlan, W.M.; Wade, P.M., S.W.; Folsom, J.W.; Gibson, Treas.; A. Hayes, Sec.; Gibson, S.D.; Grist, J.D.; Taylor, I.G.; Green, sen., P.M.; Cope, Green, jun., Mason, Ray, Chilcott, Arnold, Christian, Cope, and Foscutt.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Ray, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Ray candidate. Bro. Cope, a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Cope candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Green's motion that an annual supper take place was carried unanimously. Proposed by Bro. Folsom and seconded by Bro. Green, that the supper take place on Friday, the 27th inst.; carried unanimously. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

**CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).**—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, on Thursday, the 29th ult. Present: Bros. J. Davies, Preceptor, W.M.; W. G. Reynolds, P.M. 1441, S.W.; Alais, P.M. 834, J.W.; Spigle, P.M. 188, S.D.; Purdue, P.M. 834, J.D.; and Cavers, I.G.

The lodge was opened in the usual form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The Fifteen Sections were worked by the brethren, the 1st Section of the First Lecture being worked by Bro. F. G. Mander, 1828; 2nd—Bro. W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Hon. Secretary; 3rd—Bro. Gilbert, 1828; 4th—Bro. W. W. Williams, 834; 5th—Bro. Alais, P.M. 834; 6th and 7th—Bro. George Davis, P.M. 167. The 1st Section of the Second Lecture by Bro. R. H. Rogers, S.W. 1791; 2nd—Bro. Collings, P.M. 1785; 3rd—Bro. Spigle, P.M. 188; 4th—Bro. Reynolds, P.M. 1441; and 5th—Bro. Craggs, 334. The 1st Section of the Third Lecture by Bro. Cantle, P.M. 1441; 2nd—Bro. Purdue, P.M. 831; and 3rd—Bro. W. A. Cubitt, W.M. 193. The following brethren were also in attendance: Bros. Mills, P.M. 154; Alexander, P.M. 1425; Dale, Jennings, Head, Cruttwell, Watt, Love, William Williams, Cross, Tibbury, Mander, Webster, Wood, Taylor, Fay, Aliman, Walden, Captain Hilden, Stroud, Millbourn, Sims, Parnacott, Fountain, Trueman, Maloney, Rolston, and E. A. Austin, Hon. Treasurer. Bro. Cavers, the host, added much to the comfort of the brethren.

Bro. Captain Lord Charles Beresford, R.N., made his first appearance as a candidate for election to the next Parliament by the new constituency of East Marylebone, on Thursday, the 29th ult., when his lordship addressed a crowded meeting of the electors in St. Andrew's Hall, Newman-street. Bro. Colonel Burgess presided at the meeting and introduced his lordship, who has already had some six years' experience of Parliamentary life.



## Mark Masonry.

**FOREST OF DEAN.**—Royal Forest of Dean Lodge (No. 340).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 28th ult., at the Speech House, when there were present Bros. W. C. Heane, P.G.S.W. Gloucestershire, W.M.; W. Lynes, P.G.C., S.W.; J. S. Carleton, P.G.R., J.W.; J. S. Bradstock, J.O.; S. W. Haddingham, Treas.; F. A. Carter, Sec.; S. J. Thomas, S.D.; Job Webb, Tyler; Wm. Forth, D.P.G.M.M. Gloucestershire, P.M.; Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., P.G.M.O. England, P.M.; W. M. Lowick, P.G.S.W. Gloucestershire, P.M.; G. Norman, J. J. James, R. Macartney, John Stephens, T. Cadle, and W. G. Washbourn. Visitor: Bro. John Balcomb, P.M.

The lodge was opened, and Bro. Rev. W. Lynes, S.W., P.G.C., was presented, and duly installed by Bro. Wm. Forth, D.P.G.M.M. Gloucestershire, assisted by Bros. Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., P.M., P.G.M.O. England, and John Balcomb, P.M., P.P.G.R. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. C. Heane, I.P.M.; J. S. Carleton, S.W.; H. Clark, J.W.; M. F. Carter, M.O.; J. S. Bradstock, S.O.; S. J. Thomas, J.O.; S. W. Haddingham, Treas.; F. Asgill Carter, Sec.; H. Curwen, S.D.; J. J. James, J.D.; R. Macartney, I.G.; and J. Webb, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. W. C. Heane, I.P.M., in testimony of his services to the lodge. An adjournment was made to the banquet room, where a most enjoyable evening was spent.

## CELEBRATION OF THE CENTENARY OF THE LODGE OF UNIONS, No. 256.

The brethren of the Lodge of Unions, No. 256, on Monday evening celebrated the centenary of the lodge's existence by a grand festival at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Henry Greene, P.M. and W.M., presided. All the officers for the year were Past Masters of the lodge. The full particulars of the meeting will be seen in the address by Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, the historical sketch of the lodge by Bro. Reuben R. Davis, P.M., and the speeches of the brethren at the banquet at Freemasons' Tavern. The brethren who attended were Bros. H. G. Buss, P.G.A. Sec.; Marquis of Hertford, G.S.W.; Alf. Meadows, P.G.D.; R. C. Driver, G.J.D.; Dr. Paul, Dep. G.D.C.; Robt. Grey, P.G.D.; A. L. Ervine, Thos. Fenn, Pres. Bd. G. Purps.; F. A. Philbrick, G. Reg.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Sir Albert Woods, P.G.W., G.D. of C.; Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W.; C. A. Murton, P.G.D.; Jas. Terry, F. Binckes, F. R. W. Hedges, Capt. George Lambert, P.G.S.B.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap.; F. Adlard, W. H. Farnfield, H. Massey, W. A. Dawson, A. A. Richards, R. C. Sudlow, P.G. Stvd.; W. Grogan, F. H. Humphries, J. A. Farnfield, C. W. Mapleton, C. J. Wildy, Jas. Amos, George Heming, F. W. Farnfield, R. W. Flemming, James Hutt, Hy. Greene, T. A. Greene, W. H. Mulley, R. R. Davis, P.M.; Thomas Johnson, P.M., J.W.; J. W. Figg, P.M., S.W.; R. H. Blades, R. P. Notley, John Phillips, Charles Fountain, John Ryan, G. Titus Barham, H. J. Bertram, and C. Wallington.

After the formal opening of the lodge, Mr. J. C. Wilbee was initiated by the W.M., and then, at the request of the W.M., Bro. Reuben R. Davis read the following sketch of the lodge's history, which was made short as he was restricted to five minutes for the reading:

"A few facts connected with the history of the Lodge of Unions, No. 256, extracted from the minutes by Bro. R. R. Davis, P.M. 256, P.Z. No. 7.

"W. Master, Bro. Visitors, and Brethren of the Lodge of Unions—As it is intended shortly to place in the hands of all of you a printed sketch of the history of the lodge, I do not propose, on the present occasion, to trespass upon you more than for a very few minutes in briefly stating some of the more prominent facts in connexion with the past century.

"I may, perhaps, say that we are fortunate enough to possess our minute books perfectly complete, and in a good state of preservation, from the day of consecration to the present time.

"The only record we have of the consecration is very concise. It is simply—

"That on Monday, 31st October, 1785, the R.W.M. Lowe, of the Crown and Cushion Lodge, Parker's-lane, by virtue of a dispensation of the Grand Master, the Duke of Cumberland, summoned the brethren to the 'Fox,' Castle-street, Southwark, and opened the lodge in due form, and constituted Bro. Morton R.W.M., who appointed Bro. Stevens, S.W.; and Bro. Wright, J.W.; Bro. Crump, Treas.; and Bro. Tatham, Sec.'

"For five years the lodge was held at the 'Fox,' and I may mention that I have visited that house, and have been shown a club-room, in which the consecration probably took place; and also a high-backed Windsor chair, which was most likely used on the occasion.

"For two years the meetings were held at the 'Red Lion,' Borough; and in 1792 the lodge was removed to the 'Spread Eagle,' Pratt-street, Lambeth, where it continued to assemble for exactly a quarter of a century.

"During these 32 years very little of importance occurred, excepting that, in the early life of the lodge, it had a hard struggle for existence—it was in a chronic state of financial difficulty—and the Grand Secretary had occasion to reprimand the brethren for non-payment of dues—and that the W.M. appeared before Grand Lodge to make his apologies in this respect.

"From 1817 to 1851 the lodge continually migrated from one tavern to another. I need not detain you by recapitulating them.

From 1851 to 1865 it met at Freemasons' Tavern, and from 1865 to the present date at Freemasons' Hall.

"Among the chief events of importance, I may mention the following:

"In 1822, Bro. Peter Gilkes was elected a member. He did not, however, remain one till his death, which took place in Dec., 1833; and, as most of you are aware, there is a tablet to his memory in the parish church of St. James's, Piccadilly.

"In August, 1825, the late Bro. Wm. Farnfield, P.A. G.S. (father of the present Secretary of the lodge) was initiated; and, later in the same year, appointed Secretary of the lodge—an office he continued to hold until his death, upwards of half a century afterwards.

"From 1831 to the present time, the 'Emulation Lodge of Improvement' has worked under the sanction of this lodge.

"In 1834, Bro. Zachariah Watkins (a P.M. of the Bank of England Lodge) was admitted a joining member. He served as W.M. in 1836, and although, unhappily, his state of health has long prevented his being among us, yet he is still on our roll as an honorary member.

"On 19th March, 1836, our present W.M., Bro. Henry Greene, was initiated. He served as Master in 1856, a position to which he would have attained long before, but for his absence in one of our Colonies. For the last 15 years he has discharged the important duties of Treasurer, and we have thought it an appropriate compliment to him, as well as an advantage to the lodge, to ask him (as the 'Father') again to preside over us in this, our centenary year.

"In 1845, the late Grand Secretary, Bro. John Hervey (who had been initiated the previous year in the Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, No. 7), became a joining member, and was three times elected to the chair. On the last occasion the installation took place on the 1st January, 1866, when he said he should like to make the lodge a New Year's gift, and presented the set of ebony and ivory gavel which are now in use.

"In 1852, Bro. Figg (who has twice passed through the chair) was initiated, and as the second member in point of seniority he this year holds the office of S.W.

"In 1853, Bro. J. Newton Tomkins resigned, and on doing so presented £5 5s., which was used to form the nucleus of a Charity Fund.

"Upon the death of Bro. John Hervey, this lodge, in conjunction with the 'Royal York,' set on foot the 'John Hervey Memorial Fund,' and we were fortunate enough to secure the hearty co-operation of Bro. Sir John Monckton as Chairman.

"As to the work which has been done in the lodge, 456 candidates have been initiated, passed, and raised; 167 brethren have been admitted as joining members. The sum of £319 1s. 6d. has been voted from lodge funds for charitable purposes, of which £280 has been given during the last 30 years, while the contributions of individual members to the three Masonic Charities may be taken as having been for many years £100 per annum.

"I have now only to thank you, W.M. and brethren, for the attention you have given to this imperfect sketch."

Bro. the Rev. R. J. SIMPSON, P.G.C., in delivering the oration, said he felt really honoured by the request to give a charge on this very important occasion. He purposed to make it brief because the brethren had already heard from Bro. Davis, in that admirable address which he had given on the history of the lodge, the facts which he was sure would make their mark in life on every one present. But he thought it was their duty, and he was sure the brethren would join him in that duty, to feel that it was a cause of deep thankfulness to the G.A.O.T.U. that so many brethren were present who had been many years ago initiated in the lodge to meet together to rejoice at the centenary meeting, and to render the thanks of their hearts to Him for all His goodness. No one could have listened to the words of Bro. Davis without being struck with the interest shown in the lodge, when they looked at the duration of the lodge, to the care with which the minutes had been made, its many migrations, and even its many financial difficulties, its numerous members who had become distinguished Masons, the Masonic movements with which it had been connected, the generosity which it had shown to the noble Charities of the Order. On all these grounds he was sure the brethren felt a deep interest in the extracts given by Bro. Davis. He had spoken of the migrations of the lodge. He was sure that during the many works of Masonry in the past, there were none that more truly marked progress than the manner in which lodges were now able to meet in comfort and convenience. The Lodge of Unions had gone from place to place, and now, after many years and a long march, it found itself in a haven of rest, and had all the advantages of Freemasons' Hall. At a great banquet at which Lord Zetland presided, he said how happy he was to find that in the Province of Durham, where there had been four or five lodges, in three or four different towns they met not in public houses, but in a hall of their own. He thought this was a feature which was well marked in the past century. He need scarcely say that it was a dignity and an honour to this lodge that it had sanctioned and been connected with the movement known as the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. No one who had attended that lodge and seen its working but must have been deeply moved by the accuracy and eloquence with which the work was rendered, and for himself, as an old Mason, he could say that every time he heard that work he felt instructed and improved by the noble and beautiful rendering of the ritual. It was therefore an especial honour to this Lodge of Unions that they had been associated with the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and he was very glad indeed to find that several members of that lodge were present that evening, and he might in justice refer to Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.D., President of the Board of General Purposes, who was an ornament to that lodge. They could also never fail to remember the countenance and the happy Masonic feeling of their old Bro. W. H. Farnfield, and he was also sure that there were many old Masons present who rejoiced to find that his name was still perpetuated in the Lodge of Unions by the Secretaryship, which was held by Bro. J. A. Farnfield, his son. The late Bro. John Hervey, as they knew, was also connected with it, and among the names of the honoured in the past history of the lodge this name might be mentioned, not only for his very constant attendance, but for taking great interest in it on all occasions; and this lodge, out of regard

and respect to his name, led the van in the memorial which had been alluded to, to his work. He trusted that Bro. Hervey's quiet dignity, his true Masonic feeling, and his sense of duty would ever remain in the minds of the brethren. The brethren knew far better than he (Bro. Simpson) in what esteem and respect Bro. Zachariah Watkins, Bro. Greene, and Bro. Figg were held by the lodge, and he was sure they would not consider it a bad compliment to say they were looked up to as the old landmarks of the lodge. All who were present could not avoid one reflection—that as none of them were present when the lodge was founded, so in the decrees of the G.A.O.T.U. none of them could be present when the next centenary of the lodge would be held. In the future, long before that, they would each have had his call, he trusted, to the Grand Lodge above. But meanwhile might they live well. God grant this. Though none of those now present would be present then, he hoped their Masonic posterity might rejoice on that day as the present brethren did now. He hoped they might hand down to their posterity unsullied the glorious principles which had been handed down to us. Let them hand down that true godliness, loyalty, and Charity, which constituted the greatest characteristics of the noble Order; let them have this good old lodge still built up in wisdom, strength, and beauty. And what was that wisdom? It was well told in the Volume of the Sacred Law, and they might well at this present day accept it—"Where is wisdom to be found? and where is the place of understanding?" The fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to depart from evil, this is understanding. In strength, too, might they hold fast those glorious principles to which he had alluded, which would not only dignify them as men, but make them honoured and respected. And, then, with regard to Charity, let them carry out the ritual of the Order, and dispense its sweet Charity with ungrudging hand. Thus should wisdom, strength, and beauty be found in the future ennobling this lodge. Let him conclude with one idea. It was usual, as they read in Holy Writ, that on the year of jubilee the heralds, with the silver trumpets, came up on the top of the mountains of Israel to watch for the first dawn of the rising sun, when the trumpets were sounded, and the thousands of Israel rejoiced before the Lord. Though they might not be present at the next centenary, yet there was a jubilee at which they might rejoice with those who had gone before them; there was a lodge and a morning when the trumpet should sound, and should rise to the summons, and meet in another Lodge of Unions, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, where pleasures unalloyed should await the faithful companions of our former trial, as well as ourselves, and where we should find those pleasures linked indissolubly in perpetuity and peace.

On the motion of the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, seconded by Bro. J. A. FARNFIELD, votes of thanks were accorded to Bros. Davis and Simpson for their addresses; and Bros. SIMPSON and DAVIS briefly acknowledged the compliment.

Bro. FARNFIELD announced that he had received letters of regret of absence from several brethren.

Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a superb banquet at Freemasons' Tavern. At the conclusion of the banquet the toasts were proposed.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," said it was unnecessary for him to dilate on the excellences of the Queen, as she was the daughter, niece, and mother of Masons, and she always took untiring interest in the Order.

In giving "The M.W.G.M.," the WORSHIPFUL MASTER said the Prince of Wales was dear to Masons in whatever light they looked upon him, whether as Grand Master, as Prince or heir to the throne, fulfilling all the wonderful duties of Prince of Wales, mixing among the people in their own homes, carrying the name of England everywhere to other countries. He was at once a Prince, a cavalier and a gentleman. Masons had him among them as their Grand Master who took the most untiring interest in the Craft, and was most ready to preside on all occasions when it was necessary. Consequently Masons had reason to speak of him in the highest terms.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER in proposing "The Pro G.M. &c.," said there was an unusually pleasant feature in the evening's proceedings in the fact that a very large number of Grand Officers had honoured the lodge that evening with their presence. Those who had had an opportunity of witnessing the presence of the Grand Officers in the lodge would feel that they had paid a very graceful compliment to the Lodge of Unions. It might be invidious to mention names but he could not help alluding to the eloquent address of the Past G.C. The Pro G.M. and the D.G.M. were held in the very highest estimation among the members of the Craft. Those who had had the honour of attending Grand Lodge would not have failed to notice that when those brethren occupied their positions there was a great Masonic treat. The proceedings were admirably conducted and the parliament of Freemasonry was one of the very highest character. The duties of the Pro G.M. and the D.G.M., and the other Grand Officers lay in preserving the lines of Freemasonry and they desired to maintain the dignity of Grand Lodge. When they were assembled there they gave an amount of dignity to the meeting that could not be excelled, and they were found there as the safeguards of Masonry, watching in every particular the interests of the Craft. Those were the especial characteristics of the Grand Officers Present and Past. To-day was a red letter day in the annals of the Lodge of Unions, and the members had had a glorious opportunity presented to them. Many of them who were not members of Grand Lodge had not had the pleasure of seeing such a display. He could not help mentioning that the Lodge of Unions had during its time had many distinguished members of Grand Lodge. Bro. Hervey, whose name was only to be mentioned to strike a chord that would reverberate throughout the lodge. There was also the late Bro. Farnfield, who was Secretary of the lodge for something like 50 years, and Assistant Grand Secretary. The lodge was proud to have had these brethren associated with it. It was some time since they had passed away, and the lodge had not yet been honoured with the distinction which might some day be accorded to it.

Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, G. Reg., replying, said he discharged the duty of returning thanks with great pleasure as it was a most interesting occasion. With reference to the Pro G.M., whenever that nobleman's name was mentioned among Masons it invariably commanded esteem and respect. Now that he was in the neighbouring isle discharging as the strict representative of the Sovereign the duties of Viceroy, Masons, who recognised no politics, but their com-

mon profession, no religion but that great tie of religion which had been so eloquently alluded to in the lodge, no difference whatever, but united in those great principles which made them one great brotherhood and affection, wished him Masonically and thoroughly hearty success in the discharge of his difficult task. They thought, and hoped, and felt that every Masonic heart would wish and desire that nothing might occur during his representation of the Sovereign which might tend to weaken the integrity of the Empire, or the ties which bound this great country. For the D.G.M., who was in his province as a Prov. Grand Master, well known and also equally well known almost throughout the length and breadth of the land, his name commanded the affection, regard, and esteem of every Mason. He was sure Lord Lathom was one of those distinguished characters who, while they received dignity from Masonry shed a lustre upon the Order to which they belonged. For the rest of the Grand Officers the distinguished array of brethren now rising in response to the toast made his task in responding for them somewhat difficult, there were so many who could answer for themselves better than he, and who had a better right. But he would venture to draw a moral from that most excellent and impressive address to which they had listened, that although the present leaders or the past holders of Grand office now before him were, and had been concerned in the administration of the affairs of Masonry, yet that the great cause of Masonry was he trusted—and he thought he was expressing the opinion of his brethren—was so well wielded, its principles were so eternal, the truths, on which it took its foundation were so immutable, that it scarcely mattered who administered the affairs. The Craft would always exist while it loyally adhered to the great truths which it professed. An occasion like this, the centenary of a lodge, was always an occasion of mark and note in the annals of Masonry. The centenary of a lodge so distinguished as the Lodge of Unions was an occasion of no ordinary interest. That it was so the presence of so many distinguished brethren testified. Long might the lodge which had lasted so long, continue! Long might it go on diffusing the principles it had spread so wide! Long might the brethren carry into practice the principles taught in the lodge and which they had so much at heart. Might it be distinguished in the future as in the past. Might it be prosperous in its concerns, happy in its choice of those it received into the lodge, and might it go on without any of those incidents which would affect its prosperity or diminish its harmony; and this was the sincere and hearty wish of the Grand Officers for whom he returned thanks.

Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON, P.G.W., said he was much privileged by having to propose the toast of "The W.M.," and, he might say, one and indivisibly with it, of course, the lodge itself. He might say it on this occasion, because it was the history of the lodge. Oddly enough not very far from the history of the W.M. now in the chair the jubilee of the W.M. would be kept, and, no doubt, kept well and worthily. Looking at the splendid condition he was in they were entitled, under the G.A.O.T.U., to expect it. Therefore, the toast had a peculiar interest. It was a long time to look to, 100 years; but it was a long time to look back to the period when the W.M. was initiated in the lodge, when he took the interesting step which had been taken by the initiate that evening, who must be equally interested in what was taking place. He (Sir John Monckton) was a little chap in petticoats at the time. Bro. Greene had been spared by the G.A.O.T.U. to take the chair on this occasion. One word for the Lodge of Unions. There were not a few of the brethren—and he certainly was one—who owed a deep debt of gratitude to the Lodge of Unions. In the early part of his Masonic career he was afraid to say, he was hardly as perfect in the ritual of the Craft as he should have been. He was indebted entirely for what he knew (as Bro. Fenn knew, he was not very good at the best of times) to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and that he owed to the Lodge of Unions. They were all much indebted to this lodge. There were many interesting facts and features connected with the lodge. Some of them had been touched upon, and the memory of Bro. Farnfield and Bro. Hervey had not been forgotten. The Lodge of Unions took a large part in the memorial raised to Bro. Hervey. They were many interesting facts connected with the lodge, but not the least of the interesting Masonic associations connected with it was that Bro. Henry Greene, who was initiated in it in 1836, was once again Master of the lodge. He hoped, therefore, that the toast would be drunk with all Masonic fervour.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in acknowledging the toast, said that he need scarcely tell the brethren that this was a peculiarly proud moment for him. It was one that he could scarcely ever have expected to be present at. If he carried his mind back to the year 1838, when, as a comparative youngster, he entered the lodge, and then, after some years of travelling about, he again rejoined it in 1850, and it was now some 35 years when he once more entered the lodge, and during that time he had had the opportunity of seeing it in varying aspects, always maintaining the even tenor of its way, never deviating from the right course, and that had been one of the instances and one of the reasons why, in reference to the speech of the Grand Registrar, they had never had any blocks in the lodge, or anything to disturb harmony, or promote difficulty to the members. It had been unmistakably a Lodge of Unions. He did feel proud at being in that position—the father of the lodge and the Master, and to find himself associated for the year with so many good old friends and Past Masters who had accepted office. The youngest friends had stood by nobly, and enabled the P.M.s. to fulfil the duty of officers. He thought that last observation showed the kind feeling which existed in the lodge, and he wished on the present occasion to express his gratitude to those associated with him, and to those who stood by, in order to enable the centenary of the lodge to be conducted by those who were the seniors. To his dear friend Sir John B. Monckton, who had so kindly passed by himself, and allowed the toast of the Grand Officers to be acknowledged by the Grand Registrar, in order that he might propose this toast, he returned most cordial thanks. Sir John B. Monckton and himself saw each other very often, and they never saw each other without having a stronger feeling towards each other, and knowing that they had worked together with unanimity and friendship, and that each might count upon the other. It was not without such feelings as those that he received the honour Sir John B. Monckton had paid him in proposing the toast. This was indeed a remarkable day in the history of their old lodge. They could not, as the P.G. Chaplain had said, expect to see another centenary, but they could wish to look forward

and believe and hope that there would be successors who would fill their place 100 years hence, and read the books they had prepared for them, keep the minute books, receive the charter, and be able to see the warrant for a centenary, signed, as it was, by Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke. He saw no reason why they should not anticipate the 200—the bi-centenary of the lodge—and then it was possible that they would see another Town Clerk come to propose the health of the W.M.—a Grand Chaplain and Grand Registrar, and all the Grand Officers of those days, come in their numbers, and that they might not only fill that room, but some other and bigger room. At all events, he hoped that Masonry would then flourish and continue till time should be no more.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next proposed "The Initiate," whom he was sure all the brethren sympathised with, as no doubt he felt in a fog.

Bro. WILBEE replied, and expressed the pleasure he had in becoming a Mason.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next proposed "The Visitors."

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary, in reply, said it was not only a great honour, but a very great responsibility to be permitted to return thanks for such a toast, because, owing to the marvellous hospitality of the Lodge of Unions he could very easily see his constituents, but it was very difficult to see the members of the lodge. Such hospitality would never be excelled. The institution of brethren visiting lodges was more valuable than perhaps brethren sometimes thought of, because, were it not for the practice of visiting, lodges would be isolated bodies, would work without any common bond of union, and would not know whether they were right or wrong in their procedure. But by the hospitality which was shown in Masonic lodges in England, brethren met together, and brethren saw how the work was done. He had felt very strongly on this matter, because it had been his lot in former years, as a soldier, to be a Mason in every quarter of the globe, and it had been his privilege to be permitted to visit lodges wherever he had been. He supposed no brother had witnessed more hospitality than he, and therefore he appreciated thoroughly the feeling of hospitality that was shown in several lodges all over the world. Although they approved the visiting lodges in the ordinary course, it was a much greater privilege to visit this lodge to-night when they were all met together to do honour to this very interesting occasion. They were met to congratulate the Lodge of Unions on their centenary festival. They all knew what it meant, the lodge was one hundred years old. Through good days and evil days it had been kept together. Having carried on its work, it had at the end of a hundred years arrived at its centenary position. They congratulated the W.M. and the other brethren very sincerely, feeling that they had done a good work, and they were quite sure they all desired in the future, the Lodge of Unions might continue to meet, work, and flourish.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next proposed "The Emulation Lodge of Improvement," the very child of the Lodge of Unions.

Bro. THOMAS FENN, P.G.D., responded. In returning thanks on behalf of the Committee of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement for the compliment which the W.M. had so gracefully paid them, he would pardon him if he expressed a wish that he had included in the toast the past members of the Committee and Bro. Murton, whose name was so thoroughly identified with it. His services in the past had been so important and had spread over so long a period that they never ceased to look upon him as one of themselves, and they would like to have seen him standing up in response to a toast in which he was as deeply interested as themselves. The W.M. would permit him to supplement the allusions which had been made to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement by some few remarks in reference to its origin. Its early minutes had, unfortunately, been destroyed, but they had a list of their members from its commencement and certain other documents, from which it appeared that the Emulation Lodge of Improvement originated in 1818 in a lodge of instruction which worked then under the sanction of the British Lodge, No. 8. This was very shortly after the union of the Grand Lodges, and about 18 months after the revised ritual had received the sanction of the Grand Lodge. In 1823, the Emulation Lodge was founded by a number of members of that lodge of instruction, and some adept pupils of the famous Bro. Peter Gilkes for the purpose of illustrating the working of the ceremonies and lectures strictly in accordance with the system which had been sanctioned by the Grand Lodge of England. Bro. Peter Gilkes became shortly afterwards the President of the lodge, and continued to preside over it until his death in 1833. It was shortly before his death that the Emulation Lodge of Improvement became connected with the Lodge of Unions, and they had continued to work under its banner from that day to this. Bro. Peter Gilkes was succeeded by the late Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson, who presided over the lodge for a period of 33 years, till his death in 1866. Shortly after this the conduct of the lodge devolved upon Bro. John Hervey, the late Grand Secretary. Bro. Murton, Bro. Richards, and himself (Bro. Fenn), who had all been personally instructed in Masonry by Bro. S. B. Wilson, so that the traditional work of the lodge was still only in the third generation. It is on record that the first meeting of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement in 1833 was attended by the Grand Secretary, Bro. W. H. White, and other distinguished Grand Officers, all of them able workers who expressed their entire approval of the proceedings. He thought therefore they might safely assume that the system which was now practised by the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, was that actual system which received the sanction of the Grand Lodge, and which was taught by the Lodge of Promulgation. The duty of the present Committee was to see that the traditional work which had been handed down to them was maintained with absolute correctness; and he thought they might say, and might be allowed to say, with some pride, that in the experience of the oldest members of this Committee, which now extended back to a period of nearly 30 years, the work of the ceremonies and lectures, were never more ably, correctly, or eloquently rendered than they were at the present time. The Committee of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement were sustained and encouraged in the discharge of their duties by a sincere love of Masonry, and a firm belief in the beneficial influence of an impressive delivery of the ritual. He was sure it must be in the experience of most present that

a brother initiated into Masonry in a slovenly and irreverent manner had frequently left the lodge in disgust, never again to enter within its walls; while, on the contrary, an earnest and impressive rendering of the rites and ceremonies had had a deep and lasting effect on the mind of an initiated brother, creating in him a desire to investigate their meaning, and becoming acquainted with their object and design, making him, in fact, a zealous Mason, useful to the Craft, and an ornament to the Society of which he had become a member. It had, he knew, been a custom of many after-dinner speakers to impress on the minds of young Masons that their first and highest duty was, not to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge, but to subscribe to the Institutions, and from the very moment almost the initiated brother sat down for the first time at the table he was pressed for a subscription. An ambitious Mason, desirous of advancement, was impressed with the idea that a liberal subscription to the Charities was the surest step to Masonic honour, and munificent contributors were held up as having the highest claim to Grand and Provincial Grand Office, although they had no other qualification. It was undoubtedly the duty of every Mason to support the Institutions to the utmost of his ability, and the Emulation Lodge of Improvement set a brilliant example in devoting the whole of its surplus funds to that purpose, amounting generally to £30 or £40 a year. But to figure on the lists of subscriptions to those Institutions was surely not the sole end and aim of Masonry; nor was it, indeed, Masonic Charity in its true and fullest sense. Masonic Charity as they were taught in the ritual and lectures in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement was to envy not our neighbour, to believe not a tale reported to his prejudice, to forgive the injuries of men, and to endeavour to blot them from our recollection, ever to be ready to listen to him who craves our assistance, and from him that is in want not to withhold a liberal hand, not only to relieve the distressed, which is a duty incumbent on all men, but to soothe the unhappy, sympathise with their misfortunes, compassionate their miseries, and restore peace to the troubled mind; to drop a tear of sympathy over the failings of a brother, and to pour the healing balm of consolation into the bosom of the afflicted. The privilege of wearing the Charity jewel might be considered a distinction; but, believe him, he appreciated far more highly the distinction conferred upon him by the W.M. in selecting him to represent the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, which not only liberally supported the Masonic Institutions, but taught, under the auspices of this distinguished Lodge of Unions—impressively taught the practice of those cardinal Masonic virtues—Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, Justice—taught that a Mason could only attain the summit of his profession through faith, hope, and Charity taught; that the characteristics of every good Mason were virtue, honour, and mercy; taught, above all, the true and comprehensive definition of those grand principles on which Masonry was founded—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

Bro. FIGG, P.M. and S.W., in reply to the toast of "The Past Masters," said they were at all times ready to assist the lodge, and it afforded them great gratification on that occasion to perform their duties. He had been a member of the lodge for one third of a century, and during the whole of that time the unity in the lodge had been so great that it had thoroughly earned the title of the Lodge of Unions. He hoped the brethren of 100 years hence would be as happy as the brethren of the lodge were now.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. J. A. Brown, who was assisted by Bros. E. Dalzell, F. Bevan, and Turle Lee, Bro. Turle Lee acting as Organist in lodge.

#### THE STABILITY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 217.

At a Committee Meeting of members of the Stability Lodge of Instruction, No. 217, on Friday, the 30th ult., the following resolutions were unanimously agreed to:

"That in the opinion of the present meeting it is desirable that the Stability Lodge of Instruction shall be continued, and the brethren present pledge themselves to use their best endeavours to carry the same out."

"That Bro. John Bagot Scriven, P.G. Stwd., be elected Treasurer of this lodge of instruction."

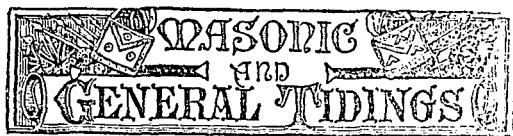
"That Bro. Eustace Anderson, jun., be appointed Secretary of this lodge of instruction."

"That this lodge of instruction shall meet every Friday evening, from 6 to 8 o'clock, at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Coleman-street, from the first Friday in October, to the last Friday in March. Subscription 10s. 6d. for the session, or one shilling each nightly attendance."

#### Obituary.

##### THE DUKE OF ABERCORN, K.G., GRAND MASTER OF IRELAND.

Elsewhere we have given expression to the deep sympathy we feel for our brethren in Ireland at the death of their revered Grand Master, the Duke of Abercorn; here our duty is to chronicle briefly the services rendered by his Grace. The deceased duke was born in the month of January, 1811, and, in 1839, while a student at Christ Church, Oxford, was initiated into Freemasonry in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357. Two years later he took his seat in the House of Lords, and became so actively engaged in political matters that he does not seem to have had leisure to engage much in Masonic pursuits. In 1874, the Duke of Leinster died, after having presided over the fortunes of the Craft in Ireland for 61 years, and our late brother, who was Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland for the second time, and who, in 1868, at the close of his first term of office in that capacity, had been created a duke in the peerage of Ireland, was by the general wish of our Irish brethren invited to become Grand Master. His Grace accepted the invitation, and early in January, 1875, he was unanimously installed as successor to the late Duke of Leinster, having just previously been passed through the chair of Grand Master's Lodge, Dublin. Since then the duke has given all the time he could command to uphold the dignity of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, both at home and in the colonies, and a course of almost uninterrupted prosperity bears testimony to the beneficial influence he was able to exercise.



A special Grand Lodge of the Mark Degree will be held at the Hall, 8a, Red Lion-square, on Monday, the 30th inst., for the purpose of discussing the Revised Constitutions.

Bro. Earl Granville left town on Saturday morning last on a brief visit to Mr. Gladstone at Hawarden.

Bro. Lord and Lady Hothfield have returned from Westmoreland to their seat near Ashford, Kent.

Bro. D. Plunket, M.P., was one of the principal speakers at a large political gathering held at Cambridge on Saturday last.

Bro. Alderman Cowan is a candidate, at the approaching General Election, for the Whitechapel division of the Tower Hamlets.

Bros. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe and Lord Robartes were among the speakers at a meeting held on Friday, the 30th ult., of the Truro Diocesan Conference.

Bros. W. T. Marriott, O.C., M.P., P.G. Stwd., and Alderman David Smith, P.P.G.J.W. Sussex, have issued their addresses as Conservative candidates for Brighton.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has kindly consented to become patron of the Bethnal-green Free Library, in place of the late Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury.

The annual conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of Massachusetts and Rhode Island was arranged to be held at the Masonic Hall, Boston, on Wednesday, the 28th ult.

Bro. General Sir F. Roberts, Bart., visited Eton College on Saturday last, and dined in the evening with Dr. Warre, the head master, and Mrs. Warre.

In accordance with the instructions of his medical advisers, Bro. the Earl of Dalhousie left Brechin Castle for London towards the close of last week for the Continent, whither he has been ordered for the benefit of his health.

Bro. Matthias Levy, Secretary of the Montefiore Lodge, is preparing for publication, "Shorthand Notes: and the practise relating to them." This work contains a collection of the cases on the above subject, with introductory chapter and ample index.

According to the *Illinois Freemason*, the Paxton Lodge, No. 416, on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, has "more lawyers, doctors, judges, preachers, legislators, mayors, professors, and grand orators, to the square inch than can be found in any other lodge in the State."

Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., addressed a meeting of the electors for West Bristol on Saturday last, while on the same day Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., spoke at Nelson in support of the Liberal candidate for the Clitheroe division of Lancashire.

Monday next being the anniversary of the Prince of Wales's birthday, the happy event will be celebrated in the usual manner in London and at Windsor, and by his Royal Highness himself and his family at Sandringham, for which they left Marlborough House during the present week.

Bros. W. T. Marriott, O.C., M.P., J. R. Holland, M.P., J. P. Knight, Alderman D. Smith, and Alderman Davey were among those present on Saturday last, when the Duke of Edinburgh and Princess Louise attended a concert in the Dome, Brighton, in aid of the fund to establish scholarships at the Royal College of Music.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, as president, Bro. Alderman Sir Henry and Lady Knight, and a numerous and influential company were present at the Mansion House on Friday, the 30th ult., when Dr. Samuel Kinns delivered his interesting lecture on "The Remarkable Scientific Accuracy of the First Chapter of Genesis."

The *Freemason's Repository* for the current month refers in sympathetic terms to the loss sustained by the brethren of Massachusetts through the death on the 12th September last of Bro. W. D. Cooledge, one of the Past Grand Masters of the G. Lodge of that jurisdiction. Bro. Cooledge was G. Master in the years 1861-2, and at the time of his death was in his 75th year.

The same journal reports the death on the 18th September of an aged veteran of the Craft in Rhode Island, Bro. Freeman Maybury, who was 91 years of age and had been a member of our Society since 1826, when he was initiated in St. John's Lodge, Newport. A large number of the brethren were present at the funeral of the deceased to mark their respect for his many sterling qualities.

The Princess of Wales, accompanied by the Prince of Wales, Prince Albert Victor, and Princess Louise, opened the new Institute and Home for Working Lads in the Whitechapel-road on Saturday last. Their Royal Highnesses, on arriving, were received by Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Sheriff, Bros. Alderman Evans and T. Clarke, and among those on the platform were Bros. Sir J. McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P., and H. B. Marshall, P.G. Treas. At the close of the ceremony, and after the Prince of Wales had expressed the pleasure it had afforded the Princess and himself to be present, a large number of purses, containing sums ranging from five guineas and upwards, were handed to her Royal Highness in behalf of the institute by ladies and children; and the Royal party, after inspecting the building, then left amid the hearty cheers of all assembled and the crowds gathered in the neighbourhood.

RELIEF OF COUGHS AND ASTHMA IN TEN MINUTES BY DR. LOCOCK'S PULMONIC WAFERS.—From Mr. Fox, Omnibus Office, Whitefield Road, Liverpool—"After years of severe suffering, and fearing many and many a night I should have died from suffocation, &c., I was induced to try Dr. Locock's Wafers. Ten minutes after I had taken two Wafers I felt relief." In asthma, consumption, bronchitis, coughs, colds, rheumatism, and all hysterical and nervous complaints they give instant relief, a rapid cure and taste pleasantly. Sold by all druggists at 1s. 12d. and 2s. 6d. per box.—ADVT.

Bro. General Lord Wolsley has consented to be present at the annual dinner, to be held at the Holborn Restaurant on the 10th prox., of the North London Rifle Club.

R.W. Bro. Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., has issued his address to the electors of West Bristol, and Bro. Lord Hartington his to those of the Rossendale Division of Lancashire.

Bros. Sir Farrer Herschell, O.C., M.P., and the Right Hon. G. O. Trevelyan, M.P., addressed political meetings at Tunbridge and Newcastle respectively on Thursday, the 29th ult.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Wharnclyffe and the Maharajah Dhuleep Singh were among the guests of the Duke of Grafton last week who were specially invited to meet H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge.

Bro. Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., M.P., Hugh C. E. Childers, M.P., G. O. Trevelyan, M.P., and the Earl of Dunraven were among the principal speakers at different political meetings on Wednesday, the 28th ult.

Bro. the Earl of Kintore, M.W.G.M.M.M., will be again nominated for that office at the half-yearly communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, which will be held on Tuesday evening, the 1st proximo.

Bro. Major-General Sir Redvers H. Buller, V.C., K.C.B., has been gazetted Deputy Adjutant-General to the Forces, vice Major-General G. B. Harman, appointed Military Secretary to H.R.H. the Field Marshal Command-in-Chief.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., who was accompanied by the Earl of Iddesleigh and the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, presided at a meeting in the Egyptian Hall, Mansion House, on Friday, the 30th ult., when the prizes annually given by the Turners' Company were distributed.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, presided at a large and influential meeting held in the Conference Hall, Stratford, on Tuesday evening, for the purpose of considering the practicability of establishing a Cottage Hospital for the populous district of West Ham.

The *déjeuner* which is customarily given by the out-going and in-coming Lord Mayors at the Mansion House, previous to the formal inauguration of the latter, will take place to-morrow (Saturday), when the Aldermen, Sheriffs, and Officers of the Corporation will be the chief guests.

Bros. Alderman Savory, Sir John Bennett, and H. B. Spink are among the members of the new School Board for London elected on Monday, the 2nd inst., Bro. Alderman Savory having been returned as one of the City members, Bro. Sir John Bennett for Southwark, and Bro. Spink for Westminster.

Our theatrical friends will be glad to hear that Messrs. Spiers and Pond have this week taken under their charge the refreshment department at Drury Lane Theatre, and that "great changes," which is synonymous with "great improvements," will be effected under their experienced management.

Bro. Sir H. D. Wolff, M.P., had official audience of the Khedive at the Abdin Palace, Cairo, on Saturday last. The Staff of the British Diplomatic Agency were in attendance, and the reception accorded our envoy was most flattering. The Khedive subsequently returned the visit at Shephard's Hotel, where Sir Henry has taken up his quarters.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon attended the opening of the new Anatomical Theatre recently erected in Trinity College, Dublin, in connection with the Medical School of the University, and took the opportunity of referring at length, and in terms of warm sympathy, to the great loss caused to Ireland by the death of Bro. the Duke of Abercorn.

Number 2 of the *Masonic Journal* contains a goodly amount of intelligence, and has every appearance of being a well-edited, carefully compiled paper. The reports of the lodges in the several jurisdictions, English, Irish, and Scotch, are models of neatness and succinctness; in fact, the journal gives good promise for the future, and it has our best wishes for its success.

WALDECK LODGE.—We are asked to contradict the statement made in our report of the installation meeting of the Waldeck Lodge, to the effect that "the Master had put his hand in his pocket very considerably to carry it out." Our reporter was informed that such was the fact, but Bro. Wellen, who ought to know, modestly claims that he only contributed his share.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., has accepted an invitation from the W.M. of the Lodge of Union, No. 414, Reading, to deliver his lecture, "Knobs and Excerescences," explanatory of the Ritual and Ceremonial of the First Degree, at the next regular meeting of the lodge at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 17th inst. The lodge will be opened at 6 p.m.

The Philadelphia *Keystone* for the 17th ult. contains an elaborate and very interesting article, contributed by Bro. W. J. Hughan, on the "Engraved Lists of Lodges," showing their importance, and tracing through them some of our oldest and most distinguished lodges. In the course of his remarks, Bro. Hughan refers in very flattering terms to the arduous labours of Bro. Lane, whose forthcoming volume, embodying the results of those labours, will now be looked forward to with keener interest than ever.

TOBACCONISTS COMMENCING.—An Illustrated Guide of 110 pages, "How to open respectably from £20 to £2000;" three stamps. H. Myers & Co., 109, Euston-rd., London. Telephone No. 7541.—[ADVT.]

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Coughs, Influenza. The soothing properties of these medicaments render them well worthy of trial in all diseases of the lungs. In common colds and influenza the Pills taken internally and the Ointment rubbed externally are exceedingly efficacious. When influenza is epidemic this treatment is easiest, safest, and surest. Holloway's Pills and Ointment purify the blood, remove all obstructions to its free circulation through the lungs, relieve the overworked air tubes, and render respiration free without reducing the strength, irritating the nerves, or depressing the spirits. Such are the ready means of saving suffering when afflicted with colds, coughs, bronchitis, and other complaints, by which so many are seriously and permanently afflicted in most countries.—[ADVT.]

Bro. Alderman Cowan was to preside at the fiftieth anniversary dinner of the Society of United Friends, for the relief of the aged and infirm, at the Cannon Street Hotel, on Thursday.

The Prince and Princess of Wales visited Drury Lane Theatre on Monday evening, and the same day their eldest son, Prince Albert Victor, left Marlborough House to rejoin his regiment at Aldershot.

The Grand Lodge of Ohio, U.S.A., has adopted a resolution declaring it to be the opinion of that body that the selling of intoxicating drinks should disqualify anyone from initiation into—or affiliation with—any Masonic body.

RED CROSS OF ROME AND CONSTANTINE.—We are glad to hear that there is every probability that Sir Knight Frederick Wood, Intendant General of the Division of Kent, will soon be in a position to form two new conclaves in his division.

Bro. Earl Granville left Hawarden Castle for Chester on Monday, and on Tuesday addressed a large political meeting at Shrewsbury. Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., was expected to leave Chatsworth for Belfast on Thursday.

The Lady Mayoress, accompanied by Bro. Alderman and Sheriff and Mrs. Evans, and Mrs. Clarke, opened a bazaar at the Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton, on Thursday, the 29th ult., in aid of the tower fund of St. Saviour's Church, Brixton-rise.

According to a Reuter telegram from Madrid, it is stated that a marriage has been arranged between the Infanta Maria Eulalia, sister of King Alfonso, and the Infante Antonio, son of the Duke of Montpensier.

The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, U.S.A., M.W. Bro. Albert P. Charles, has personally communicated to Bro. James Stevens his appreciation and high commendation of that brother's latest Masonic work, "Chips from a Rough Ashlar."

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., opened a new Liberal club at Accrington on Friday, the 30th ult., and in the evening addressed a meeting in the Prince's Theatre. The same day, Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill met the electors of West Birmingham.

Bro. Colonel E. H. Kennard, M.P., was on Tuesday evening the recipient of a handsome testimonial, presented to him by the present and past members of the 15th Middlesex Rifle Volunteer Corps, on his retirement, after fifteen years' service, from the command of the regiment.

Bro. the Lord Mayor will take the chair at the 62nd anniversary and distribution of prizes to the successful students of the Birkbeck Literary and Scientific Institution, on Wednesday, the 18th inst. His lordship will be accompanied by Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Evans, and Bro. Sheriff Clarke.

The Paris Municipal Council, on Wednesday, passed a vote of thanks to the City of London and the heads of the sanitary establishments in the English capital for their friendly reception of the delegates of the City of Paris in August last. M. Waddington will return to his post in London to-day (Friday).

At a meeting of the St. Augustine's Lodge, No. 972, held at the Masonic Temple, St. Peter's-street, Canterbury, on Wednesday, the 21st ult., Bro. William Plant was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, in succession to Bro. W. Price. The new W.M. will be installed on the third Wednesday in November.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P. and Miss C. Fowler, and Bros. Alderman Sir H. E. Knight, J. Westerby, J. R. Foulger, and U. Knell were among the guests at the annual dinner, at the Albion on Monday, when the parishioners of St. Giles's, Cripplegate, commemorated the festival of All Saints.

The formal opening of the new buildings recently erected in connection with the London Almshouses, Brixton, took place on Tuesday, Bro. A. Brookman, Chairman of the Committee, performing the function. A dinner followed at which Bro. Brookman presided, Bros. H. B. Marshall, Past G. Treas., R. E. Pixley, W. B. Garrett, and others being among the guests.

Amongst the chapters for which warrants were granted at the Supreme Grand Chapter on Wednesday last, we are pleased to see that of the Israel. The position of the Israel Lodge, as one of the oldest lodges in the City, and numbering as it does from 80 or 90 members, will ensure the success of a chapter in connection therewith, and the only wonder is that it has not given birth to one before.

A unique gathering of Freemasons took place on Thursday, the 29th ult. Bro. A. Brickwood-Hutchings, who is W.M. of St. George's Lodge, No. 2025, P.G. Org. of Devon, and P.G. Registrar of Cornwall, invited the Masters of the "Three Towns" (Plymouth, Stonehouse, and Devonport) to dine with him at his residence. The Prov. Grand Master of Devon, Bro. Viscount Ebrington; the P.G.S.W., Bro. William Derry, and others were also present. We may add that Bro. Brickwood-Hutchings is Mayor of Devonport, which office he has held for two years in succession.

We have much pleasure in announcing that a complimentary concert will be given on Wednesday, the 25th inst., to Bro. W. H. Lee Davis, Organist of Holy Trinity Church, Penge-lane. A strong array of artists will give their services on this occasion, and as there is plenty of influential support certain to be forthcoming, we have good reason to hope that the concert will prove a great success. Tickets—Numbered and Reserved Seats 3s. and 2s.; admission 1s. To commence at 8 p.m.

We congratulate Bro. Henry White on the handsome manner in which his invaluable services, as Secretary to the Warehousemen and Clerks' School, have been recognised. At the recent general meeting of the Governors and Subscribers it was unanimously determined "That, in accordance with the unanimous recommendation of the Board of Management, the sum of £800 be voted to Mr. Henry White, in recognition of the faithful, zealous, and successful services he has rendered as Secretary of the Warehousemen and Clerks' School, from the infancy of the institution to the present time, covering a period of thirty years."



# METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, November 14, 1885.

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9.

- Lodge 5, St. George and Corner Stone, F.M.H.  
 " 58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 1366, Highgate, Gatchouse Hot., Highgate.  
 " 1571, Leopold, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.  
 " 1057, Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-st.  
 " 1670, Adelphi, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1780, Ubique, S. Air-st., Regent-st., W.  
 " 1804, Bromley St. Leonard's, Vestry Hall, Bow-rd.  
 " 2012, Chiswick, Bolton Hot., Chiswick.  
 Chap. 720, Panmure, Horns Tav., Kennington.  
 " 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 Mark 333, Kintore, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.

## 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, S.  
 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, NOVEMBER 10.

- Lodge 46, Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hot.  
 " 96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 " 235, Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
 " 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.  
 " 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st. Hot.  
 " 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 1196, Urban, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1593, Royal Naval, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
 " 1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1614, Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly.  
 " 1635, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq., W.  
 " 1668, Samson, S. Air-st., Regent-st., W.  
 " 1769, Clarendon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 " 1969, Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall.  
 Mark 22, Southwark, Bridge House Hot., London Bdg.  
 K.T. 140, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.  
 St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.  
 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., at 8.  
 Domatic, 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.  
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.  
 Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.  
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, S.  
 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, S.  
 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 Edgcombe, 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, S.  
 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, Rushey 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.  
 Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.  
 South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, 7.30.  
 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.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

- General Committee Benevolent Institution at 4.  
 Lodge 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.  
 " 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 87, Vitruvian, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.  
 " 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.  
 " 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse.  
 " 1306, St. John, Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.  
 " 1349, Friars, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.  
 " 1503, Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.  
 " 1694, Imperial, Pier Hot., Oakley-st., Chelsea.  
 " 1718, Centurion, S. Air-st., Regent-st., W.  
 " 1986, Honor Oak, Moore Park Hot., Honor Oak.

- Chap. 1260, John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1305, St. Marylebone, Langham Hot., Portland-pl.  
 " 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.  
 " 1657, Aldersgate (Emergency) Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-st.  
 Mark Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 284, High Cross, Seven Sisters Hot., Tottenham.  
 Rose Croix 67, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Fidelity, Alfred Hot., Roman-rd., Barnsbury, at 8.  
 Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Bishopsgate-st., S.  
 United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.  
 Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark-bridge-road, S.  
 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, S.  
 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, NOVEMBER 12.

- Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-st. Hot.  
 " 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hot.  
 " 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 238, Pilgrim, F.M.H. (worked in German language).  
 " 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hot.  
 " 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 879, Southwark, Bridge House Hot.  
 " 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 " 1425, Hyde Park, the Westbourne, Craven-rd., W.  
 " 1457, Bagshaw, Princes Hall, Princes-rd., Buckhurst Hill.  
 " 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury, N.  
 " 1598, Ley Spring, Red Lion Tav., Leytonstone.  
 " 1599, Skelmersdale, M.H., Masons' Avenue, E.C.  
 " 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W.  
 " 1708, Plucknett, Bald Face Stag, E. Finchley.  
 " 1791, Creation, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1987, Strand, Criterion, Piccadilly.  
 Chap. 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 " 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.  
 " 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
 " 907, Royal Albert, White Hart Tav., Abchurch-lane.  
 " 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill.

- Mark 331, Davison, Sa, Red Lion-sq., W.C.  
 Rose Croix 42, St. George, 33, Golden-sq., W.

## 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-ct.-road, at 8.  
 Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.  
 Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.  
 Creation, Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.  
 North London Chapter, Alwyne Castle Tav., St. Paul's-rd., Canonbury, at 8.  
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13.

- Lodge 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 1536, United Military, Lord Ragan, Plumstead.  
 " 1997, John Carpenter, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 Rose Croix, 3, Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-sq., W.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hot., 40, Gt. Portland-st., W.C.  
 Albion, Crown Hot., Essex-st., Strand.  
 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, S.  
 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, S.  
 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, NOVEMBER 14.

- Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.  
 " 1446, Mount Edgcombe, Bridge House Hot.  
 " 1584, Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.  
 " 1607, Loyalty, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.  
 " 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 1686, Paxton, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.  
 " 1743, Perseverance, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.  
 " 1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1964, Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hot.  
 Chap. 1706, Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall.  
 Mark 234, Brixton, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

## 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.

## DEATH EXPECTED WHEN THE TREES PUT ON THEIR GREEN.

### A WOMAN'S SUFFERINGS AND GRATITUDE.

#### THE PEOPLE AMAZED.

#### 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."

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## The Craft Abroad.

## MASONRY IN GRIQUALAND.

The annual meeting of the St. John's Lodge, No. 1886, was held on Friday, the 3rd July, in the Masonic Temple, East Kokstad. Considering the early hour which had been fixed there was a very fair attendance, amongst the visitors being Bros. G. E. Jarvis, P.M. 1468; D. Ross, 68; J. Kleete, 1975; and E. Stiles, 626. At twelve o'clock the W.M., Bro. G. H. Fowle, opened the lodge, and, after the usual preliminaries, vacated the chair in favour of Bro. the Rev. Oxley Oxland, P.M., who had kindly undertaken the duties of Installing Master. Bro. Fowle then introduced the W.M. elect, Bro. A. H. Williams, S.W., to the Installing Master, and the ceremony was proceeded with, after which the following brethren were invested as officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Bros. T. A. R. Purchas, S.W.; J. F. Ogle, J.W.; L. F. Zietsman, Treasurer; W. Cotes, Secretary; F. S. Watermeyer, S.D.; G. B. Quicke, J.D.; F. J. Adkin, I.G.; and J. H. Taylor, Tyler. The impressive manner in which Bro. Oxland performed the ceremony called forth the congratulations of all present. After investing Bro. Fowle as I.P.M., Bro. Oxland presented him with a very handsome P.M. jewel, and remarked that it was a most pleasant duty for him to perform in presenting it, as it was a token of the esteem and respect of the brethren of the lodge. Bro. Fowle had made himself loved and respected, and he wished him long life to wear it. Bro. Fowle, in thanking the brethren for their kindness, said he should be always proud to wear on his breast what he should have in his heart, viz., a pleasant recollection of his year's work as Worshipful Master of the St. John's Lodge. The jewel is a massive gold one, and bears on its face the inscription "St. John's Lodge, 1886, Kokstad," and on the reverse side "Presented to Bro. G. H. Fowle, W.M. 1884-5." In the evening the brethren met at the Masonic Hotel, where a capital spread was provided by Bro. E. Stiles, whose well known abilities as a caterer were fully displayed and thoroughly appreciated. The cloth having been removed, the first toast of the evening—"The Queen and Craft"—was tersely proposed by the W.M., and was received and honoured in the usual Masonic style, the brethren singing the National Anthem. The W.M. then proposed "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," which was heartily drunk with Masonic honours, the brethren singing "God bless the Prince of Wales." The I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M.," expressing to him his warmest thanks for the kind manner in which he had at all times supported him during the past year, and asking the brethren to drink the toast in a bumper and with musical honours. The W.M. replied at some length, thanking the brethren for the heartiness of the reception of his name, and promising in every way to promote the welfare of the Craft, and especially St. John's Lodge. The W.M. then gave "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Fowle," whose name was received with much enthusiasm. He referred to the excellent work which Bro. Fowle had done for Masonry in East Griqualand, and hoped he would be spared to assist in extending that work. The toast having been duly honoured, Bro. Fowle expressed his thanks, expressing his heartfelt gratitude to the brethren of the lodge for their kind reception of the toast, and hoped the same cordial support would be accorded his successor as had been given to him in working the good ship "Freemasonry." Bro. Purchas, in felicitous terms, proposed "The Visitors," coupling with it the name of Bro. Jarvis, who had so ably assisted in the installation. He referred at some length to the grand principles of the Order, remarking that the day should be a red-letter one in the local Masonic calendar, and it was the first installation ceremony that had been performed in East Griqualand. Bros. Jarvis and Kleete replied in suitable terms, and thanked St. John's Lodge for the kind reception given to the visitors, who would always remember the event with pleasure. The I.P.M. then gave "The Health of the Installing Master," and remarked the great distinction the lodge had in numbering amongst its members so eminent a brother as Bro. Oxland, who in Masonic status was second to none in South Africa. He specially referred to the masterly and impressive manner their worthy brother had performed the beautiful ceremony they had that day witnessed, and asked them to drink the toast with all the cordiality they could display. The toast having been vociferously and musically honoured, Bro. Oxland rose to reply. He dealt at length on the beauties of the Order, detailing his own Masonic experiences and urging the brethren to strive to uphold and carry out the grand principles of the Craft. He thanked them heartily for their kind reception of the toast, and predicted a happy future for Freemasonry in the Territory. During the evening several songs and instrumental selections were given in a manner which showed that harmony was in every way well and worthily represented. The Tyler's toast brought to a close an evening which will long be remembered by the members of the fraternity present thereat.

The veteran actor Bro. William Creswick took his leave of the stage on Thursday, the 29th ult., at Drury Lane Theatre, which had been kindly placed at the disposal of the Committee of Management by Bro. Augustus Harris. Bro. Creswick made his first appearance before the footlights in the old Queen's Theatre, Tottenham Court-road, in 1835, in the character of Horace Meredith in the late Bro. Douglas Jerrold's "Schoolfellows," so that he has seen his fifty years' service as a member of the dramatic profession. An excellent programme was arranged for the occasion, the beneficiary himself appearing in a scene from "King Lear." At the close of the performances, Bro. Harris recited a valedictory address, written by Bro. Dr. Westland Marston, to which Bro. Creswick, owing to the emotion under which he laboured, had some difficulty in replying. It is expected that Bro. E. Ledger, as Honorary Treasurer of the Committee, will be able to hand to Bro. Creswick a cheque for upwards of £500 as the result of their labours. Bros. Henry Irving, Lionel Brough, Wilson Barrett, and others placed their services at the disposal of the Committee.

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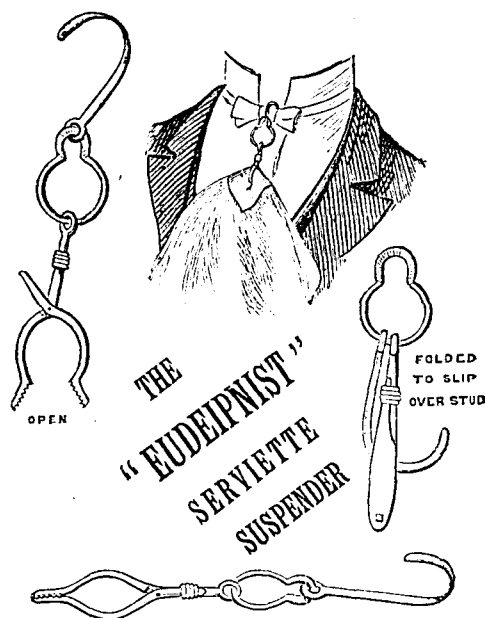
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THE SUSSEX "EVENING TIMES."

September 22nd, 1885.

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