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We heartily congratulate Bro. HEDGES on having secured a Chairman for the ensuing Festival, in May, 1886, of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. It is not often the case that this part of the arrangements in connection with our anniversary gatherings is completed at so advanced a date, and in this case, therefore, there is, a longer interval than usual, which can be devoted entirely to the work of organising the Board of Stewards. It is also a subject for congratulation that Bro. HEDGES has been able to enlist the services of Bro. General BROWNRIGG, C.B., P.G. Master of Surrey, for the rôle of Chairman. General BROWNRIGG is a veteran of the Craft, well versed in its principles and practice, and, as he presided with marked success at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution in 1883, it is not too much to anticipate that his services in May next will be similarly beneficial to the Girls' School. Moreover, he will have at his back the generous support of the whole Province of Surrey, which is as loyal in the respect it entertains for its chief as it is devoted to the interests of our Masonic Charities. It is on record that it raised over £900 for our Old Folks at the aforesaid Benevolent Festival in 1883, and we may be sure there will be no lack of brethren willing and even anxious to secure for their Provincial Grand Master a still greater triumph. And it is well known their assistance will be greatly needed. Even the ordinary task of raising the £12,000 or £13,000 necessary to carry on the beneficent work of the Girls' School, and maintain it in its present state of acknowledged efficiency, is no light one. But this autumn there has been expended the very considerable sum of £5000 in the purchase of some adjoining land, the purchase being necessary, in order to ensure as far as possible the privacy of the inmates, and, at the same time, prevent them from being enclosed on all sides by an inferior class of dwelling houses. This expenditure is, of course, in excess of the amount ordinarily required, and, as the Institution is not overburdened with permanent sources of income, it must be made good out of the year's receipts or those sources of income will be diminished. It will be seen, then, that a larger sum than usual must be provided, in order to meet the expenses of the year, and it is something to know that the assistance of an experienced Chairman and a devoted province have already been enlisted in behalf of the School.

We heartily congratulate our Irish brethren on the admirable choice they have made of a successor to their late Grand Master, the first Duke of ABERCORN. That gifted nobleman presided over their Grand Lodge with marked ability and success, there being one conspicuous event—the erection and opening of the new premises for the Masonic Orphan Schools in Dublin—which for generations will remain a worthy memorial of his courteous and kindly government. His son and successor both in the dukedom and the Grand Mastership will enter upon the duties of the latter office under even more favourable circumstances than his father, having for the last few years held the important position of Prov. Grand Master of Londonderry and Donegal, while he is at the same time a Past G. Senior Warden of England. To these personal qualifications must, of course, be added the prestige he will derive from his father's eminent services, so that the Grand Lodge of Ireland may justly anticipate from his election a renewal of that prosperity they have enjoyed for so many years. There is one other circumstance we may allude to. Though trifling in itself perhaps, it is noteworthy from the rarity of its occurrence. So far as we know, there is only one instance on record of a Grand Master in the United Kingdom being succeeded in that office by his son and successor in his title, and that occurred in 1774-5, when JOHN, 3rd Duke of ATHOLL, was succeeded as Grand Master of the "Ancients" by his son JOHN, 4th Duke of ATHOLL. May the beneficial results which attended the succession of an ATHOLL by an ATHOLL in the case of the "Ancients" be as apparent in the succession of an ABERCORN by an ABERCORN in the case of Ireland!

An important alteration in the suggested regulations of the Grand Chapter (overlooked apparently by our excellent Bro. J. L. HAWKINS in his able "brief account") is the reduction of the *minimum* fee for exaltation. It

stands now at *three* guineas (Rule 69), but the revised regulation No. 75 fixes it at *two* guineas, including, as before, the fee for registration and certificate. We are convinced that this reduction will be for the ultimate good of the Degree, and be accepted as an earnest of the intention of the Grand Chapter to obtain a larger share of support from Master Masons, who without such ceremony are, and must be, incomplete, under the English Constitution.

THE facts of the case are just these. A gentleman pays five or more guineas on his initiation, which sum obtains for him the Three Degrees, and he supposes at the time he is to receive these Three Degrees in full in due course. Subsequently he is told, or discovers, that, under the English Constitution, it has been ordered—wisely, as we believe—that there is still another ceremony to be given him prior to his completion as a Craft Mason, which can only be conferred on payment of three guineas more, at the least, and about the same sum for clothing. Many, not knowing the beauties of Royal Arch Masonry, never aspire to its mysteries, and doubtless not a few consider the fee is excessive. Those who think it should not be lowered can still require the three guineas, but we are persuaded that several chapters, when able, will gladly reduce their exaltation fee to two guineas, and their action will be followed by increased interest in Royal Arch Masonry, and plenty of suitable "work" for their chapters. We warmly advocate the change proposed, believing as we do, it will be a boon to many.

OUR American brethren are fond of curious calculations, and some of their statistical tables relating to the spread of the Craft are most interesting, as well as curious withal. The "Freemasons' Journal" and the *Keystone* have recently contained elaborate articles, based upon Bro. MACOX'S "Masonic Directory," as to the comparative spread of Masonic lodges in the chief cities of the world, and the number of Freemasons compared with that of the population in these great centres. According to their computations—and there is much to favour their calculations—there is one Mason to every 250 of the population in London and Edinburgh; one to every 125 in Dublin; one to 200 in Bristol; one to 240 in Glasgow; one to 300 in Manchester; one to 312 in Birmingham; one to 277 in Berlin; one to 360 in Hamburg; one to 446 in Liverpool; one to 400 in Madrid; one to 1000 in Bombay; and one to 715 in Calcutta. We take it, these figures refer to contributing members only. "Grouping these items together, it would foot up 653 lodges in 18 leading cities, sustaining a population of 13,500,000, which averages one Freemason to every 2768 souls of that population."

WHEN the faculty of number is applied to the United States the figures are most striking. In 16 of the great American cities, such as New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Boston, &c., having a population of 7,000,000, with 527 lodges, there is a membership of 61,000, or an average of one Freemason to every 114 of the total population. It must be remembered, however, that in the European statistics mainly, those of the Asiatic cities are included—Bombay and Calcutta—where the European population, from which the lodges chiefly obtain their members, is like "a drop of water to the ocean" of the Hindoos.

THOSE fond of pursuing such a curious enquiry can utilise the valuable information to be found in the "Cosmo" for 1886, now issued. This most useful Calendar is in its sixteenth year of publication, and never before contained such varied particulars of Grand Lodges and other Grand Bodies throughout the world. Whether it be in England, Scotland, Ireland, or abroad, prosperity seems to rest upon our beloved Society, wherever civil and religious liberty prevail. Comparing the 1885 edition with the one now ready, the Craft lodges in England have increased from 2074 to 2111, and those of the Mark lodges from 345 to 360. The Royal Arch chapters have also increased, and great activity prevails generally in relation to this Degree, entitled the "climax of Masonry." What we know as the "Higher Degrees" appear also to have held their own, and, as the "Cosmo" furnishes the names of all the members from the Thirtieth to the Thirty-third Degree, brethren can note for themselves the extraordinary spread of the "Ancient and Accepted Rite" in this country of late years, supported as it is by some of the most exalted, intelligent, and zealous Craftsmen and Mark Masons in England.

WE call the attention of our readers to some correspondence which appeared in our columns last week. The correspondence in question would seem to have had its origin in this wise. Among the "Answers to Correspondents" in the November number of a magazine entitled "New and Old" was one addressed to "A FREEMASON," in which the querist was advised to read an

article by Bishop ARMSTRONG, which appeared in the July number of the "Christian Remembrancer" for 1847, and from which he was given to understand he would discover that, as a Freemason, he was "committed to a system of Deism, and nothing else." It was further pointed out to him that our first Constitution "concerning God and Religion" required "the Christian to suppress all that is peculiarly Christian; the Jew all that is peculiarly Jewish; the Mahometan all that is peculiar to the Koran, and to join in one religious Brotherhood;" in short, that "Freemasonry" was "preparing the way for ANTI-CHRIST." The brother to whom we are indebted for the correspondence, and who signs himself "A PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY," wrote to the Editor of "New and Old" requesting the insertion in the number of that magazine for the current month of a letter, in which he denied "in toto" the justice of the interpretation put upon our Ancient Charge "concerning God and Religion," and pointed out, reasonably enough, that "Freemasonry" could not be "preparing the way for ANTI-CHRIST," or assuredly the present Archbishop of DUBLIN, the Bishop of PETERBOROUGH, the Earl of LIMERICK, and others "would not remain for one hour members of the Order." This letter of denial the Editor of "New and Old" had not the courtesy to find space for, and hence the publication of the correspondence in our columns. He did, however, make room for another reply to "A FREEMASON," who was told "to study the whole of Bishop ARMSTRONG'S article referred to and answer it." He was further asked what, if he believed there was "only one way of salvation, and One Name," he was doing and saying "to warn" his fellows, "Jews, Mahometans, Hindoos, &c., of their great danger;" whether "ST. PAUL and ST. JOHN would not, in season or out of season, have spoken out for their one Lord;" and whether they would "have called Him the 'Great Architect,' and said no word as to His being our only Saviour, Intercessor, and Judge." We are not partial to the discussion in these columns of questions affecting the relative values of different religious faiths. In accordance with our sense of Masonic duty, we respect them all equally. Nor do we believe the cause of religion is advanced by men of one set of tenets devoting their energies to the denunciation of those who pin their faith to another set of tenets. Still less do we regard with favour the adoption of such a course by people assuming to be imbued with the principles of that dispensation of love of which the Christ of St. John's Gospel was the author. There is nothing in that dispensation, as expounded by that Evangelist, about denouncing men of other religious faiths; but the following precept is given in one of the chapters of that gospel as having emanated from the founder of Christianity, and as embodying in one brief sentence the pure spirit of the new faith: "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." Were we writing a sermon we might enlarge on the simple beauty of this text. But sermons are out of place in a non-clerical paper. We content ourselves, therefore, with commending the precept we have just quoted to the "Christian Remembrancers," Editors of "New and Old," and others whom it may concern, and pointing out to them that Freemasons in their own unaffected way, and unbiased towards this or that religion, yet sincerely respecting all, lose no opportunity of impressing upon their "fellows," both "in season and out of season," that their first and chiefest duty is, not to denounce those who differ from them, not to anathematise and excommunicate them, but "to love one another," to be "in Charity with all men."

CONSECRATION OF THE ISRAEL CHAPTER, No. 205.

This new Royal Arch Chapter was consecrated on Tuesday evening, the 8th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, by Comps. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Sid. Br., acted as H.; and the Rev. R. J. Simpson as J.; Thomas Fenn, P.G.S.B., as S.N.; and Frank Richardson, P.A.G. Soj., as D. of C. The other Comps. present were Chas. F. Hogard, Alfred J. Henochsberg, Isaac P. Cohen, John A. Gartley, E. J. Ehrenberg, Marcus Bromet, H. J. Phillips, J. Lichtenfeld, Rev. Marcus Haines, Joseph da Silva, John L. Mather, P.Z. 1471; M. I. Emanuel, P.Z. 188; James Stevens, P.Z. 720; C. H. Webb, P.Z. 1549; A. Bassington, P.Z. 733; A. V. Haines, Z. 142; S. Barnett, P.Z. 141; F. R. W. Hedges, J. 1900; T. Hastings Miller, P.Z. 907; C. Chaffourier, 1201; M. J. Benjamin, late 188; Wolff Littaur, Z. 188; James C. Hayes, H. 142; A. M. Cohen, late P.Z. 188; James Russell, 173; H. Massey, Z. elect 1928; Thos. Tremere, 1929; Gabriel Rosenthal (Adelaide), S. Schmerl, 188; Fred. Binckes, P.Z., H. 59; Wm. Mundy, 188; J. Lewis Thomas, P.G.S.B.; H. Sadler, G. Janitor; and W. H. Myers.

Comp. E. M. Lott, presided at the organ, and played the anthems; the vocal portions being rendered by Comp. Tremere.

Comp. Col. SHADWELL CLERKE, after the formal opening of the chapter, addressing the companions, said they were met on a very important and interesting occasion, viz., to give effect to a warrant of Grand Chapter which permitted the Israel Chapter to be formed. Some 93 years ago a lodge was formed in London by the Atholl Grand Lodge, called the Israel Lodge; and since then the Israel Lodge had worked at various places in the City of London. But the brethren of this lodge who had desired to advance in the mysteries of Royal Arch Masonry, had had to accept the good offices of chapters attached to other lodges. But those brethren had thought it only right and proper that they should have a keystone placed to the Masonic edifice by having a chapter attached to it, such as was now authorised by Grand Chapter. They presented a petition to Grand Chapter for authority to establish an Israel Chapter, and Grand Chapter had seen fit to grant the prayer of that petition. The founders of the chapter were practised, tried, and trusted Royal Arch Masons, who had had great experience. The First Principal had already been the First

Principal of three other chapters; the Second Principal was also P.Z. of No. 188; and the Third Principal was already in the second chair of another chapter. No doubt, therefore, the Israel Chapter would be well and properly conducted, and before long would prove itself to have fulfilled the aspirations and hopes of those who originated it.

After the petition and charter of constitution had been read by Comp. Frank Richardson,

The Rev. R. J. SIMPSON delivered an oration which was listened to with great attention, and which we regret we have not space for this week.

The remainder of the ceremony was afterwards performed, and the following companions were installed: Comp. Charles Frederick Hogard, P.Z. and J. 10, P.Z. 141 and 142, as M.E.Z.; Comp. Alfred Julius Henochsberg, P.Z. 188, as H.; and Comp. Joseph Da Silva, H. 188, as J. Comp. H. Phillips was elected and invested S.E.; Comp. J. A. Gartley, S.N.; Comp. L. Norden, P.S.; and the Rev. M. Haines was appointed 1st A.S.; and Comp. Ehrenberg, 2nd. A.S. Comp. I. P. Cohen was elected and invested as Treasurer. Comp. Lichtenfeld was appointed D.C.; and Comp. Arthur Walkley, was elected as Janitor.

Cordial votes of thanks were unanimously passed to Comps. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Edgar Bowyer, the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Thomas Fenn, and Frank Richardson, for their services in consecrating the chapter, and the honorary membership of the chapter was conferred upon those companions.

Comp. SHADWELL H. CLERKE acknowledged the compliment, after which a long list of the propositions for exaltation were read, and another long list of proposed joining members.

A Committee was then appointed to frame the by-laws of the chapter, and the chapter was duly and formally closed.

The companions afterwards adjourned to a superb banquet, and subsequently honoured the usual Royal Arch toasts.

After the toast of "The Queen and R.A. Masonry," in giving the toast of "The Prince of Wales, M.E.Z.," Comp. HOGARD said that the Israel Chapter had the Prince of Wales's signature attached to its warrant, which he was sure they would highly prize.

In giving the toast of "His Excellency the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand First Principal, and the other Dignitaries of Supreme Grand Chapter," which included Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke and his assistants in the ceremony of consecration, Comp. HOGARD reminded the companions that they were extremely indebted to those Grand Officers. On the important occasions, when Grand Scribe E. consecrated either lodges or chapters, Comp. Frank Richardson was sure to be present. Comp. Fenn was a host in himself. He was not only President of the Board of General Purposes, but was the life and soul of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, a lodge which no Mason who prided himself upon working the ceremonies could expect to be perfect unless he had on some occasions attended. To Comp. Simpson they were indebted for an excellent oration, which must have sunk deeply into the heart of every one. Comp. Hogard also complimented Comp. Bowyer on his services not only to Craft and Royal Arch Masonry, but also the Masonic Charities.

Comp. F. RICHARDSON, in replying, said he could quite endorse the remarks of the M.E.Z. with regard to those who ruled over the Order. Earls Carnarvon and Lathom were ready at all times, and in all places, to do their work. The other Grand Officers endeavoured to the utmost of their power to perform their work, and he thought it only fair that honours having been in good fortune cast upon them, they should return it by assisting in the foundation of lodges and chapters. The Grand Officers congratulated the Israel Chapter most heartily upon the new child ushered into existence that day. The Lodge of Israel had been some time ascending to this step, as it was so near its centenary; but he thought from the manner the chapter was formed, although it had taken some time to do it, it would be very prosperous in the future. They wished the chapter most heartily success, not only during the present First Principal's year of office, but that the chapter might take a great place on the roll of Grand Chapter. They hoped, as honorary members, to come among the companions occasionally and see the admirable way in which he knew they would do their work.

Comp. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, in proposing "The M.E.Z.," said the toast of the First Principal on these occasions immediately followed that of the Grand Officers, and it was very fit it should be so, as it was absolutely the most important. It was a great honour to be the First Principal of a chapter or the Master of a lodge; but it must be a much greater honour to be chosen as the first head of a new body. In that proud position Comp. Hogard stood now; and very fit it was that he should so stand. He was an old and trusted Mason. This was no less than the fourth time he had occupied the chair of First Principal of a chapter, and the companions had exercised a wise discretion in selecting him for that position. He congratulated them on their choice, and also congratulated Comp. Hogard on the proud position he was placed in. From the genial way in which he had occupied the chair, he was sure the chapter would be well conducted, and that the companions would not regret having placed him in the chair.

Comp. HOGARD said it was a very proud position for any one to be the first chief of any Order, and he felt extremely proud on being selected to fill the chair of the Israel Chapter for its first year, having been so many years connected with the Israel Lodge, which was his mother lodge, and also having for several years been its Secretary. He hoped the chapter would prosper in as marked a manner as the lodge. They all knew the position in which it now stood, the support it had given to the Masonic Charities, and to the Lodge Benevolent Fund. He would do his best to place the chapter upon the same high pinnacle. He did not expect when the companions first talked about forming a chapter that he would be asked to be its first Z.; but having been placed there, he should endeavour to discharge the duties devolving upon him as one of its heads. From the long list of names read that evening for exaltation, he concluded that, at all events, they started with a very good future before them.

Comp. HOGARD next proposed "The Consecrating Officers." Every one must have been very much pleased and delighted to see Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, who had come direct from a very severe attack of illness, and the companions would welcome him first and foremost in that respect; next they congratulated him on his recovery, and then for the honour he had conferred upon the chapter in attending in order to consecrate it, and launch it on the sea of Royal Arch Masonry. With a favourable wind they

would, one and all, endeavour to prove their gratitude to Col. Clerke and the other Consecrating Officers by showing that the chapter would become one of the leading chapters on the roll of Supreme Grand Chapter of England.

Comp. Col. SHADWELL CLERKE replying, said he could assure the companions that he and the other Consecrating Officers were highly sensible of the honour paid them. It had been a great pleasure to be there that day to assist in the work of the evening. They felt certainly that they had come to do a good work, and that the Israel Chapter would never disgrace the ceremony they had that evening performed. There was a day when it was somewhat difficult to get a Royal Arch chapter founded, and it was then considered that one Royal Arch chapter was sufficient for several Craft lodges. Those days were past, and now it was felt that two lodges were quite enough to support one chapter. A lodge so old and influential as the Israel, he thought was quite right to claim a chapter for itself, and he was personally very glad to see they had completed the Masonic structure. He thanked Comp. Hogard for his remarks about his illness; it would certainly have been a great disappointment to him if he had not been able to attend to instal such an old friend. For himself and the other Consecrating Officers he thanked the M.E.Z. and the companions for the very kind reception they had extended that evening, and he wished the chapter most heartily success.

Comp. HOGARD, in giving the toast of "The Visitors," said that as members of a new chapter, they were very proud indeed to welcome among them such a goodly array of visitors as those who had honoured the Israel Chapter that evening. He then enumerated each member of the list of visitors, many of whom he said had been more than once visitors of the Lodge of Israel.

Comp. J. LEWIS THOMAS, in responding, said he felt very sensible of the honour done him in calling upon him to reply for so many distinguished visitors, and he felt he owed it entirely to his long friendship with the M.E.Z. As an old visitor of the Israel Lodge, he was highly delighted to find a chapter attached to it. He was sure the chapter would be a good offshoot from so excellent a lodge.

Comp. HOGARD, in proposing "The H. and J.," said they were told that the Three Principals were one, but to-night being a very solemn event in the history of the chapter they had thought it well to give the second and third Principals an opportunity of responding each and severally. Comp. Henochsberg was the I.P.Z. of the Joppa Chapter and Comp. Da Silva was the H. Comp. Henochsberg was a P.M. of the Lodge of Israel, Liverpool, and Comp. Da Silva was a P.M. of the Israel Lodge in London. He felt very proud of being associated with two such excellent working Masons, because if he made a slip during his year, they would be able to pick him up and put him right.

Comp. ALFRED J. HENOCHSBERG, H., said that the chapter was fortunate in having so efficient a worker as Comp. Hogard to preside. He felt certain that the chapter was bound to prosper.

Comp. JOSEPH DA SILVA, J., looked upon the drinking of this toast as being done upon trust—the companions trusting that the officers would perform their duties in a satisfactory manner. He felt that he and the other officers were animated by that spirit which had been so well enunciated by Comp. Henochsberg, and that all the members of the chapter would endeavour to make this year of Comp. Hogard a most successful one. They would all try to make the chapter a very flourishing one.

Comp. HOGARD next proposed "The Masonic Charities," and said that Masons were taught at their initiation that charity was one of the most distinguishing characteristics of the Order. That the Masonic Charities had attained the position they now held, was, he thought, a very fair proof that that charge was not forgotten. The three Charities were doing a large and important work in educating children, and alleviating the sufferings of the aged. These institutions were flourishing, but it would not be denied that the candidates for them were increasing in a larger ratio than they were able to support. He hoped, therefore, that the Israel Chapter would follow the example of the lodge, and assist the institutions liberally. He (Comp. Hogard) was representing the Boys' School this next year, and Comp. Da Silva would represent the lodge at the Girls' Festival.

Comp. F. BINCKES responded. He congratulated the old Lodge of Israel on having established a chapter. With reference to the cause of Charity, the chapter had in its present M.E.Z. one who had done a great deal in the support of the Institutions, and he was sure that if the chapter launched under such favourable auspices went on and prospered, it would be another body which would aid and assist in coping with that large amount of Masonic distress which the Institutions were established for meeting. It had been said that on these occasions there were some who pressed the claims of the Institutions too forcibly on the minds of the members of the Order. He would ask such to give a dispassionate consideration to the other side of the question—that if they failed to do so, what would be the censure passed upon them if they neglected to avail themselves of every legitimate opportunity of placing before the Craft the claims of the Institutions and the necessities of the candidates. They had a large number of sympathetic brethren, who contributed largely and generously; but, at the same time, the fact could not be ignored that the great majority of the Order did not sufficiently realise the responsibilities they took on the night of their initiation, and it was to that idle body they were called upon to appeal from time to time. It was incumbent on brethren connected with the Institutions to do what they could to support practical Masonic Charity. They must not allow their Institutions to be for one moment forgotten. Who were the best supporters of the Institutions? Without fear of contradiction he said those who supported Masonry in other directions, those who were most devoted to the cultivation of Masonic ritual, and the inculcation of all the best principles that Masonry had cultivated. But he held that they most appealed to the idle and unobservant Mason, and get him to devote himself to Masonry, and to assist the Masonic Charities. For 30 years he had endeavoured to make Masonry in every branch in which he possibly could the highest and the noblest organisation of which the world could boast.

The toast of "The Officers" was replied to by Comps. H. PHILLIPS, J. A. GARTLEY, Rev. M. HAINES, EHRENBERG, LICHTENFELD, and I. P. COHEN, and the Janitor's toast closed the proceedings.

During the evening some beautiful singing was given by Miss Amy Sargent, Miss Minnie Kirton, Comp. T. Tremere, and Bro. Arthur Thompson, under the direction of Comp. E. M. Lott, Grand Organist.

The collars and jewels as well as the programmes and menu cards were supplied by Bro. George Kenning, who is also preparing a design for a Founders Jewel.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 30th ult., Bro. R. F. Shaw Stewart, Past Substitute Grand Master, acting as Grand Master; Bro. J. Crichton, as Grand Senior Warden; and Bro. Allan Mackenzie, as Grand Junior Warden.

The ACTING GRAND MASTER declared all the offices vacant, and then moved that Bro. Col. Sir A. C. Campbell, of Blythswood, Bart., be re-appointed Grand Master Mason of Scotland.

This was carried with acclamation, and thereafter the several office bearers who were present were installed, the list for the year being as follows:—

Bro. Col. Sir Arch. C. Campbell of Blythswood, Bart.	G. Master.
„ The Right Hon. the Earl of Mar and Kellie	... Past G. Master.
„ The Right Hon. the Earl of Haddington	... Dep. G. Master.
„ The Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore	... Sub. G. Master.
„ Frederick E. Villiers of Closeburn	... G.S.W.
„ James T. S. Elliot, younger, of Wolfelee	... G.J.W.
„ D. Murray Lyon	... G. Sec.
„ David Kinnear	... G. Cashier.
„ Rev. Pearson M'Adam Muir	... G. Chap.
„ Rev. John Watt, B.D.	... G. Chap.
„ Wm. M'Lean, jun., C.A....	... G.S.D.
„ J. Dalrymple Duncan	... G.J.D.
„ R. Rowland Anderson, LL.D.	... Grand Architect.
„ James H. Inches	... Grand Jeweller.
„ Capt. F. W. Allan	... Grand Bible Br.
„ James Brand	... Grand D. of C.
„ James Cranstoun, LL.D....	... Grand Bard.
„ Lieut.-Col. John Campbell	... Grand Swd. Br.
„ William Harrison	... Grand D. of M.
„ Robert Davidson	... Grand Org.
„ Major William Hill	... Grand Marshal.
„ David Reid	... Grand I.G.
„ David Robertson	... Grand Tyler.
„ James Turner	... } Grand Stwds.
„ William Edwards	... }

After the installation the Grand Lodge granted charters to the following new lodges: Ivanhoe, Sydney, New South Wales; Montrose, Gisborne, North Island of New Zealand; and Caledonian, Bathurst, New South Wales.

The Grand Lodge afterwards repaired to the Great Hall, where the members celebrated St. Andrew's Day by the usual banquet. They were joined by deputations from daughter lodges throughout the country, and the company numbered about 150. Bro. Villiers presided, and the croupiers were Bros. T. S. Elliot and James Crichton. The deputations present were from the following lodges: No. 1, St. Mary's Chapel, headed by Bro. Webster, P.M.; No. 2, Canongate, Kilwinning, Bro. A. Mackenzie, R.W.M.; No. 5, Canongate and Leith, Bro. Clark, R.W.M.; No. 8, Journeymen, Bro. Rennie, R.W.M.; No. 44, Holyrood House, St. Luke, Bro. G. Monro Thompson, R.W.M.; No. 97, St. James, Bro. Jas. Macleod, P.M.; No. 111, St. John, Hawick, Bro. Turnbull, R.W.M.; No. 291, Celtic, Bro. R. J. Jamieson; No. 349, St. Clair, Bro. Innes, R.W.M.; No. 360, Commercial, Glasgow, Bro. Jas. Steel, R.W.M.; No. 394, Caledonia, Bro. Roberts, R.W.M.; No. 495, Rifle, Bro. Jas. Smith, P.M.; No. 597, North British Railway, Bro. Graham, S.W.; and No. 668, St. Clement's, Aberdeen, Bro. Booth, R.W.M.

Apologies for absence were intimated from Bros. Col. Sir A. C. Campbell, Bart., the Earl of Haddington, the Earl of Kintore, the Earl of Mar and Kellie, Past Grand Master; the Rev. Dr. Story, Past Grand Chaplain; R. Pearson M'Adam Muir, Grand Chaplain; the Earl of Airlie, Lieut.-Col. John Campbell, Grand Sword Bearer; John Graham, C.A., Sheriff Thomas, Captain Russel Colt of Gartsherrie, J. Dalrymple Duncan, and others.

After dinner, the usual loyal toasts were given from the chair, Bro. BENNET replying for "The Navy," Bro. R. F. SHAW STEWART for "The Army," and Bro. ALLAN for "The Reserve Forces."

"The Grand Lodges of England and Ireland" was proposed also from the chair, and Bro. Dr. F. UNDERHILL, G. Supt. of Works Worcestershire, replied—the ACTING MASTER making a touching reference to the death of the Duke of Abercorn, late Grand Master of Ireland.

The ACTING GRAND MASTER next proposed the toast of "The Grand Master," and, hinting at his candidature in Renfrewshire, said that whatever policy he was endeavouring to support, they might be assured he was doing what he thought to be his duty to his country. (Applause.) Even if they never wished him success before in their lives, he would answer for it that the Grand Lodge would wish the Grand Master Mason success that night. (Applause.)

Bro. Dr. ROWLAND ANDERSON proposed "The Past Grand Masters."

At this stage a Masonic ode of great power was read by Dr. CRANSTOUN, the Grand Bard. His health was heartily drunk, and it was resolved that the ode be printed in the journals of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. W. MANN, S.S.C., proposed "The Acting Grand Master." He was sure they excused the absence of the Grand Master on that occasion, because he was engaged in what he (Bro. Mann) believed to be a patriotic work. (Applause.) If changes were made in the House of Commons he thought it would be a beneficial change if it were made a condition of election that all members should be Freemasons. (Laughter and applause.) If that was the case there would be less bickering, disagreement, and obstruction than at present. (Applause.) Bro. Villiers had, in the absence of the Grand Master, admirably discharged the duties of the chair, and he had no doubt that before many years they would have Bro. Villiers in the actual occupancy of the Grand Master's chair. (Applause.)

The ACTING MASTER replied in suitable terms, and other toasts followed.

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To Correspondents.

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We shall draw attention to the subject of Masonic statistics in relation to the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of England in our next issue.

The following communications stand over:

CRAFT LODGES:—St. John's, 80; Marquess of Granby, 124; Mariners, 168; St. Helliers, 531; Sir George Cathcart, (S.C.) 617; Kingston, 1010; Emulation, 1163; Stour Valley, 1224; Morecambe, 1561; Fraternity and Perseverance, 1746; and Royal Albert Edward, 1362; St. Cuthberga, 622. Presentation to Bro. W. F. Brodie, Provincial Priory of Hants and Isle of Wight.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Court Circular," "Cellulose," "Hull Daily Mail," "Le Moniteur de la Chance Un verselle," "International Masonic Review," "First Annual Report of the Home for Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Key-stone," "Sunday Times" (New York), "New York Dispatch," "Jewish Chronicle," "Luzit Mañico," "Liberal Freemason," "Izizen," "Hull Packet," "Voice of Masonry," "Oddfellows' Magazine," "The Morning Post," "First Public Concert of the Westminster Orchestral Society," "Midland Evening News," and "Sunday Times" (London).



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1885.

Original Correspondence.

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

A QUESTION OF PRECEDENCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

A question of some importance cropped up at our lodge recently, and it was agreed to ask the favour of your decision as to what would be right under the following circumstances:—

"At an installation meeting the outgoing W.M. and the I.P.M. decline to undertake the task of installing the W.M. elect. Other P. Masters are present and willing to do so, but the question then arises, which P.M. can claim as his right to perform the office, the I.P.M. having, as before-mentioned, declined?"

A reply to the above query would be greatly esteemed by the P. Masters.—Yours fraternally, I.P.M.

[We imagine there can be no doubt it is a question of seniority—the oldest P.M. having the first claim, and so on.—ED. F.M.]

LONDON CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In looking over your issue of 3rd October last, I saw a report of the meeting of the Charity Committee of the Province of Worcestershire; I also saw "The London Charity Association" mentioned as owing several votes. Will you, or some of your correspondents, kindly inform me the objects of this Association, and where its offices are? and oblige, yours truly, J.W.

HONOUR TO WHOM HONOUR IS DUE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

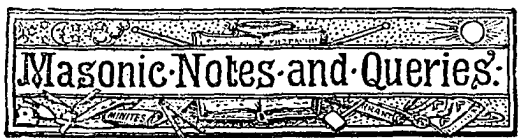
Dear Sir and Brother,

In the interesting account which appeared in the last issue of the *Freemason* of the inauguration of the Empire Lodge an omission has occurred, no doubt inadvertently, which cannot be remedied too soon.

Among the many distinguished personages who have manifested an interest, or taken part in the founding of this important Masonic centre, there is no one more entitled to recognition than Viscount Bury.

Lord Bury is an old Mason himself, and this renewed active co-operation in the foundation of a Masonic lodge which is destined to be so great a success, and to play such an important part in consolidating those Masonic bonds which already binds together the mother country and her colonies, cannot but be a matter of general congratulation to the Craft. VINDEX.

December 9th.



A CRUX.

Vanity Fair publishes what it calls "Hard Cases," in which "A" gets into some difficulty, or is made the subject of offensive conduct on the part of "B," &c. These cases always end with the query—What should "A" do? Now, in the following hard case I put it to the curious—What should W.M. do? The regular meeting of his lodge (not being the election or the installation meeting) falls on Christmas Day. He infers from B.C., 165, that lodges may not lawfully be held on Christmas Day, Good Friday, nor on a public holiday, any more than on Sunday. He cannot hold the lodge on Christmas eve, because the room is on that evening at the service of a Royal Arch chapter, which rents the same. Saturday, 26th, is Bank Holiday, and the following day is Sunday, a "dies non," and he considers that Monday, 28th, is practically the "day after" contemplated by B.C., 165. He is going to call his lodge committee together to resolve this knotty point. If he summons his lodge at some early hour on the 24th he will have no attendance, and there is "work" to be got through. He has no business to let the meeting drop; because he may not suspend the bye-laws, and every regular meeting not provided for in B.C., 130, must be summoned and held, and by the same rule the Prov. G.M. cannot help him. What should W.M. do? Lodge 569 and two Royal Arch chapters are set down for Christmas Day, and can probably meet on the 24th; but suppose any lodge meeting to be due on the last Saturday in December (and there doubtless are several lodges), what should the W.M. of such lodge do? CRUX ANSATA.



Craft Masonry.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, 7th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall. Present: Bros. John Whittle Harvey, W.M.; T. Hawkins, S.W.; Lindner, P.M., J.W.; J. J. Wilson, Treas.; J. Dyer, Sec.; J. T. Ford, S.D.; W. Wingham, J.D.; Lowenstark, P.M., D.C.; G. Deaton, I.G.; E. J. Wall, W. Stwd.; Wakly, Tyler; J. S. Hodson, P.M.; Lowenstark, P.M.; Lindner, P.M.; Robins, P.M.; Baker, P.M.; Jaquet, J. S. Hodson, Briggs, Cole, Smith, Vernon, Whithorn, Elliott, Hiscock, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. S. Elliott, P.M. 749; G. Austen, P.M. 753; R. Pilling, 753; W. H. Baker, W.M. 2030; and C. H. F. Whalton, 2045.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Harry Hiscock, and, proving unanimous, he was initiated into Freemasonry. Motion by Bro. Dyer, P.M., seconded by Bro. T. Hawkins, S.W.: "That the votes of the lodge be given to Bro. J. Ives for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution." Bro. Hawkins, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. J. J. Wilson, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer; and Bros. Robins and Lindner were elected trustees for the Fund of Benevolence. Bro. Wakly was re-elected Tyler. Bros. Elliott, Wall, and Hudson, jun., as lay brethren on the Audit Committee, promised and carried "that the Audit be held at the W.M.'s house, by his invitation." The P.M.'s jewel was unanimously voted to the W.M. in recognition of his services in the chair.

The secretary read an apology from the J.W. for non-attendance through illness. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed. The brethren adjourned to the banquet in the glee room. The customary loyal toasts were duly honoured.

"The W.M." was proposed in eulogistic terms by Bro. Robins, P.M.

The W.M. thanked the brethren for the kind way they had responded to the toast of his health, and was gratified at the compliment Bro. Robins had been pleased to bestow on him. He had always endeavoured throughout his year of office to carry out all the duties appertaining to his position to the best of his ability, and to uphold the prestige of the lodge. He tendered his sincere thanks to the P.M.'s, officers, and brethren for the cordial support he had received from them.

The next toast was "The Initiate," and was duly responded to.

"The Visitors" was next given, and received with great heartiness by all the brethren. Bros. Austen and Elliott returned thanks, and expressed their wish that it would not be long before they had the pleasure of coming again.

The W.M. proposed "The Treasurer and Secretary," which was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Dyer.

The W.M. next proceeded to propose the toast of "The P.M.'s," which was duly responded to by several P.M.'s. "The Officers" were also proposed, each responding.

In the interval between the toasts some excellent songs were rendered by Miss Eugene Kemble, accompanied by Bro. Smith. The brethren also assisted the harmony, and a highly agreeable evening was spent.

STRONG MAN LODGE (No. 45).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C. Present: Bros. H. T. Nell, W.M.; L. S. Fountaine, S.W.; R. E. Hunt, J.W.; H. Follett, Treas.; Jno. N. Heale, Sec.; F. C. Herbert, S.D.; T. Bolt, J.D.; T. Culbon, I.G.; J. Smihurst and R. Kelsey, Stewards; E. Mallett, Tyler; J. Smith, P.M.; F. W. Driver, P.M.; C. H. Dowsett, E. H. Dove, S. Wood, A. Mace, and E. A. King. Visitors: Bros. J. E. Collings, 1693; and A. L. ve, 1791.

Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were then read and confirmed, the chief item of which was the alteration of Bye-law No. 17, making the election of the W.M. in the month of April, instead of March. The ballot was then taken on behalf of two gentlemen, which proved unanimous in their favour; being

in attendance, Mr. William Fassett Bruty and Mr. William Sammes were then initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, according to ancient custom. All letters having been read, the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren then sat down to a supper. The usual loyal toasts were heartily given and responded to. On this occasion several of the P.M.s. were "conspicuous by their absence," which brought a warm and hearty reception to their toasts, showing that wherever they were their associations with the lodge were not forgotten.

"The Initiates," ably proposed by the W.M., were responded to by Bros. Bruty and Sammes.

The evening was pleasantly spent, and various songs given by the brethren did much to increase the pleasure, which the Tyler's toast brought to an end.

LODGE OF TEMPERANCE IN THE EAST (No. 898).—The above-named old lodge met on Wednesday, the 25th ult., at the Assembly Rooms, Poplar. Bro. Geo. Sidders, W.M., was well supported by the brethren generally, and the following Past Masters: Bros. Pulsford, I.P.M.; Dr. C. Wyatt Smith, Sec.; J. R. Waller, Treas.; C. Scrutton; H. Rogers, D. of C.; G. Graveley; and G. H. Stephens; also Bros. Butcher, S.W.; J. Byford, J.W.; Carter, S.D.; Gordon, J.D.; Cadman, I.G.; Sherwin, Org.; and others. The business before the lodge consisted of the initiation of three gentlemen into the Order, and all preliminaries proving favourable, Messrs. G. Hughes, J. G. Hammond, jun., and H. W. Mant were admitted in an able manner. Bro. Hughes was afterwards passed to the Second Degree. Other business was successfully disposed of, and the brethren adjourned. Among the visitors were Bros. C. Slater, 1076; R. Gielard, 901; W. G. Cadwallader, 404 (S.C.) After lodge, upon the invitation of the W.M., a social hour was pleasantly passed, and some excellent harmony enjoyed.

ST. MARYLEBONE LODGE (No. 1305).—A meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Langham Hotel, on Wednesday, the 9th inst., when a very large number of brethren assembled; the principal feature of the evening being the admission, as joining member, of Bro. Lord Charles W. de la Poer Beresford, M.P., P.M. Saxe-Weimar Lodge, 1903, Portsmouth. The W.M., Bro. Henry Hill, was supported by Bros. F. Smith, J.W.; J. Chaplin, Treas.; J. L. Baker, P.M., Sec.; J. Spurgin, S.D.; F. J. Bonham, J.D.; W. H. Pope, Steward; F. C. Moullet, I.P.M.; S. G. Foxall, P.G.P., P.M.; E. White, P.M.; W. V. Tyler, P.M.; J. J. Pope, P.M.; B. Phillips, P.M.; C. Walker, P.M.; and a numerous attendance of brethren. The visitors present were Bros. C. A. Cottelourne, P.G.P.; W. H. Baker, W.M. 2030; Col. G. W. Burges, P.M. 9; G. M. Gorton, P.M. 172; H. Von Juel, P.M. 957; J. March, P.M. 27; T. B. Linscott, P.M. 55; J. Shand, P.M.; C. Jackson, P.M. 534; O. Hansard, P.M. 197; L. Bert, P.M. 179; H. F. Foxall, J. D. 1381; J. Healey, S.W. 1348; R. H. Palmer, S.W. 1732; L. Jacobs, I.P.M. 1732; G. Coop, S.W. 141; E. Rustiman, S.D. 1969; G. A. Garratt, 704; C. R. Wicken, 733; J. Thorn, 997; R. Andrews, 35; T. Arnold, 1329; H. Jenkins, 860; T. Tucker, 144; G. T. Cox, 862; G. M. Mayo, 1732; F. Price, 1608; G. F. Edwards, I.G. 765; T. Cannes, 179; J. F. Millis, 211; J. Potter, 1614; D. Wilson, 1563; H. J. Honeyman, 55; W. Smith, 1706; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and confirmed. Ballot was then taken for Bro. Lord Charles W. de la P. Beresford, M.P., P.M. of the Saxe-Weimar Lodge, Portsmouth (who was proposed by Bro. F. Seager-Hunt, M.P.), and Bro. C. Walker, Old Concord Lodge, as joining members, which, proving unanimous, the W. Master said that he had much pleasure in declaring them duly elected members of the St. Marylebone Lodge. Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., was initiated in Lodge 87, Sydney, N.S.W., 14th Nov., 1870. He subsequently joined Lodge 1205, East Stonehouse, in May, 1873, and was first W.M. of the Saxe-Weimar Lodge, No. 1993, Portsmouth, in 1881.

Bro. J. E. Hammond was then raised to the degree of Master Mason, after which Messrs. Whiteley, sen., Whiteley, jun., and J. W. Avery were impressively initiated into Freemasonry.

It was resolved unanimously that a letter of condolence be sent to the family of the late Bro. Durrant, who had been a respected member of the Lodge for many years.

All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a magnificent banquet.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales," were given and received in the usual hearty Masonic manner.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Grand Officers," said that the Marylebone Lodge was always favoured with a good attendance of Grand Officers, and that night was no exception. The Grand Officers always used their best endeavours for the good of the Craft, and they were ably represented by Bros. Cottelourne and Foxall.

Bro. C. A. Cottelourne, P.G.P., in reply, expressed the pleasure he felt in rising to return thanks for this toast. He had had the privilege of being a Grand Officer for many years, and was always pleased to see that the brethren of the various lodges received this toast with so much enthusiasm. He congratulated the W.M. on the very impressive manner in which the installation ceremony had been performed.

Bro. S. G. Foxall, P.G.P., also responded, and said that he was pleased to see an accession of five members to swell the numbers of the lodge. But he was especially pleased to see Bro. Lord Beresford, M.P., introduced among them as a member, and the thanks of the brethren were due to Bro. Seager-Hunt, M.P., for introducing him.

Bro. F. C. Moullet, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said the brethren had seen the excellent working of Bro. Hill, their esteemed W.M., and therefore it was unnecessary for him to dwell upon his merits. He felt sure that the lodge would continue to flourish under his guidance.

Bro. H. Hill, W.M., replied, and returned his hearty thanks for the terms in which Bro. Moullet had alluded to him, and for the flattering reception the brethren had given the toast. He would do his best to carry out the duties as efficiently as the Master who had preceded him. He considered that that night was a grand meeting in the annals

of the lodge, and was proud that the distinguished brethren who were present had honoured him with their attendance. "The Initiates" was next given by the W.M., who said that it was essential that new blood should be brought into the lodge. He was glad to say that there were three initiates that evening, all of whom he hoped would one day be shining lights in Freemasonry.

Bro. Whiteley, sen., responded, and in an eloquent speech expressed the pleasure and pride he felt at being among them. When he heard the grand doctrines that were enunciated in the initiation ceremony, he was very much impressed, for they were the grand principles that were taught by the Great Master himself. He felt he had become a new creature since his initiation. There were two great precepts in Freemasonry that were dear to the hearts of all. He referred to brotherly love and Charity, and he felt sure the brethren would heartily unite with him in wishing that the Masonic wings of love might never lose a feather.

Bro. Whiteley, jun., and Bro. J. W. Avery also returned thanks for the kind manner in which they had been received.

Bro. Seager-Hunt, M.P., then took charge of the gavel, and asked the brethren to receive from his hands the toast of the evening—that of "The Joining Members." Bro. Lord Beresford and C. Walker would, he was certain, be impressed with the manner in which their W. Master, Bro. Hill, had performed the ceremonies that night, for he had never heard the beautiful precepts more grandly given. He hoped it had impressed the initiates, for true Masonic feeling brought about many a happy home, and enabled us to stand against that wave of Atheism and Socialism that at the present time was so prevalent.

Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., in reply, said that it was a very great pleasure to him to be with them, and to be elected a member of the lodge, for which he heartily thanked them. Many of the brethren were personally known to him, and it was pleasant to see them together that night. He was initiated in New South Wales, and since that time had joined a large number of lodges in different parts of the world, including Hong-Kong, Wellington, New Zealand, the Cape, and in Tunis. At the latter place he was much impressed by seeing a brother, who was an Irishman, initiate an Englishman, a Frenchman, and an Italian, and each in the language of the brethren who were initiated. He was very much impressed at the speech of Bro. Whiteley, sen., one of the initiates. Bro. Whiteley appeared to have found out the great and grand principles of the Craft. He (Bro. Lord Beresford) wished to pay a strong compliment to the W. Master, for he had never seen the initiation ceremony performed in a manner more calculated to impress. In conclusion, he had to offer his heartfelt thanks to the lodge for their reception, and considered it a great honour to become a member of so flourishing a lodge.

Bro. E. White, P.M., then gave "The Visitors," which their W.M. had asked him to propose, as he personally knew a very large number of those present; some of them he had been acquainted with for many years. The St. Marylebone Lodge always welcomed the visitors, and that night they were exceptionally fortunate in having the large number of 35 present. The very interesting occasion had influenced the numerous attendance, but he welcomed them all, and hoped that they had sent a pleasant evening. He was pleased to see Bro. Cottelourne present, and Bro. Col. Burges, who was also well known. The latter brother held a high position in the locality, and he was pleased to see local members, as the St. Marylebone lodge was essentially a local lodge.

Bros. Hansard and Col. Burges responded, and thanked the members heartily for the admirable entertainment, which the visitors had thoroughly enjoyed.

The W.M. next gave "The P.M.s.," and said that some of them were Grand Officers and distinguished members of the Craft, and were always pleased to do what they could to support the Master of the lodge.

Bro. Moullet, as I.P.M., returned thanks for the very kind manner the toast had been received, and assured the W.M. that anything in the way of advice or other assistance the P.M.s. could give, they would only be too happy to offer.

Bro. Phillips, P.M., also replied, and said he felt very pleased to think that they had initiated three good men as Masons, and great credit was due to the W.M. for his initiation. The two joining members would bring great lustre and credit to the lodge.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" was next given by the W.M., who spoke of the indefatigable energies of both, who worked night and day for the benefit of the lodge and the Craft.

Bro. Chaplin, Treas., and Baker, P.M., Sec., responded in suitable terms.

"The Officers" was then proposed by the W.M., who said that no Master could conduct a lodge without proper support from the officers, and he was glad to say that they were all proficient in their work, and no lodge in the Metropolitan district was better officered.

The Tyler's toast brought a very satisfactory and enjoyable evening to a close.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—A meeting of this popular transpontine lodge was convened at the Horns' Tavern, Kennington Park-road, on the 1st inst., when there were present Bros. H. Strenger, W.M.; Plowman, S.W.; La Feuillade, J.W.; W. Stuart, P.M. 141, Sec.; Lingley, S.D.; Fualé, J.D.; Cruse, I.G.; Westley, D.C.; George Everett, P.M.; H. Higgins, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; C. H. Köhler, P.M.; W. P. Webb, P.M.; Cockburn, P.M.; Appleton, I.P.M.; and others. Bro. Harry Price, S.W. 177, was a visitor. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and Bro. Sheppard was passed to the Second Degree by the W.M. Several letters having been read from absent members, and a proposition for initiation handed in for ballot at the next meeting, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. A few toasts followed.

CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1572).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 5th inst., at the Albion, Aldersgate-street. Bro. Giffin, the outgoing Master, after raising Bros. Bliss and Gill and initiating two candidates, Messrs. Frederick Tyler and Isidore Henri Alphonse Marchand, performed the ceremony of installing his successor, Bro. John Russell, late S.W.

The whole of the work was done in the most perfect and impressive manner, but, as the fact is fully referred to in the speeches made at the banquet which followed the lodge meeting, it is unnecessary to enlarge upon the subject here; besides which, the length at which the speeches are reported necessitates the curtailment of this part of the report.

The officers of the lodge for the ensuing year are as follows: Bro. R. E. H. Giffin, I.P.M.; J. S. Stacey, S.W.; J. P. Dickson, J.W.; Clarricoats, Treas.; W. S. Whittaker, Sec.; J. Paige, S.D.; W. Kingwell, J.D.; W. Wright, I.G.; J. F. Heath, D.C.; C. F. Mallett, W.S.; Dr. Basley, Org.; and C. Thomas, Tyler.

Among the visitors present were Bros. Simpson, P.G. Chap.; Greenwood, P.G. Svd. Br.; Buss, P.G. Asst. Sec.; Jas. Terry, P.P.G.W. Bucks and Hunts; W. R. Hunt, 2021; E. B. Hartt, 1987; John Plenderleack, 1598; J. Anderson, P.M. 350; J. H. Price, Treas. 1321; J. H. Haxter, 194; W. Fowler, 1728; J. E. Sheffield, 1897; G. Hamilton, W.M. 1466; H. H. Wells, P.M. 1671; Thos. Tremere, I.P.M. 1729; A. S. Cook, 1962; G. Potter, 569; R. Gillingham, 1178; J. F. Bell, 1613; A. Brookman, 1; W. H. Baker, W.M. 2030; J. R. Johnson, P.M. 2005; J. E. Shand, P.M. 2030; R. Wilson, 1195; Geo. Shread, 74; Charles Laver, 903; Geo. Goulson, 1623; J. Hekaman, 1329; F. A. Smith, 1669; J. B. Green, 3; and Walter Potter, 1260.

After the banquet the customary list of toasts was proposed by the W.M. and I.P.M., the speeches they gave rise to being of more than ordinary interest.

After the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," had been duly honoured, the W.M., in proposing "The Health of the M.W.G.M.," said that that was a toast to which he was sure the brethren would accord that hearty welcome which it always received at the banquets of the Carnarvon Lodge. He thought that it would not be easy to over-estimate the benefits which had accrued to Freemasonry since His Royal Highness did the Craft the honour to become a member of the order. The example of the Prince of Wales had been followed by many noble and illustrious men holding high positions in every walk of life, and they in their turn, he doubted not, had decided many true and good men to imitate their example, and join the ranks of the Craft; and, therefore, he felt that Freemasonry was exceedingly indebted to its Most Worshipful Grand Master for the increased prosperity which had marked its progress in recent times, not only in England, but throughout the whole of the English-speaking community in all parts of the world. As Freemasons, it was very gratifying to them to know that the M.W.G.M. enjoyed the greatest popularity as head of the Craft. No doubt the very exalted position he occupied otherwise had something to do with that great popularity, but he thought it had been enhanced in an equal, perhaps in a greater degree, by the very great interest their Grand Master took in all matters connected with the Craft, and by the thoroughness with which he performed, as often as possible, the duties of Grand Master. As a practical Freemason, the Prince of Wales, by the generous sympathy which he frequently evinced for philanthropic institutions, by a willingness to perform acts tending to their welfare, was giving us frequent evidence that he was actuated by the true spirit of Freemasonry. He, therefore, felt sure that the brethren would join heartily with him in the hope that His Royal Highness would be pleased to continue in the office of M.W.G.M. for many years to come.

In proposing "The Health of the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; and the rest of the Grand Officers," the W.M. said he felt sure that he need not occupy the time in dilating upon the excellent manner in which the Grand Officers performed their duty. They had only to reflect for a moment upon the far-reaching extent of the interest and influence of Freemasonry, and the very satisfactory and harmonious manner in which the affairs of the Craft were administered, to feel sure that the Grand Officers performed their duties most ably, and also that the great responsibilities attaching to their high offices were attached to brethren of high moral worth, great intelligence, and great ability. The W.M. added that he had had a suggestion made to him by a very distinguished brother then present, Bro. Simpson, the P.G. Chap., which he felt sure the brethren would be delighted to carry out—namely, that the lodge should despatch a telegram to the Earl of Carnarvon, sending a hearty Masonic greeting to the illustrious Mason from whom they derived their name. He thought that the Earl of Carnarvon would be pleased to receive a message from his god-child showing that he was always held in affectionate regard. The W.M. concluded by coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Simpson, P.G. Chap.

Bro. Simpson, in replying, said this constitutional toast had been proposed very eloquently by the Worshipful Master, and received very heartily by the brethren, and he was sure that his excellent and worthy colleagues, then present, who were by accident supposed to be junior to himself, would join him in returning their sincere thanks for the honour that had been done to the Grand Officers, Past and Present. In regard to their two chiefs who were in the fore front on this occasion, he said nothing; the brethren knew how worthily and diligently they carried out their duties in Grand Lodge. In regard to one of those Grand Officers who now had upon his shoulders to a great extent the affairs of State, to whom it had been suggested to send a telegram, and who he was sure would have felt happy to meet them without those distinctions which, alas, too much divided fellow men, they as brethren of the Carnarvon Lodge had thought it desirable to send this Masonic greeting to the godfather of their lodge, which would raise in his mind, which must be fully weighted with the cares of State, a remembrance which must be a happy lightening of those cares; like as when some one going along the street in a brown study, who meets a friend, the cordial greeting—the hearty hand clasp—had the effect of driving away dull care. He was quite sure of this, that the Grand Officers present to night, experienced as they were—he spoke only for Bros. Greenwood and Buss—he himself was a very young man and had very little experience, but such as he had had made him relish the deep impressiveness of the I.P.M., both in the ceremony of initiation and that of installation. He (Bro. Simpson) never knew in the 38 years during which he had been a Mason those beautiful ceremonies more beautifully performed. They had come to see a novice, they had found a "grave and reverend signior," found him performing with accuracy and skill, and the new W.M. acting as an old master of 20 years'

standing. He had congratulated one of the initiates not only on being initiated into Freemasonry, but on being initiated in the Carnarvon Lodge, to hear its ceremonies so magnificently rendered, and he felt that it must have an effect for life to be initiated where the ceremonies were rendered thus instead of being butchered, as they were too often. He was sure that the initiates would feel that Masonry stood on a solid foundation, for whether they looked to the personal piety, to the domestic affections, to the ardent loyalty, to the grand patriotism, or to that crown which endureth for ever as the reward of faithful service after days of trial, he was sure that those brethren who had been initiated that night, as well as older brethren, must feel that Freemasonry rested on a basis as sound as the universe itself, and that in whatever community it was found, its principles would hold good to the end of time. Every year that passed he was more thankful that he belonged to the Order, not only on account of those principles he had referred to, but on account of the dear, hearty, and good friends he had been able to make in the Order. God grant that it might long flourish.

The Immediate Past Master then rose and said that he had somewhat hoped that power had departed from him, and that the lock of hair had been clipped. However, he saw in the toast list "The Health of the W.M.," and it appeared that he was the person to propose that toast. With how much pleasure he did so he himself knew, the brethren did not; but at the same time he was quite sure that they would have as much pleasure in drinking the toast as he would. They would remember that Bro. Russell, the present W.M., was initiated in that lodge long since he (Bro. Goffin) had become a member of it. There was a great deal of pleasure sometimes in watching the green leaf come out from its hiding place, and from between a couple of pale leaves a small bud, and in the small bud a speck of colour, and that colour gradually developing into the full bloom, giving out its full and powerful scent. The W.M. had represented such a phenomenon. He remembered perfectly well seeing Bro. Russell, tremulous and nervous with, the hoodwink on him; he remembered well seeing the big drops of perspiration on his forehead and hearing the sigh of relief after it was removed. He very soon began to show himself and to make his power and perseverance felt and experienced by the lodge. The brethren of the Carnarvon Lodge were not slow to discern merit, and they soon pitched upon him to do some work. That work had been most congenial to him, and he had passed through almost every office in the lodge. How well he had performed every one of them was well known to the brethren. He believed he was right in saying that from the time Bro. Russell was initiated he had never missed an attendance at the lodge. A brother who stuck by his work and his lodge in such a fashion deserved every credit; he deserved their full confidence, which he enjoyed at the present moment. How admirably he had done his work in the Wardens' chairs had been before them. How earnest and anxious he was for the present and the future he (the speaker) could vouch. He was quite sure that Bro. Russell might rely upon their sympathies and upon their hearty co-operation in his work for the future. Bro. Russell told him just now privately, and they would take it as such, that he felt a certain sensation go through him and go down his legs; whereupon he told Bro. Russell to let it go out at his toes and be rid of it. He was quite sure all their sympathies, all their hearts, would be with Bro. Russell in the coming year. He had work before him, and he would perform it with satisfaction to the brethren and credit to himself. The brethren of the Carnarvon Lodge were too well acquainted with the feelings of human nature, and with the respect and sympathy due from the server to the served ever to warrant any one in misjudging them, or in doubting whether they might rest upon them for support in time of trouble. Wherever support might be necessary it would be afforded to their W.M. He would, therefore, ask them to be upstanding and drink very heartily to the health of the W.M.

Bro. Russell, W.M., in reply, said he could assure the brethren that it was with feelings of very considerable embarrassment and trepidation that he replied to the toast of his health, which had been proposed in such an exceedingly kind manner by the I.P.M., and which the brethren had been pleased to respond to so well. He had not words at command to convey to them the thanks which he would wish to give on an occasion like that, and he felt quite sure that it was not from personal merit of his, either as an officer of the lodge or as new W.M., that he owed the very kind words which had been used by the I.P.M. in proposing his health. Indeed, he thought he should be quite right in attributing that to his own generous and kindly nature. However, he was willing to accept what had been said in this sense, that the remarks of the I.P.M. rather indicated to him what the W.M. of the Carnarvon Lodge should be, than by assuming to himself the possession of those excellent qualities which, in the goodness of his heart, Bro. Goffin had flatteringly attributed to him. He knew that he should have the kind assistance of the Past Masters at his service, and he was sure that he should have at the same time the kind indulgence of the brethren for any shortcomings he might be guilty of. At that moment it appeared to him a very short time since he was initiated; at that time he had no thought that they should elect him W.M.; but he would confess that from the moment when he was initiated he was full of ambition to occupy that dignified position, the possession of which he felt very proud of; and for that distinguished mark of their favour he thanked them most gratefully and most sincerely. He should strive with all his power to emulate the efficiency of the Past Masters, and he trusted that he might perform his duties, as Master, in a manner which should be satisfactory to them and not unworthy of the Carnarvon Lodge. He could only again give them his very warmest thanks for the very high honour that they had conferred on him, and for the kind manner in which they had been pleased to receive and respond to the toast of his health.

In proposing "The Health of the Initiates," the Worshipful Master said that this was always a very pleasing duty, because they were very careful not to accept any candidate for initiation until the responsible brethren were satisfied that the candidate was a fit and proper person to become a member of the lodge. That night the pleasure was two-fold, because the Carnarvon family had on that occasion been increased by twins, and the mother lodge and the twins, he was happy to say, were both doing well, and he hoped they would develop into good, upright, and worthy Master Masons.

The newly-initiated brethren having replied,

The Worshipful Master said he had now to claim the attention of the brethren to a toast which he was sure would secure a hearty response from all present. He only regretted that the duty of proposing it had not fallen to some brother better qualified to do it justice. That toast was "The Health of the Installing Officer, their Immediate Past Master." They had just gone through the ceremony of installation, and had seen how excellently the Installing Officer did his duty. To those of the brethren who retired during the ceremony he need only say that Bro. Goffin did the whole of the work in his usual manner—that was to say, in a most masterly manner. During his Mastership the late W.M. had performed all the duties of his office in a manner that had not been excelled by any Past Master, and in saying that he was giving him no small praise, while, at the same time, the kindness, the courtesy, and the genial nature of Bro. Goffin had gained for him the esteem—he might say the affectionate regard—of every member of the Carnarvon Lodge. The I.P.M. during his term of office not only ruled the lodge with dignity, but he did so in a manner so praiseworthy, that it would dwell in the memory of the Carnarvon Lodge, and serve as a standard of excellence for his successors to emulate. He was happy to say that they were not going to part with Bro. Goffin, who he hoped would be with them for many years to come. He was sure that in the future, as in the past, he would be at all times ready to offer them his kindly assistance and counsel in any difficulty they might encounter. And now, Bro. Goffin, said the W.M., it is my duty, and a very pleasing duty, as Master of this lodge, to ask you, in the name of all its members, to accept this jewel, which I now attach to your breast. I ask you, Bro. Goffin, to accept it as a mark of the appreciation in which you are held by every member of the Carnarvon Lodge, and I also ask you to look upon it as a token of that high and well merited esteem in which you are held by all the brethren. Brethren, I ask you to be upstanding to drink with me to the health, happiness, and long life of the Installing Officer, our Immediate Past Master, Bro. Goffin.

Bro. Goffin, in reply, said he was quite sure that most brethren there must have heard more or less of the croaking crow, and he was equally sure that they must be quite tired of hearing that croaking voice that night. ("No, no.") Well, if they were not tired of hearing it, he was getting tired of exercising it. Physiologists could tell them there was a small member at the back of the mouth called the glottis and another the epiglottis; and that little member had been exceedingly troublesome to him that evening, and it being what physiologists called an involuntary muscle, it went its own way; but he would try to control it. The kindness of the brethren to him in presenting him with a token of their affection and esteem tended somewhat to accelerate the motion of the little member that he had already spoken of, and to increase the size of what our forefathers were pleased to call the "pomum Adami." Whether our forefather Adam was a Mason he did not know; but they went very far back, and, at any rate, as far back as we cared to claim ancestry; but, whether we went far back or stayed nearer home, we found exactly the same questions proposed. They heard that evening that their Grand Master was true to his obligations, and he (Bro. Goffin) would be true to his, as he trusted he had ever been. Masonry to him was a symbol and a sign more potent, more powerful, than any other "motor" with which he was acquainted in the United Kingdom. Masonry had more charms for him than any other society on the face of the earth. He happened perchance to be initiated by one of the excellent Masons of the earth; he was initiated a good many years ago by a very old friend and Past Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of England, who had taken his departure to seek his fortunes in the orange country in Florida. Now that ceremony was fixed upon his mind, and the principles of the Craft were fixed upon his heart. He had said—"Masonry has an attraction for me, and I will follow its guiding star so long as I live." Accidents drove him from attending regularly at his mother lodge; but he had not deserted her—he was still a member; in fact, in virtue of that membership he had the privilege of asking that night the Provincial Grand Secretary for Surrey, Bro. Greenwood. Another accident in the friendship of one of the most esteemed brethren of the Carnarvon Lodge (Bro. Barnes) brought him in connection with the Carnarvon Lodge. He came as a visitor, and when he sighed to enter the Carnarvon Lodge he was not backward in detecting merit, nor backward to meet their good-heartedness. He found there were good hearts and true beating among the members of the Carnarvon Lodge, and as soon as he was enabled to take a fair command, he was asked to join, and he did not say "No"; and although at that time the brethren of the Carnarvon Lodge, for good, very good reasons, had put their joining fee five guineas beyond their initiation fee, he said, "Never mind, I shall be happy to pay the highest fee to join the Carnarvon Lodge;" and he had had the unique privilege of paying 15 guineas, and no other brother had done that. But he had had more than 15 guineas' worth of pleasure out of the Carnarvon Lodge, and he knew he should more than triple that amount of pleasure there in future—if—. Well, when he joined their members were uncertain, and he was asked whether he would accept office, and he did, and had gone through—not quite through—from the beginning. By accident again certain blanks occurred, and he went over, and now here he was, past the climax and going into decrepit old age among the lepers; those who had no hope in the future—past cure. What a melancholy sight! Well, but so long as there was balm in Gilead; so long as there was a heart beating among the junior members (and had they not heard a heart beat—nay, leap—with ambition, in an initiate?), was there not an aspiration to oust quickly the Chairman? Should they then say there was no hope for the lepers, unclean as they were? Well, he had stated that night that when he was in that chair he was nestling in the lap bosom of Bro. Pearce, but now he had receded, and only the lean shoulders of Bro. Whitaker remained. "Never mind," said he, "next year you will be next him, never to part." Well, there was consolation for all, and ought they not to be thankful for that spark of consolation? He was. And the Master of the lodge, his dear friend as well as brother, when he came to have passed through the whole of his work, and when his palpitation should have ceased; when he should have no need for an anodyne or opiate to soothe him; when he went into the happy position of I.P.M., and another, whom he knew and knew not, should have the pleasure of pinning upon his breast the emblem of success, and affection, and esteem—esteem so dear, because coming from brethren that they knew so well—then he was sure Bro. Russell

would have the same pleasure and the same pain that he (Bro. Goffin) had that night—the pain because who amongst them did not like power? who amongst them did not like to rule? They had heard that some of necessity must rule and teach. Well, the ruling and the teaching—the ruling, at any rate—was past; the teaching would still be extended; the sympathy, the cordial, hearty shake of the hand from the brethren, inspiring hope, and vigour, and animation would still come, and so long as these feelings existed, as he was sure they would exist, because they were very jealous of the Carnarvon Lodge—no man was admitted without good credentials; no man would ever be in the Carnarvon Lodge who did not perform such part of his obligation when he said, "My hand extended to a brother is a sure pledge of Brotherhood;" so long as that existed, so long would the Carnarvon Lodge exist, and so long would that sentiment which lifted their spirits beyond the mere eating a dinner—the mere sentiment—it was an established principle in the Carnarvon Lodge. Bro. Goffin said that he felt that he ought on this occasion to do that which perhaps he ought to have done before; but he had purposely reserved it. Every man on giving up should give an account of his Stewardship. He had striven to do his duty, as they knew. To say that that duty had not cost him anything would be to say that he offered a sacrifice that cost him nothing, which sacrifice was valueless. They knew his feelings with regard to Freemasonry—it was universal. He looked upon Masonry as universal Charity and beneficence and benevolence, as our principal standpoint. At this time last year he was prevailed upon, happily, and he might say thankfully, to accept the responsibility of representing this lodge as the Steward to one of the Institutions which they recognised. He then had doubts as to how to proceed, and to what length he should go; but he very soon came to the conclusion that if he was to represent the Carnarvon Lodge he would represent it absolutely and solely. By the kindness of the brethren alone he took up to the Institution—the Girls' School—the sum of £90 6s.; not one penny of that sum was collected outside the lodge. He had thought to take up a larger sum; to invite friends, of whom he had a considerable number outside the Carnarvon Lodge; but he came to the conclusion that he would owe everything to the Carnarvon Lodge, and, as he had said, the result was a sum of £90 6s. Bro. Goffin concluded by saying that, having given an account of his Stewardship so far as he was able, he would ask them to accept his hearty thanks for their kindness that evening, and he promised that he would serve them as he had ever done, not merely from duty, but from the combined feelings of duty and love to the Carnarvon Lodge, and hearty zeal for Freemasonry.

A number of other toasts, including "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Visitors," "The Masonic Charities," &c., were duly honoured; but must be omitted from this report, which has already greatly exceeded its allotted space.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

ELEANOR LODGE (No. 1707).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. H. Thompson, P.M. 1237, P.P.G.S.B. Middx. There were also present P.M.'s Bros. Fountain Meen, Ramsey, and Lovebond, the officers, and many members of the lodge, likewise the following visitors: Bros. John B. Brunnesson, P.D.G. Chap. Punjab; Jas. Garrod, P.M. 754; A. G. Fidler, W.M. 754, P.M. 1237, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; A. C. Hide, 1237; F. Herold, P.M. 1056; H. Osman, 1327; G. Messenger, 1624; J. Probert, 340; H. Jesson, J.D. 919; and J. Bayne, Org. 1897.

After the minutes had been confirmed, and the very satisfactory report of the Audit Committee adopted, the W.M. elect, Bro. John Webb, S.W., was presented for installation, the ceremony being rendered by the retiring W.M., Bro. Thompson, in a manner that drew forth high eulogiums from all present. The officers appointed were Bros. A. Money, S.W.; E. M. Money, W.M. 28, J.W.; Jno. Ramsey, P.M., Treas.; C. Lovebond, P.M., Sec.; H. Carr, S.D.; M. Marriott, J.D.; R. W. Chapman, I.G.; W. S. Cooper, D.C.; Murray, Org.; Geo. Richards, Stwd.; and J. Goddard, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the lodge business, the brethren partook of an excellent banquet, provided by the host, Bro. Clemow. On the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk with enthusiasm.

Bro. Thompson, I.P.M., then assumed the gavel, and proposed, "The Health of the W.M.," who, he was quite sure, would justify their choice, and do all he possibly could to advance the interests of the lodge.

The toast was most cordially received, and suitably acknowledged by the W.M., who then gave "The Health of the I.P.M.," remarking that no better proof could be shown of the esteem in which Bro. Thompson was held by the brethren of this lodge than in his being unanimously chosen for the second time to preside over them. He had discharged his important duties in a most satisfactory manner, and the brethren desired that he should possess some lasting evidence of their regard, and as he had already received the P.M.'s jewel, he (the W.M.) had now the pleasure, on behalf of the lodge, to ask Bro. Thompson's acceptance of the beautiful clock (a handsome block marble and gilt one, with a suitable inscription) which he now saw standing on the mantel-piece, and trusted he might be spared many years to render valuable service to the Eleanor Lodge.

Bro. Thompson, in reply, said words failed him to adequately express his thanks to the W.M. and brethren of the lodge for their most generous gift, which he should highly prize. He scarcely knew what he had done to merit such kindness at their hands; he was more than repaid in being unanimously elected W.M. for the second time. He was, however, extremely grateful for this handsome present, and for all the kindnesses he had received. He thanked them all for drinking his health so cordially, and should be only too delighted to place his services at the disposal of the lodge whenever they might be required.

The Worshipful Master, in giving the toast of "The Visitors," bid them a hearty welcome, hoped they would thoroughly enjoy themselves, and go away with good impressions of the Eleanor Lodge.

Bros. Brunnesson, Garrod, and Fidler acknowledged the compliment, and wished the Eleanor Lodge every prosperity, and the W.M. a pleasant year of office.

"The Health of the P.M.'s" followed, Bro. Fountain Meen responding.

"The Masonic Charities" was next proposed, and acknowledged by Bros. Thompson, Garrod, and Fidler,

each of whom dwelt upon the excellent work that was being done by means of the Charitable Associations, and strongly urged the brethren to support them as far as lay in their power.

The Treasurer and Secretary replied to the toast of their healths, the latter officer alluding to the lodge of instruction, which was about to be resuscitated, under the Preceptorship of Bro. Thompson, at the Seven Sisters' Hotel, Tottenham, in which neighbourhood many members of the lodge resided, and earnestly asked the support of the brethren in placing it on a firm footing.

Bros. A. Money, S.W., and E. M. Money, J.W., responded for "The Officers," assuring the W.M. that they would assist him as much as they possibly could, and strive to uphold the prestige of the lodge.

The Tyler's toast then brought to a close one of the most successful and pleasant installation meetings of this lodge.

FARRINGDON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).—This representative civic lodge met at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, E.C., on the 30th ult. Among those present were Bros. Joseph Young, W.M.; T. Simpson, S.W.; J. Strugnell, P.M., acting J.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.P.G.O. Surrey, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Jackson, P.M., Sec.; L. Lardner, I.G.; E. M. Lott, G. Org., &c., Hon. Member; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; Longley, and others. Bro. Hoare, P.M. 1765, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the resignation of Bro. Clark, P.G.P., was received with regret. Letters pleading inability to attend were read from Bros. H. B. Marshall, P.G. Treas., P.M.; Skelhorn, J.D.; and others.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. A few toasts followed. The proceedings were considerably enhanced by the instrumental and vocal abilities of Bros. Lott, Hoare, J. Young, L. Lardner, and others.

ST. LEONARD LODGE (No. 1766).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, when Bro. James Funston, W.M., presided. There was an excellent attendance of members of the lodge and visitors. After the opening of the lodge and the reading and confirmation of the minutes, and the passing of the Audit Committee's accounts, Bro. Louis Stean, P.M., by desire of the W.M. performed the ceremony of installation, for which purpose Bro. E. Walker, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented to him by Bro. Funston. At the conclusion of the ceremony the following brethren were made officers of the lodge for the year: Bros. F. Matthews, S.W.; R. Drysdale, J.W.; Daniel King, Treas.; J. Cox, Sec.; Henderson, Chap.; H. J. Thrower, S.D.; L. A. Harrison, J.D.; G. C. Young, Org.; W. Beasley, I.G.; E. T. Clark, D.C.; T. Douglas and J. W. Griffiths, Stwds.; and James Very, Tyler. Bro. Stean afterwards delivered the addresses.

The new W.M. immediately commenced his year's work by initiating two gentlemen into the mysteries of the Order, and then presented Bro. Funston with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, and accompanied the presentation with expressions of high approval of the manner in which Bro. Funston had discharged the duties of Master, stating at the same time that there was this peculiarity in the presentation this year, that Bro. Funston was the first initiate in the lodge.

Bro. Funston, in acknowledging the kindness of the brethren, said that he had done what he could to conduct the business of the lodge aright, and he had been well supported by all the brethren, and to these he begged to offer his sincere thanks for their kindness. The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The usual toasts followed.

After the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales," had been disposed of, the W.M. proposed "The Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers" coupling with the toast the name of Bro. W. Clarke, P.G.P., who had been at every installation meeting of the lodge since the consecration, and who on that occasion was one of the officiating officers.

Bro. W. Clarke, in reply, thanked the brethren on behalf of the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom, both of whom took great interest in the Craft. He trusted that the example set by those noblemen and the other Grand Officers would be an incentive to other Masons to do their duty in furthering the good of Freemasonry, which they all had at heart. He looked round with a great amount of pleasure when he saw he was one of the honorary members of the lodge. He was a partaker in its consecration, and he hoped as long as he had health and strength he would be present to receive the same kind greetings as he had that evening. He was only too happy to do his best at any time for Freemasonry, and also for that lodge, and he hoped to see the St. Leonard's Lodge grow in the same proportion as it had grown.

Bro. Funston, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said that the brethren had now as a president of the St. Leonard's Lodge a brother who was well known, and one who, by his genial conduct, had commended himself to the acceptance of all the members of the lodge. He had known him for 30 years; he first knew him when they were both young men who had to work, and who had a desire to make their way. They had grown up together, and had continued friends all throughout the time when they had no idea of becoming Masons. From what he had seen of the W.M. he could say that if ever there was a man to assist the poor, or to heal the wounded, it was the W.M. No man had better conducted himself through life than the W.M., and no man had more deservedly won his position. It was to such a brother that he asked them to drink prosperity during his year of office.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, thanked the brethren for the honour they had done him; but asked them to discount to a very large extent what the I.P.M. had said of him. It was true they had known each other a long time; but it was not true that he (the W.M.) had rendered distinguished services to Freemasonry. The brethren must bear in mind that Bro. Funston belonged to the legal profession, and had thus acquired arts of oratory, and perhaps fancied he was addressing a jury. He (the W.M.) believed, however, that he was not ill-respected. He was one of the founders of the lodge, and possibly it was due to him that the lodge was founded. If so, he would only say he was surrounded by a number of very earnest, ardent, and good feeling brethren, who cordially joined in the work, and in the seven years of the lodge's existence there had been no

signs of disagreement. He hoped that during his year of office nothing would occur to retard the lodge's progress; and, in keeping the lodge in its present proud position, he believed he would have the support of every brother.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The Installing Master," who was one of the oldest Masons in London, having commenced in 1829. He concluded by congratulating Bro. Stean on wearing so well, and on having worked so hard and so long in the cause of Masonry. He carried with him a clear conscience, and was still able to conduct the duties of Installing Master.

Bro. Stean, in reply, said he had always endeavoured to maintain the principles of the Order. When he was initiated he found the principles were brotherly love, relief, and truth, and he had tried through the whole of his career to carry out those principles. He had worked hard in the cause of Masonic Charity, and he had the happiness of finding that those efforts had been very successful.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," brethren who had rendered essential service to the lodge. With this toast he connected Bros. Stean, Barr, Barham, Benjamin, Jones, and Clement, all of whom had performed their duties in an admirable manner, and brought the St. Leonard Lodge to a degree of excellence that could scarcely have been expected.

Bro. Barham, P.M., replied, and said that whatever labour the P.M.s. had undergone, it was only a labour of love. The P.M.s. were only too gratified to find the great success the lodge had attained. One and all, they did their utmost to further the interest of the lodge. He sincerely hoped the time was not far distant when he should find the Past Masters occupying the whole of that side of the table.

"The Initiates" was the next toast, and to this toast Bro. Walter Henry Mills and Samuel Batchelor replied.

Bro. Sir W. Guyer Hunter, M.P., as one of the brethren who returned thanks for the toast of "The Visitors," said that whenever he had been in a lodge it had always been to him a source of gratification and pleasure. He had always been received in the kindest manner, and this would always be highly appreciated by him. He joined Masonry believing it was the personification of all that was benevolent in nature. Its tenets and principles from the earliest ages until now had been benevolence and goodwill to all men. It had been stated by some who did not know what the tenets and privileges of the Craft were, that it was a secret society, and ought to be suppressed. In the middle ages, and when the Inquisition was in full vigour, despotism could not put it down. Why? because it was based upon love and Charity, which all good men and true held dear. Therefore, Freemasonry must flourish as long as the world existed.

"The Charities," "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast were subsequently given and honoured.

The following visitors were present during the evening: Bros. John Ives, P.M. 1472; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; F. Horner, P.M. 31; F. Brien, P.M. 1076; E. Heard, 95; J. Little, 1607; J. Blinker, J.W. 1151; C. Sims, 861; H. Salter, J.D. 861; J. Aillud, P.M. 015; J. Roberts, 1806; G. R. Gwynne, 1613; C. Rian, 1613; G. P. Christmas, 27; H. R. Baker, J.D. 2030; J. W. Chapman, 1678; H. Doubleday, 193; G. H. Staff, 1365; J. Smith, P.M. 193; G. Harwood, 813; G. J. Freeman, 1613; R. W. Silverthorne, 1007; H. W. Robinson, 995; F. J. Gibson, 1420; S. Smithers, J.D. 193; H. Stephens, P.M. 754; C. Steel, W.M. 1365; E. Isaacs; G. Andrews, 1420; A. J. Walker, 22; R. A. Germaine, Org. 2033; W. H. Baker, 2030; Sir W. Gwyer Hunter, Buckingham and Chandos Lodge; R. Tidman, 813; and G. Mustoe, 813.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 1949).—The election meeting of this lodge was held at the Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton, on Saturday, the 5th inst. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. H. Baldwin, P.P.G. St. D. Br. Middx., with Bros. W. E. Tallington, I.P.M., as S.W.; R. Poore, J.W.; H. Lovegrove, P.M. and Sec.; C. J. Axford, S.D.; A. Albert, I.G.; J. Read, Org.; W. Kirkland, W.S.; A. Jones, Steward; H. Durham; and R. Potter, P.M., Tyler. Bros. T. Poore, P.M., hon. mem.; H. Lucas, W.M. 1609; W. H. Burgess, J.D. 2048; and W. D. Dickinson, 2048, were among the visitors present. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the W.M. proceeded to take the business on the agenda. Bro. James Mills was raised in a very careful manner by the W.M., who requested Bro. T. Poore, P.M., to give the traditional history. Bro. Richard Poore, J.W., was unanimously elected W.M., the S.W., Bro. Kipling, kindly declining to stand. Bro. W. Kirkland, by the unanimous wish of the lodge, was elected Treasurer, and Bro. R. Potter, Tyler. Bros. H. Durham, J.D., Sprague, and J. Mills were elected on the Audit Committee. On the motion of Bro. H. Lovegrove, Sec., a jewel was voted to the outgoing W.M. At the completion of the business, the members separated. There was no banquet.

DONCASTER.—St. George's Lodge (No. 242).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 4th inst., at the lodge rooms, Nether Hall-road. Present: Bros. Geo. Tindall, W.M.; F. Rand, P.M., as S.W.; C. Goldthorp, J.W.; F. J. Forth, Sec.; G. Wilkie, S.D.; C. H. Ward, J.D.; A. M. Fretwell, I.G.; J. Hirst, Tyler; P.M.'s F. D. Walker, J. Blake, G. Brooke, and T. R. Nicholas; Thos. Athion, G. Ashton, J. Webb, C. J. Frood, J. M. Axe, and R. Bridge.

A ballot was taken for Mr. W. Hough (Mayor of Doncaster) and Mr. Wm. Blake, which proved unanimous, and Mr. W. Hough was initiated.

RAMSGATE.—Royal Navy Lodge (No. 429).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., at the Royal Hotel, when there were present Bros. H. Ford, W.M.; J. O. Eve, P.P.G.A.D.C.; S.W.; R. Morley, J.W.; J. Emmerson, P.P.G.J.W., P.M., Treas.; C. J. Piller, P.M., Sec.; J. Garratt, S.D. (pro tem.); H. J. Sturgeon, J.D.; J. Jarman, P.P.G.P., P.M., D.C.; J. T. May, I.G.; E. L. Elgar, W.M. 1209, Stwd.; R. T. Rolfe, P.M., Tyler; T. H. Grove Snowden, P.M. 429 and 1209, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Emmerson, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; J. Hazeldine, P.M.; P.P.G.D.C.; G. Blackburn, I.P.M.; S. Holborn, D. C. Chambers, J. J. Roach, and T. H. Hawkins. Visitors: Bros. J. Fenwick, P.M. 1209; H. J. West, J.O. 1209; G. J. Palmer, P.M. 11; and G. Chapman, 1209.

The minutes of last lodge meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. J. O. Eve, S.W., was unanimously elected

W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. J. Emmerson, P.M., re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. R. T. Rolfe, reappointed Tyler. It was resolved that the usual Christmas gifts be given to the recipients. Bro. C. J. Hiller, P.M., was presented by the officers and brethren of the lodge with a handsome Secretary's jewel and testimonial on vellum, for his kind, attentive, and courteous manner to the brethren while acting as Secretary, as he is now leaving England for Tasmania on the 31st inst.

MAIDSTONE.—Belvidere Lodge (No. 503).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 1st inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Present: Bros. J. Thornhill, W.M.; G. E. Wallis, S.W.; G. Baker, J.W.; F. Kite, Treas.; G. Appleyard, Sec.; T. Elmore, S.D.; B. Brown, D.C.; G. F. Baker, I.G.; F. Ashdown, Stwd.; Cruttenden, P.M.; Ford, P.M.; Kite, P.M.; Appleyard, P.M.; Nuch, P.M.; Long, P.M.; and about 40 members of the lodge. Visitors: Bros. Spencer, P.G.S.; Black; Cockburn, W.M. 20; McNeill, W.M. 184, and several others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and Bro. G. E. Wallis, W.M. elect, was installed by Bro. J. Thornhill, W.M., after which the W.M. invested his officers. Bro. C. G. Long was elected Charity representative. The brethren, to the number of 50, adjourned to the Star Hotel and partook of an excellent banquet.

GOSPORT.—Gosport Lodge (No. 903).—A meeting was held on the 5th inst., at the Indian Arms Hotel, High-street. Present: Bros. J. Dempsey, W.M.; J. E. Thornton, S.W.; W. J. Smith, J.W.; R. W. Downing, P.M. and Treas.; T. Stretton, Sec.; T. Pearson, J.D.; H. Crisp, P.M. and D.C.; D. E. Batson, I.G.; W. J. Pawsey, Stwd.; L. Cauvin, Tyler; J. Wallingford, P.M.; G. F. Lancaster, P.M.; F. Powell, P.M.; W. Brunwin, P.M.; G. B. Irons, P.M.; W. Green, P.M.; C. Turle, C. Larkins, A. Greig, T. J. Adams, T. Holdstock, J. G. Williams, J. Reilly, E. S. Innes, J. Beams, G. W. Burnett, G. Turner, E. Jewell, J. Gill, F. C. Marks, H. Hale, and J. Liddell.

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. Bro. J. A. Watts was passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. King raised; the W.M. explained the working tools and gave the charge. The lodge was closed in the Second and Third Degrees. In accordance with motion by the W.M., £5 5s. was voted to the Hants and Isle of Wight Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution. Seconded by Bro. G. B. Irons, and carried unanimously. A ballot for W.M. for the ensuing year was then taken, and declared to be in favour of Bro. H. Crisp. Bro. R. W. Downing, P.M., was elected Treasurer; Bro. L. Cauvin, Tyler; and Bro. R. W. Mitchell, P.M., representative on the P.G.L. Committee. Bro. A. Le Grant was presented with a Grand Lodge certificate.

BRADFORD.—Pentalpha Lodge (No. 974).—The installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Rev. Jas. Gallie, P.P.G.C. West Yorkshire, took place at the Masonic Hall, Darley-street, on Tuesday, the 1st inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Dr. Evans, P.P.G.W. West Yorkshire, assisted by his officers. There was a large muster of the brethren of the lodge, with the W.M.'s and brethren of the lodges in the town and district. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. elect was presented by Bro. T. Hill, P.P.G.S.W., the Mayor of Bradford, and Bro. J. Ambler, P.M., to the W.M. for installation, who most impressively took the first portion of the ceremony, and opened the Board of Installed Masters. Bro. W. Lupton, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. West Yorkshire, then took the chair, and performed the remaining part of the ceremony in an admirable manner. The W.M., after receiving the congratulations of the numerous Board of Installed Masters, appointed and invested the following as his officers: Bros. Dr. Evans, I.P.M.; J. N. Oddy, S.W.; R. N. Rhodes, J.W.; E. Link, Treas.; T. Ibbotson, Sec.; B. Stansfield, S.D.; F. W. Beanland, J.D.; M. Furnside, Org.; and W. P. Griffiths, I.G.; delivering to each an appropriate address on investing them with the collar and jewel of the office. The W.M. delivered the charge to the Wardens, and Bro. Lupton, Installing Master, the charge to the W.M. and the brethren of the lodge. Bro. Thos. Hill, P.P.G.S.W., in suitable terms, presented to Bro. Dr. Evans a very beautiful P.M.'s jewel, for which, in a feeling manner, Bro. Dr. Evans returned thanks.

"Hearty good wishes" were expressed by all to the W.M. that he might have a happy and prosperous year, and the lodge was closed. The anthem and the musical part of the ceremony were very effectively given.

The installation banquet was afterwards held in the dining hall of the building, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. the Rev. James Gallie, supported by Bros. T. Hill, Mayor of the borough; Smith, ex-Mayor; J. W. Davies, P.M. Probity Lodge; C. J. Banister, P.G.S.B. of England, &c.; John Ambler, P.M.; Lupton, P.M.; and on his left Bros. Dr. Evans, I.P.M.; C. M. Wilson, P.M.; Professor McGill, P.M.; John White, P.M.; Dr. Fisher, P.M.; and the W.M.'s of the Hope Lodge, Ecclehill, Shakespeare, and several of the Leeds lodges; Bro. Rev. Chute, and others.

After grace was sung, the W.M., in suitable terms, proposed "The Health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen," "The Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," "The M.W.G.M., Pro G.M., Dep. G.M., and the Officers, Present and Past, of Grand Lodge," which was responded to by Bro. C. J. Banister, P.G.S.B.

Bro. the Rev. Chute, in a long and deeply interesting Masonic speech, proposed "The Immortal Memory of St. John the Evangelist."

Bro. T. Hill, P.P.G.W., proposed "The Masonic Charities," which was responded to by the Charity Steward, Bro. W. Lupton, P.M., P.P.G.D. West Yorkshire.

"The Prov. G.M., Bro. T. W. Tew, and Prov. Grand Officers," was proposed by the S.W., and responded to by Bro. Kilpin, P.P.G.W. West Yorkshire.

Bro. Dr. Evans proposed "The Health of the Mayor, Bro. T. Hill, and the ex-Mayor, Bro. Smith," in most factious terms, and each responded in telling speeches, which were received with acclamation.

The W.M. proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," who replied.

The I.P.M. then proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. James Gallie," which was received with great enthusiasm, and responded to most efficiently, the W.M. making a great impression on all present that he was the right brother for the chair of the lodge.

"The Health of the Visitors" was proposed from the

chair, and responded to by Bro. J. W. Davies, W.M. of the oldest lodge in the province, and the W.M.'s of the other lodges present.

"The Past Masters" and "The Officers" boasted brought one of the happiest gatherings to a close.

Every officer discharged his duties admirably, and were severally complimented by Bro. Banister, P.G.S.B. of England.

WOOLSTON.—Clausentum Lodge (No. 1461).

The installation of Bro. Richard Bell as W.M. of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., in the presence of a numerous gathering of brethren, the Board of Installed Masters being composed of W. Bros. Le Feuvre, D.P.G.M.; J. Marks, W.M. 76; W. C. Powell, I.P.M. 76; C. W. A. Jellicoe, P.M. 130; H. Webb, W.M. 359; Harry Coles (Mayor of Southampton), P.M. 359; Henry Lashmore, P.M. 394; W. R. Sharp, I.P.M. 1112; T. Walton, P.M. 1730; W. Berry, P.M. 1780; and Brown, G. J. Tilling, Walter Bowyer, R. R. L. Rosoman, J. Methven, R. W. Evans, and W. Chapman, all of the Clausentum Lodge. Following upon the raising of two brethren to the Third Degree, the beautiful installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Bowyer, in a manner that commanded the admiration of the brethren, and drew from the D.P.G.M. most complimentary references during the evening, the hearty thanks of the lodge being afterwards accorded him as Installing Master. The newly-installed Master afterwards invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. J. Brown, I.P.M.; M. F. Curtis, S.W.; W. Horton, P.M., J.W.; George J. Tilling, P.M., Treas.; Walter Bowyer, P.M., Sec.; E. T. Wise, S.D.; W. J. Miller, J.D.; E. Waters, D.C.; J. T. Wells, Organist; W. H. Mitchell, I.G.; W. H. Smith and H. C. Sims, Stwds.; and Henley, Tyler. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Brown for his able and courteous discharge of the duties of the chair during the past year, and hearty good wishes were tendered by the numerous body of visitors (who included the Rev. Hughes, vicar of Woolston, and P.G. Chaplain for Surrey) to the newly-installed Master, and hopes expressed that his year of office would be a pleasant and successful one. Before the lodge closed Bro. Bowyer, P.M., read an interesting communication from Bro. Saunders, of Cape Town, Provincial Grand Superintendent, under the Scottish Constitution, who, on his visit to England some three years since, was a frequent and welcome visitor at most of the lodges in Southampton, showing the wide-spread influence and power of Masonry in the case of a Clausentum brother who had recently gone to South Africa. At the installation banquet the chair was filled by Bro. Bell, who health was cordially drunk, upon the proposition of the D. Prov. Grand Master; and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were also honoured.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).

The installation meeting of this lodge fell due on the 9th ult. (Lord Mayor's Day), but as many of the members were interested in municipal affairs, and could not have been present on that day, a dispensation was obtained from the Provincial Grand Master to hold the meeting on Wednesday, the 11th ult., on which day there was a large assemblage of members and visitors at the Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate. Soon after three p.m. the lodge was opened by Bro. Sir Fredk. Milner, Bart., W.M., Senior Prov. G. Warden, all the officers being in their places, whilst amongst the visitors were Bros. F. Smith, P.M. 837; J. Barker, P.M. 1102; T. M. Goldie, W.M. 660; Major Macgachen, P.M. 1901; H. Darby, W.M. 643; J. E. McNay, P.M. 236; C. Anderson, 236; W. Purnell, 236; J. B. Nicholls, 660; C. L. Burdekin, 236; W. Smith, 236; T. Archey, 236; T. C. Clough, 660; G. W. Pattison, 602; and others.

The usual preliminaries having been observed, the chair was taken by Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.M., P.P.G.W.; the Senior and Junior Wardens' chairs being occupied by Bros. J. S. Cumberland, P.M., P.P.G.W., and Geo. Balmford, P.M., P.P.G.O. Bro. Sir F. Milner then presented Bro. A. T. B. Turner, the S.W. and W.M. elect, for installation, and the ceremony was proceeded with, Bro. Cumberland giving the charges to the officers on investment, and the final address to the brethren.

The following officers were invested for the year: Bros. Sir F. Milner, Bart., I.P.M.; W. Brown, S.W.; G. Chapman, J.W.; Rev R. Blakeney, Chap.; J. Kay, Sec.; G. Balford, P.M., Treas.; S. J. Dalton, S.D.; W. Lackenby, J.D.; T. B. Whythead, P.M., D.C.; W. Stephenson, I.G.; C. G. Padel, P.M., Org.; W. Storey, Stwd.; P. Pearson and J. D. Irving, Asst. Stwds.; and J. Hall, Tyler.

After the ceremonies a number of presentations took place. Bro. Cumberland presented a series of certificates of service as Steward at the Charity Festivals. These, with those earned by other members of the lodge, it is intended to frame and hang round the walls of the dining room. Bro. J. T. Sellar, P.M., presented a valuable series of framed Masonic engravings. Bros. J. Blenkin, P.M., W. Storey, and Bro. Whythead (as representing the ancient Ebor Preceptory of Knights Templar) presented the Master's and two Warden's chairs. These are most beautiful pieces of furniture, elaborately carved in solid oak, the measurement being—height at back 7 ft., width 3 ft. 3 in. The backs, which are surmounted by two beautifully carved dragons in repose, are supported by the columns of the various Orders, and in the centre of the panel are the arms of the lodge beautifully carved in bold relief, showing the four ancient gates of the city, the city arms, with the five lions rampant, and supporters of Roman soldiers on either side, the name and number of the lodge being carved on the ribbons. The front supports are figures representing lion's heads, mane, and claws, beautifully carved. The capitals and base of the columns are carved in dark brown oak, which, besides adding relief, is a great improvement. The whole are highly polished in the natural colour, and richly upholstered in crimson velvet.

Next came the presentation of the pedestals by Bros. Sir F. Milner, P.M., J. S. Cumberland, P.M., and W. B. Dyson. These also are splendidly carved in solid oak, representing the three Orders, the dimensions being—height, 3 ft. 4 in., by 2 ft. 6 in. square. The entablature of the pedestal of the W.M. is supported by four columns of the Ionic Order, the capitals and bases being in brown oak; that of the Senior Warden is supported by four columns of the Doric Order, and the Junior Warden's by four of the Corinthian Order, the whole being beautifully polished

and mounted with the silver emblems of the three offices. Handsome oak chairs, upholstered in crimson velvet, are also being made for the Deacons and Inner Guard. When complete this will form one of the most handsome collections of Masonic furniture in the country, and reflects the greatest credit on Bro. W. Stephenson, of Micklegate, York, whose designs and workmanship have given such great satisfaction to the members of his lodge.

Bro. T. B. Whythead was elected to represent the lodge on the Provincial Charities' Committee, and the lodge was closed with "Hearty good wishes."

An adjournment was then made to Harker's York Hotel, where Bro. P. Matthews had provided a capital banquet, at which Bro. Alderman Terry, Lord Mayor of York for the second time, was an honoured guest. The Eboracum Lodge is famed for its annual toast lists, which ever since its birth have been specially designed by Bro. Whythead. This time the front page bore a view of the city of York a couple of centuries ago, with appropriate Masonic quotations, and the arms of the lodge on the back. The toasts were as follows: "The Queen and the Craft," "The Prince of Wales, Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge of England;" "The Earl of Zetland, Prov. Grand Master, and the Prov. Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire;" "The Worshipful Master, Bro. Alfred T. Bywater Turner;" "The Installing Master, Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.P.G.W.;" "The I.P.M., Bro. Sir F. Milner, Bart., M.P., P.G. S.W., and the Past Masters of the Lodge;" "The Lord Mayor of York;" "The Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, and the Officers of the Lodge;" "The Sister Lodges and the Visitors;" "The Masonic Charities;" "Masons' Wives, Mothers, Sisters, and Daughters;" and the Tyler's toast. During the evening a musical programme was efficiently given by Bros. Child, Wilkinson, Sample, and Cumberland.

INSTRUCTION.

DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).—The weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Tuesday, the 1st inst. There were present Bros. H. Buckering, W.M.; G. Lavington, S.W.; C. Pigeon, J.W.; R. Rowlands, S.D.; E. Gibson, I.G.; R. Walden, Sec.; J. Hill, Preceptor; W. Boys, P.M.; Side, Walker, and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second, and resumed to the First Degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Side being the candidate. The charge was delivered. The lodge being called off and on, the explanation of the first tracing board was given. The work of the W.M. deserved the highest commendation for correctness and expression. Time did not permit the working of the sections, as arranged. Bro. Hill proposed, and Bro. Pigeon seconded, that Bro. G. Lavington be the W.M. for the ensuing week. The work will be Second ceremony, charge, tracing board, and 4th Section of the Second Lecture. The lodge was then closed.

BURGOYNE LODGE (No. 992).—This lodge of instruction, having resolved to remove from the Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse-street, E.C., to Bro. Making's, the Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's-churchyard, E.C., held its first meeting there on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. Bro. Batt, W.M. of the mother lodge, presided, supported by Bros. C. Salter, S.W.; C. Castell, J.W.; J. C. Cross, S.D.; H. W. Clark, J.D.; G. B. Chretien, I.G.; R. N. Field, P.M. 992, acting Secretary; and J. N. Frost, P.M. 704, Preceptor. Amongst the joining members were Bros. W. H. Making, W.M. 1278 (the worthy host); W. P. Clark, S.W. 1278; E. W. Schraden, Org. 1278; J. B. Sherring, 186; and Thos. Bolt, J.D. 45.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M., being most ably assisted by his officers, rehearsed the First, Second, and Third Degrees in a most admirable manner, and to the evident satisfaction of the numerous brethren present. The W.M. likewise gave the traditional history, with full explanations. It is very rare to hear the ceremonies so ably rendered and the officers so perfect in their work. Bro. C. Castell (J.W.), of the mother lodge, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 7th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. J. Cruttenden, W.M.; J. R. Altman, S.W.; R. E. Cursons, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.G.S.D. Essex, Sec.; J. H. Wood, S.D.; D. Stroud, J.D.; C. S. Mote, I.G.; O. W. Battley, Stwd.; W. H. Chaifont, P.M. 1425; D. Gellion, P.M. 1425; P. W. Rogers, W. H. Chappell, E. C. Mulvey, W. H. Wadham, T. Rossdale, and W. Death.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree. Bro. Mulvey, assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st Section of the Second Lecture. Bro. Altman was elected W.M. for next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then 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 3rd inst., when there were present Bros. A. Gaminell, W.M.; E. C. Mulvey, S.W.; D. Stroud, J.W.; W. Kedg, S.D.; H. G. Marsden, J.D.; F. Dusterwald, I.G.; W. Fowles, acting as Preceptor; G. H. Reynolds, acting as Secretary; C. Grassi, G. Coleman, T. A. Dickson, Frank Gulliford, Richards, and T. E. Weeks.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. E. C. Mulvey worked the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. Bro. G. Coleman having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. G. Coleman worked the 1st Section of the Second Lecture. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. Fowles proposed that Bro. D. Stroud 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. W. Fowles proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of this lodge of instruction to Bro. A. Gaminell for the very efficient manner in which he had carried out the duties of the chair for the first time—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. made a suitable reply. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 4th inst., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Enury-street, S.W. Present: Bros. P. Coughlan, W.M.; Coleman, S.W.; Forscutt, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; J. Gibson, Treas.; A. Hayes, acting Sec.; Harvey, S.D.; Hume, J.D.; Glover, I.G.; G. Musson, Taylor, Chilcott, Mann, Green, jun., Cope, Giddings, R. J. Taylor, P.M., O. D. Ward, Clarkson, and Polson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Gibson being the candidate. The W.M. gave the explanation of the Tracing Board. Bro. Mann, 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. Mann being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The report of the Audit Committee was read, and adopted. A vote of thanks was unanimously carried to the Auditors. Bro. Giddings, 1624, was unanimously elected a joining member of this lodge of instruction. Bro. Coleman was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

KENNINGTON CHAPTER (No. 1381).—This prosperous chapter held a meeting at the Hoins Tavern, Kennington-park, on the 3rd inst. Among those present were Comps. C. Köhler, M.E.Z.; Appleton, H.; Ayling, J.; H. Higgins, P.Z., S.E.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z. 1623, S.N.; Gardner, P.S.; Cruise and Dowling, 1st and 2nd Asst.; W. P. Webb, I.P.Z.; and T. C. Walls, P.P.G. Soj. Middx., P.Z. Comps. Hallows, 141, and Greenwood, 1623, were visitors.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read, letters of apology for non-attendance through indisposition and other causes were read from Comps. G. Everett, P.Z.; W. Mann, P.Z., and others. A motion as to the alteration of one of the bye-laws having been brought forward, was seconded, and, after some discussion, passed.

The chapter was then closed in due form, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. The customary toasts followed, and were interspersed with selections of instrumental and vocal harmony by Comps. Greenwood, Webb, Buxton, Lardner, and others. The proceedings, which were throughout of a most pleasant and enjoyable character, terminated at an early hour.

IPSWICH.—Royal Sussex Chapter (No. 376).

The annual meeting of this chapter was held on Monday, the 30th ult., for the installation of officers for the ensuing year. Amongst those present were Comps. H. J. Wright, M.E.Z.; B. P. Grimsey, H.; P.Z's., J. M. Harvey, S. R. Anness, J. B. Fraser, N. Tracy, S.E., Prov. G.S.E.; G. Abbott, M.E.Z. 225; E. St. Geo. Cobbold, M.E.Z. 81; A. A. Bennett, H.; W. B. Hanson, 959; J. M. Franks, S.N.; J. C. Norman, P.S.; G. A. Hardacre, and others.

After the chapter had been opened in due form, and the minutes of the last convocation read and confirmed, apologies for non-attendance were read from several companions, amongst them one from E. Comp. W. Pearson, J., who had been elected to fill the chair of H., and one from E. Comp. A. J. Grimwade, P.Z., who had undertaken the ceremony of installing Comp. Norman in the chair of J. The ceremony of installing the M.E.Z. was performed by E. Comp. H. J. Wright, and that of J. by E. Comp. N. Tracy, P.Z., Prov. G.S.E., in the unavoidable absence of Comp. Grimwade. The other officers appointed and invested were: Comps. H. J. Wright, I.P.Z., Scribe E.; J. M. Franks, S.N.; G. A. Hardacre, P.S.; J. Flintham, 1st A.S.; J. King, 2nd A.S.; W. P. Mills, P.Z., P.P.G.H., Treas.; S. R. Anness, P.Z., D. of C.; G. A. Hardacre, Org.; and G. Gould, Janitor.

The chapter being closed, the companions retired to the banqueting room, where an excellent repast was partaken of, after which the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, more particularly that of "The M.E.Z.," which was proposed by the Installing Principal, who expressed his sense of the honour of having the pleasure that evening of placing him, who had only a few days previous been placed in the civic chair of that ancient borough, in the first chair of the chapter.

Mark Masonry.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE (No. 355).

The first meeting since the consecration was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Tuesday, the 1st inst. Present: Bros. J. Willing, jun., W.M.; W. M. Stiles, S.W.; W. A. Scurrah, J.W.; J. L. Mather, as I.P.M.; G. Gregory, M.O.; H. Dickey, S.O.; J. H. Batt, J.O.; G. Mordey, R.M.; C. J. Knightley, Sec.; W. J. Ferguson, S.D.; A. H. Scurrah, J.D.; G. Dickinson, D.C.; M. J. Rowley, I.G.; and S. Smith, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. F. Binckes, P.G.W., Grand Secretary; C. E. Soppet, W.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge; Williamson, P.G. Stwd.; J. Q. Briggs, W.M. elect 181; E. J. Hoare, Grand Org.; T. C. Edmonds, I.G. 139; and others.

After the lodge had been opened, the minutes of the consecration meeting confirmed, and the report of the Bye-laws Committee adopted, the W.M., assisted by the whole of his officers, most ably advanced Bros. A. H. Scurrah, G. Dickinson, and M. J. Rowley to the honourable Degree of M.M. Mason. Several brethren were proposed for advancement at the next meeting; the Grand Secretary was saluted, and the lodge closed.

A most recherche dinner was served under the personal superintendance of Bro. G. P. Bertini, the courteous manager of the Criterion. The W.M., Bro. Jas Willing, jun., presided with his accustomed ability and geniality, and the visitors, as well as several Grand Officers, who looked in after Grand Mark Lodge, complimented the lodge on its progress and advancement.

FRIZINGTON.—Henry Lodge (No. 216).

The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 2nd inst. Bro. Geo. Dalrymple, P.M., P.G. Sec., in the absence of the W.M., occupied the chair, supported by Bros. B. Craig, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., S.W.; R. Wilson, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., J.W.; C. Gowan, M.O.; J. Gordon, S.O.; A. Moorstaff, J.O.; J. Routledge, Sec. and Reg.; Jas. Harper, P.M., P.G.M.O., Treas.; F. T. Allatt, I.G.; J. Johnston, Tyler; and others.

The minutes were read and confirmed, when the agenda showed the time had arrived to elect the W.M., and Bro. R. Wilson was elected by a unanimous vote Master for the ensuing year, and Bro. J. Harper, Treasurer. There being nothing further, the lodge was closed in form.

WORKINGTON.—Derwent Lodge (No. 282).

The monthly meeting of the above lodge was held on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., Bro. John Paterson, W.M., P.G. Steward, in the chair, supported by his officers, members, and several visitors, among whom were Bros. Thos. Atkinson, W.M. 213, P.G. J.O., and Thos. Brakenridge, S.D. 213. The minutes of the former meeting having been confirmed, three candidates were balloted for, accepted, and advanced; two candidates were proposed; and twelve brethren were presented with their Grand Lodge certificates. We are pleased to observe the great success that has attended Bro. Paterson's mallet in Mark Masonry, as it did in the Craft, which was predicted by the prophets at his installation.

With "Hearty good wishes" and the general routine

business disposed of a social gathering to be held on the 14th inst., the lodge was closed in form, and a pleasant hour was subsequently spent in the banquet hall.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Lodge of Industry (No. 293).—The last meeting for the present year was held at the Masonic Hall, on the 7th inst., when the W.M., Bro. J. G. Smith, was supported by the following brethren: Bros. M. Corbett, I.P.M.; D. Sinclair, P.M.; John Wood, P.M., Treas.; C. B. Ford, S.W.; John Page, J.W.; W. F. Carmon, M.O.; J. T. Harrison, S.O.; Robt. Whitfield, J.O.; M. H. Dodd, as R. of M.; W. Brown, Sec.; Alfred Simpson, as S.D.; R. W. Klyne, as I.G.; H. F. Dryden, S.S.; J. H. Elliott, and others. Bro. John Hedley, 48, who was balloted for at a previous meeting, was advanced as a M.M. by the W.M. after which the annual elections took place, when Bro. C. B. Ford, S.W., was elected to be W.M.; Bro. John Wood, P.M., Treas.; and Bro. Joshua Curry, Tyler. A Finance Committee was also appointed.

Knights Templar.

SHADWELL CLERKE PRECEPTORY (No. 151).—The winter meeting of this preceptory was held at 33, Golden-square, W., on Monday last. The preceptory was opened by the E.P., Sir Knt. Henry Lovegrove, assisted by Sir Knts. W. G. Lemon, J. S. Cumberland, Magnus Ohren, J. H. Robinson, J. Shilcock, J. E. Purrott, G. J. Dunkley, and J. H. Read, the latter presiding at the organ. The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. Sir Knt. Neal York, Constable, was unanimously elected E.P. for the ensuing year, and Sir Knt. Magnus Ohren was re-elected Treasurer, to the great satisfaction of the members. Sir Knt. George Kelly was elected a joining member. Sir Knt. W. G. Lemon gave notice of motion for the presentation of a jewel to the retiring E.P. The sir knights afterwards dined at the Holborn Restaurant.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

SHEFFIELD.—Talbot Chapter (No. 16).—A meeting was held on the 20th ult., presided over by the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. J. E. Bingham, assisted by Bro. S. Kelly, 30°, High Prelate; Bro. J. Gleeves, 1st General; and the rest of the officers of the chapter. Two candidates, Bros. T. R. Nicholas and F. C. Ramshaw, out of the six candidates, came up for the Degree, which was given by the M.W.S., assisted by Ill. Bro. Ensor Drewry, P.M.W.S. Ill. Bro. Chas. J. Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, and I.G. North-Eastern District, escorted by Ill. Bro. W. H. Brittain, 32°, Ill. Bro. R. Arnison, 30°, and Ill. Bro. Roddwing, was received under an arch of steel, and saluted. There was a good attendance of the members, amongst whom were Ill. Bros. T. W. Tew, 30°, R.W. Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire; Collinson, Bright, Hawkesley, Thomas, Roper, and others. This chapter is working well, and very successful—equal to any in the district. Business over, the chapter was closed in due form.

An excellent banquet was served up in the dining hall, presided over by the M.P.S., Ill. Bro. J. E. Bingham, supported by Ill. Bros. C. J. Banister, 33°; W. H. Brittain, 32°; T. W. Tew, 32°; W. E. Bright, 30°; and others, on the right; Ill. Bros. E. Drewry, P.M.W.S.; Kelly, 30°; Roddwing, 30°; Arnison, 30°; T. Collinson, P.M.W.S.; G. W. Hawkesley, P.M.W.S.; W. R. Thomas, P.M.W.S.; W. G. Roper, and others, on the left.

The loyal toasts were proposed from the chair. Ill. Bro. Col. Birch, 30°, lately residing in India, visited the chapter, and remained to the banquet.

Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, 33°, responded to "The Health of the Supreme Council" and his own health, which was graciously proposed by the M.W.S., and enthusiastically received by the brethren.

Ill. Bro. W. H. Brittain, 32°, responded for that Degree and the 31°, and proposed "The Health of the Members of the 30°," which was responded to by the five members present.

Bro. Banister proposed "The Health of the M.W.S.," who responded in a most excellent speech.

The M.W.S. proposed "The Health of the Visitors." Other toasts followed, and the brethren separated, after spending a most enjoyable evening.

BOLTON.—St. Peter's Chapter (No. 31).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Commercial Hotel, Gower Hall-square, on Saturday, the 25th ult., when the M.W.S., Bro. A. Middleton, presided, assisted by his officers. There was a good attendance of the brethren, Ill. Bro. Charles James Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, and I.G. North Eastern district, and Ill. Bro. George P. Brockbank, 32°, was escorted by the Grand Marshal and received under an arch of steel, and saluted. The minutes of the last regular chapter were read and confirmed. Ill. Bro. G. P. Brockbank informed the brethren that he had the fourth volume of Bro. Gould's "History of Freemasonry" ready to present Ill. Bro. Banister at the last meeting, but in consequence of the illustrious brother not being able to attend the meeting he had taken it home, but would send it to Bro. Banister next week. No candidates having come up for the Degree, and the usual business of the chapter over, it was closed.

The banquet was all that could be desired, and was presided over by the M.W.S., Bro. A. Middleton. There was an excellent muster of members, although many were prevented coming through the elections which took place upon that day in the district. The loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and responded to, interspersed with excellent music and songs, and a truly enjoyable evening was spent by all. Regret was expressed that Ill. Bro. Clement Beswick Roids, S.G.I.G., 33°, and I.G. North Western District, were unfortunately absent. Among the brethren present were Bros. Sinclair, Murray, Lane, Metcalfe, Swindlehurst, Barrett, Huet, Harwood, Kenyon, Mcorris, Edwards, Cunliffe, Wilson, Davies, Latham, and others.

HULL.—Antient York Chapter of Redemption (No. 68).—A meeting of this chapter was opened on Thursday, the 3rd inst., by Bro. R. Huntley, M.W.S., assisted by his officers. Bro. Thomas Marshall Wilkinson, P.M. of the Witham Lodge, was perfected by Ill. Bro.

Charles James Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, and I.G. of the North Eastern District, at the request of the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. Walter Reynolds, 32°, acting as G.M. and Raphael, and Bro. T. Thompson acting as High Prelate. Ill. Bro. Smith, 31°, was elected as M.W.S.; Ill. Bro. M. C. Peck, 30°, as Treasurer. Two candidates were proposed for the Degree. The M.W.S. spoke in high terms of the late Bro. Henry Vise, 18°, who died on the 2nd ult., deeply regretted by all who knew him. Many apologies were received from absent brethren who could not attend from various causes.

After the chapter was closed the brethren assembled in the dining hall for supper, presided over by Bro. R. Huntley, M.W.S., having Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, P.G. I.G., 33°; Ill. Bro. Hopwood, 30°; Bros. Cousins, Ansell, Wilkinson, and Moll on his right; and Ill. Bro. Walter Reynolds, 32°; Bros. Oates, Kiffs, Pudsey, Logan, Gillett, and others on his left. The loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the M.W.S. in appropriate terms.

Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister responded to the toast of "The Supreme Council," himself proposing "The Health of the M.W.S.," who acknowledged the same in a neat speech, and proposed "The Health of the Members of the 32°," and Ill. Bro. Walter Reynolds," thanking him most sincerely for the great assistance he always gave to the chapter and its members.

After responding, Bro. Reynolds proposed "The Health of the Members of the 31° and 30°," which was responded to by Bro. Hopwood, 30°, I.P.M. W.S.

Ill. Bro. Banister proposed "The Health of the Candidate, Bro. Wilkinson," which was drunk most heartily, and Bro. Wilkinson responded in a thoroughly Masonic speech, which augurs well for his success in this Degree. A very happy evening was spent.



Bro. Fred Leslie is engaged to play Jonathan Wild at the Gaiety, in the new burlesque of "Jack Sheppard," promised for Boxing Night. Bro. David James will play Blueskin, and Miss Farren, Jack. On the 19th inst. the Parsee Company will take possession of the Gaiety stage for a week, in a selection from Indian pieces.

Bro. Edward Terry, Grand Steward, has been interviewed by a special commissioner of the *Manchester Chronicle*, from which we learn the distinguished comedian has forsaken burlesque for ever, considering it inane and useless, and having served its purpose. Bro. Terry has also given out that he intends playing in the provinces until May, when he returns to London and starts as his own manager in a new theatre, on the site of the Occidental in the Strand, where he will give farcical comedies, as "The Rocket," and "In Chancery," in which he is meeting with great success.

"Hoodman Blind" recently reached its 100th performance, on which occasion, as is the custom at the Princess's, Bro. Wilson Barrett was called upon to make a speech. He then said that the next play there would be one by Mr. H. A. Jones and another gentleman, supposed to be himself; after which he will produce a classical play by Mr. Sydney Grundy, whom he has commissioned to write one. Then will follow the long-promised Shakespearian play. We suppose after that he will go to America, where "Hoodman Blind" has just been received with the greatest enthusiasm. Athens is said to be the scene in which Mr. Grundy's classical drama will be laid. "Hoodman Blind" is still meeting with the success and popularity it began with.

There has been a split in the camp at the Olympic, and we are threatened with the washing of dirty linen in public—a law-suit being impending. For some reason or another, the chief actress is now out of the cast of "Alone in London." Miss Amy Roselle one evening omitted—whether purposely or accidentally is known only to herself—some lines which led up to a cue for Miss Harriet Jay, the joint authoress of the drama. The result of this was that the management sent her a week's salary and gave the part to Miss Jay to play; the rest is to be played out in the law courts. It must certainly weaken the piece when Miss Roselle is not playing the heroine. Miss Jay's part, Gipsy Tom, is now played by Miss Louisa Gourlay.

Cupid appears in some form in all theatrical representations, but we do not think he has appeared in name before so much as at the present time. At no less than three houses he gives the title to a piece. On Monday week, Mr. Wyndham, as a first piece, added "Cupid in Camp" on the Criterion programme. This little piece has been played before, we do not remember whether it was at this theatre. Then we have "In Cupid's Court" at St. George's Hall, Mr. German Reed's entertainment; and at the Vaudeville, Mr. Thorne's first piece is "Cupid's Messenger," charmingly played by Miss Kate Rorke. "The Candidate" has passed its 250th representation. No one should miss seeing Mr. Wyndham in this one of his best of his many excellent character sketches. Our contemporary, *The Era*, announces that the author of "The Candidate," Mr. Justin McCarthy, jun., who was the successful candidate for Newry the other day, is about to lead to the hymeneal altar the only child of Bro. J. L. Toole, on which he is to be sincerely congratulated.

The New London Pavilion was opened on Monday, the 30th ult., with every sign of its taking up the ground it formerly occupied in the sympathies of its patrons. For months past this palatial building has been in course of construction, the workmen being engaged on it by night as well as day. Many of our country cousins have supposed it was the town house of a nobleman which was being built on this, one of the grandest sites in the world. On all concerned it reflects the highest credit, Messrs. Peto Bros., the builders, Bro. J. Ebenezer

Saunders, C.C., F.S.A., P.G.D., the architect, and Mr. Bradwell, the decorator. It stands nearly and partly on the site of the old Pavilion. During the two weeks it has been crowded nightly. The entertainment is of a character quite in accord with and equal to the magnificent palace in which it is held, Mr. Arthur Lloyd, Mr. Chas. Godfrey, Miss Nellie Farrell, Mr. Pat Feeney, Mr. Fred. Albert, and Mrs. Lennard Charles being amongst the favourite singers. The acoustic properties are all that can be desired, for in every part of the building, which is not too large, the words of the singers on the stage can be distinctly heard. Mr. Villiers is still the proprietor, Mr. Sam. Adams the manager, whilst Mr. Harry Cavendish presides as of old over the assembly.

Bro. Thomas Thorne on Wednesday of last week gave a matinee of an adaptation from the French play, "Le Voyage de M. Perrichon," already known in this country as "The Peneder's Holiday" and "Mont Blanc," which met with such a reception that the lessee decided to transfer it at once to the evening bill. Its new title is "The Loyal Lovers." This four-act farce is amusing, though its plot is not much, but in the hands of Bros. Thos. Thorne, Walter Everard, Lestocq, and Mr. Gardiner, who have the chief parts, it will probably command the attention of the Vaudeville audiences until the new play of Mr. H. Jones is ready. "The Loyal Lovers" demonstrates an undoubted fact of human nature that it is more easy to win the affection and gratitude of others by placing one's self under an obligation to them, than by doing something which places them under an obligation to one's self. This truth is shown by Bro. Thos. Thorne, who acts one of his old characters, the retired and—though not necessarily—vain, vulgar, and ungrateful tradesman. This man, Coverham, goes on a trip to the continent with his wife and daughter. Whilst yet at Charing Cross Station, where he takes the tickets, two young men—Henry Malvern and William Cranford—confront the would-be travellers. One confides to the other that he is going to take a ticket for Dover, with a view to following a very pretty and charming young lady, Miss Coverham; the other replies he is doing the same thing. They agree to be friends as suitors for her hand, and that whichever is the happy man chosen, the other will retire honourably. Accordingly, they set to work to ingratiate themselves with the papa. Cranford has the good luck to save the life of old Coverham, who has fallen into what he ignorantly terms a crevice on the Mer de Glace. He at once becomes dear William. Miss Coverham favours him in his suit, as does the mother. Cranford is now the hero. Malvern is on the alert to surpass his rival, and purposely throws himself into a snow drift, which he knows is safe, and allows old Coverham to save him. The old snob begins to weary of hearing from his wife and daughter that he owes his life to William, and is delighted to hear his own action spoken of by every one in saving Malvern, who now becomes dearest Henry. The latter seizes his opportunity, and asks for his daughter's hand, which is willingly given by the vain and ungrateful father. The landlord of the inn requests Coverham to write something in the visitors' book, which he is only too pleased to do. He writes: "How deep these precipices look when you are standing on the hedge." A French officer reads it, and writes underneath that there are no hedges on the mountain, and suggests that the tailor does not understand the use of the letter *h*. Coverham, exasperated at this, adds that the above critic is an insalent puppy. Forthwith he is called upon when he gets home to fight a duel with the Frenchman. He accepts, but takes good care to inform the police of the forthcoming event, and tells them it will take place at a quarter to twelve, so that they will be there in time to prevent it. Cranford, to win back Coverham's esteem, uses some influence he has to get the officer recalled to France; but, as the tailor had made it all safe himself, he is exasperated at the young man's interference. Malvern would undoubtedly have the field left to himself for the young lady's hand but for an act of indiscretion. In Coverham's garden he confides in Cranford his opinion of the vanity and vulgarity of the ex-tradesman, who happens to be in a summer-house and overhears all, and so William Cranford is accepted as the husband. Bro. Thorne is an excellent representative of the ex-tradesman. His dull manner is seen to advantage, and frequently convulses his audience. Mr. Gardiner, as Malvern, and Bro. Everard, as the other rival, play with much spirit and earnestness. Bro. Lestocq has such a poor part that he has no chance of distinguishing himself. This remark applies to Miss Kate Rorke—indeed, all the ladies' parts are minute—who does the best she can with a character in which she has little opportunity of showing her undoubted ability, with which she is universally acknowledged to be richly endowed. Her talents are entirely thrown away on a piece where she has little to do but look pretty, and this she certainly does. On the second evening—the day we were present—a scene was put in the last act purposely for her, and she left the stage amid unmingled applause; but, even with this, we should think Miss Rorke will not be personally sorry when a new play comes out, that she may have a part a little more in harmony with, and some scope for, her capabilities. In the first piece, called "Cupid's Messenger," by Mr. A. C. Calmour, a poetical and taking little play, Miss Kate Rorke has it all to herself as the heroine. The scene is laid in the time of Queen Elizabeth in the house of Sir Francis Walsingham. Sir Philip Sydney is in love with Miss Fanny Walsingham, and she with him, and has long waited for him to woo and win her. His sister Mary, knowing of the affection, promises Miss Walsingham that she will bring her brother up to the scratch, and conceives an efficacious plan. Mary assumes the garb of a knight, and presents herself in doublet and hose to her brother, who has not seen her for a long while, as a suitor for Fanny's hand. This has the desired effect, for when Sir Philip finds he has a rival, the procrastinating lover forthwith proposes, and, of course, is readily accepted. "Cupid's Messenger" was brought out at the Novelty last July at a matinee, with Miss Rorke as Sir Philip Sydney's sister. This lady has resumed her original character, which she plays in a charming manner, and gives her audience an insight of what she can do. Having youth and beauty on her side—always a help to the ambitious on the stage—we see no reason to alter an impression we made long ago, that Miss Kate Rorke will make a great name on the stage, and will be seen in the highest rank of Shakespeare's comedies. Bro. Everard plays the hesitating lover with manliness, and gains the attention of his hearers. We have repeatedly commended his acting in various plays.



Bro. Joseph Renals (Citizen and Spectacle Maker), Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657, has issued his address, as a candidate for the vacant seat in the Court of Common Council to represent the Ward of Aldersgate.

The consecration of the United Northern Counties Lodge, No. 2128, will take place at the Masonic Hall, 8a, Red Lion-square, on Monday next. Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Cleike, G. Sec., will officiate as Consecrating and Installing Master, and will be assisted in his duties by Bros. Thomas Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes, as S.W.; Edward Letchworth, P.G.D., as J.W.; the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., as Chaplain; and Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as Director of Ceremonies. The principal officers designate are Bros. J. S. Cumberland, W.M.; W. F. Smithson, S.W.; and Wm. Masters, J.W. The banquet will take place at the Holborn Restaurant at 6.30 p.m.

Her Majesty has forwarded a donation of £10 to the Funds of the Royal Victoria Hall, Waterloo-road.

Bro. the Duke of Abercorn has been appointed Lieutenant of the County of Down, in succession to his father.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Evans has been appointed a Justice of the Peace for the county of Glamorgan.

Bro. Sir Algernon Borthwick, M.P., has been elected President of the Newspaper Press Fund, in place of the late Lord Houghton.

Bro. Earl Granville visited Mr. Gladstone at Hawarden Castle towards the end of last week, and left for London early on Monday morning.

Bro. Lord and Lady Henry Thynne and Bro. Lord Poltimore were among those present at the funeral in Gerard's cross parish churchyard, Bucks, on Saturday last, of the late Duke of Somerset, K.G.

Bros. the Earl of Jersey and C. S. Read were among those present at the concluding session for the current year of the Farmers' Club, which was held on Monday evening, at the Inns of Court Hotel.

The third annual ball, held under the patronage of the brethren of the Lancaster lodges, and the proceeds of which are given to some of the Lancashire Masonic Charities, will take place on January 14th, in the Town Hall, the use of which has been kindly granted by his Worship the Mayor (Bro. James Hatch, P.M. and Treasurer 281).

On Monday evening, the 30th ult., the brethren of the St. John's Lodge, No. 141, Campbelltown, met in the Masonic Hall, St. John-street, Bro. Archibald Galbraith presiding. The brethren unanimously elected Bro. Archibald Campbell W.M. for the ensuing year. Bros. John T. Wardrop was elected S.W., and Archibald M'Nab, J.W.

The lodge of instruction in connection with the United Military Lodge, No. 1536, have just held their annual supper at the lodge-room, Thomas-street, Woolwich, on which occasion a handsome clock was presented to Schoolmaster Bro. R. Gooding, on behalf of the members, as a mark of esteem and respect. Bro. Gooding has held the position of Preceptor to the lodge for the past three years.

It was resolved at the meeting on the 19th ult. of the Langton Lodge of Instruction to form a Langton Masonic Benevolent Association, which will last four years, and the object will be to obtain for its members by means of weekly subscriptions of one shilling each (payable monthly) Life Governorships (value £10 10s.) in any of our Institutions. The first meeting will take place at the White Hart, Abchurch-lane, on Thursday next, when members will be enrolled. We wish the association all success.

The following dinners took place at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending Saturday, the 12th inst. Monday—Robert Burns Lodge; Lodge of Unions; Joppa Lodge; Regularity Chapter; Caxton Lodge. Tuesday—Waldeck Lodge; St. James's Union Lodge; Jerusalem Chapter; Prudent Brethren Lodge. Wednesday—Enoch Lodge; Lodge of Fidelity; Club of Nobodys' Friends. Thursday—Caledonian Society; Polish National Lodge; Pilgrim Lodge. Friday—Britannic Lodge; Bedford Lodge. Saturday—Holborn Circus Cricket Club; Phoenix Lodge; Duke of Cornwall Lodge.

Bro. Churchwarden Simpson presided most ably over the St. Sepulchre's precinct dinner, which was held at the Guildhall Tavern on the 4th inst. Among the company present we noticed Bro. Lavington, C.C., Morton, C.C., Malthouse, C.C., Mathew, C.C., Wildash, C.C., T. C. Walls, H. J. Lardner, J. Young, L. Lardner, Herbert, Woodhill, J. Harris, Hableit, Güit, Ansley, Greenwood, and others. The proceedings were throughout most successful. The musical arrangements were under the management of Bro. E. M. Litt, G. Org., assisted by Bros. Edgar Roberts and Arthur Weston, Mesdames Sargent and Kirton, and twelve members of the St. Sepulchre's choir, whose respective efforts gave unqualified satisfaction.

On Thursday evening, the 3rd inst., at the Blue Posts, Southampton Buildings, Bro. H. G. Gush, P.M. 1541, was presented with a testimonial consisting of a very handsome clock, accompanied by a purse of gold. The inscription on the clock, which explains the occasion, is as follows: "Presented to Bro. Henry Good Gush, P.M. 1541, on the occasion of his marriage, by members of the various lodges of instruction with which he has been connected, in testimony of their fraternal affection and regard, and for the services he has rendered them on all occasions." Bro. Fox having, on behalf of the brethren, made the presentation in appropriate terms, and Bros. Snelling, Berry, Cross, Creak, and others having spoken, Bro. Gush responded, and a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Fox, as Chairman, and the other members of the Committee, brought the proceedings to a close.

Bro. J. Henry Hoyt was elected W.M. of Restormel Lodge, No. 856, Lostwithiel, on the 3rd inst.

Bro. the Earl and the Countess Granville and Lady Victoria Leveson-Gower left town on Tuesday evening for Chatsworth, on a visit to the Duke of Devonshire.

Bro. Sir James Fergusson, Bart., M.P., was among the members present at the meeting on Monday of the Committee of Council on Education in Scotland.

The marriage of Mr. John Arthur James, with Venetia, youngest daughter of Bro. G. Cavendish-Bentinck, M.P., was celebrated by special licence at the Chapel Royal, St. James's, on Monday.

Bro. Sir W. Hart-Dyke M.P., has issued a notice to a large number of labourers in the Dartford Division of Kent, to the effect that he is willing to let any number of small holdings on his land, at Lullingstone, at a yearly rental of five shillings an acre.

Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., has consented to open a grand Christmas fair on the 18th inst., in the schoolrooms of St. Stephen's, Westbourne Park-road, in aid of the Church Fund.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, on Monday evening, laid the foundation stone of the building about to be erected in High-street, Clapham, for the accommodation of the Students of the Surrey Conservatoire of Music.

Bro. the Lord Mayor was the principal guest at the dinner given at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on the 2nd inst., by the members of the Officers' and Clerks' Committee of the Corporation of London.

The members of the Prince Albert Victor Reception Committee of the Corporation of London had a parting dinner at the Guildhall Tavern last week, among the principal guests being Bros. the Lord Mayor, Alderman Sir R. Hanson, P.G. Std., F. P. Alliston, T. Beard, and N. P. Headon.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed by Bro. John Jacobs, W.M. 1614, at the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, held at the Bedford Hotel, Maiden Lane, Covent Garden, W.C., on Thursday evening, the 31st inst.

It was announced at a meeting, on Tuesday, of the Metropolitan Public Gardens Association, that Bro. Earl Cowper, K.G., had offered to purchase for £1500, a freehold site in Finsbury, on condition that it should be laid out and maintained by the Association as a public recreation ground.

Bros. the Duke of Manchester, Sir Charles Mills, A. Staveley Hill, M.P., and other gentlemen well acquainted with the requirements of our colonies, have on hand a subject for the establishment of a Colonial College and Training Farm in this country.

The Thistle Lodge of Mark Master Masons held its installation meeting on Friday, the 4th inst. Bro. G. P. Festa was installed W.M., and Bro. Van Joel and Valeriani, Senior and Junior Wardens respectively. The Installing Master was Bro. F. Binckes, Grand Secretary, and it is needless to add the interesting ceremony, in his hands, was rendered to perfection.

We are asked to state that the Grand Registrar of England has kindly consented to rehearse the ceremony of consecration at the Hornsey Chapter of Improvement, No. 890, to-morrow (Saturday), at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W. The chapter will be opened at 7 p.m. On this occasion companions are requested to appear in Royal Arch clothing.

At a meeting of the Lodge of Good Fellowship, No. 276, on Thursday, the 19th ult., at the White Hart, Chelmsford, Bro. Dr. Holland, of Chelmsford, was elected a joining member, and was passed to the Degree of F.C. The S.W., Bro. A. C. Durrant, was elected W.M. for the ensuing year.

The Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625, has been resuscitated, and is now held at Bro. G. Cox's, the Wellington Arms, Wellington-road, Bow-road, every Thursday evening, at 7.30 p.m. Bro. B. Stewart, Preceptor; and Bro. E. N. Fox, Hon. Secretary. On the 29th ult., Bro. W. Musto, P.M. 1349, worked the ceremony of installation, the members present being Bros. J. Kimbell, Hubbert, McDonald, B. Da Costa, Oxley, Allan, Myers, Hogg, McKenzie, Fox, Isaacs, Stone, Cox, Cary, Randall, Hamaford, and Jackson. The lodge-room, which has been recently built, is commodious, well ventilated, and tastefully decorated; is easy of access, being near the Bow Road Stations (N.L.R. and G.E.R.)

To the further list we published last week of the brethren who have been returned to the new Parliament as members of the House of Commons must be added the following: Bros. W. C. Borlase (Mid-Division of Cornwall), Baron Dimsdale (Hitchin Division of Herts), R. Jasper More (Ludlow Division of Shropshire), Sir W. Hart-Dyke (Dartford Division of Kent), the Earl of March (Chichester Division of Sussex), A. Akers-Douglas (St. Augustine's Division of Kent), W. A. Tyssen-Amhurst (South-West Norfolk), A. Staveley Hill, O.C. (Kingswinford Division of Staffordshire), Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart. (Kingston Division of Surrey), Christopher Sykes (Buckrose Division of Yorkshire), W. Ellison-Macartney (South Antrim), H. A. Bass (West Staffordshire).

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Invalids distracted by indigestion and discouraged in their search for its remedy should make trial of this never-failing medicine. A lady, long a martyr to dyspeptic tortures, writes that Holloway's Pills made her feel as if a burden had been taken off her. Her spirits, formerly low, have greatly improved; her capricious appetite has given place to healthy hunger; her dull, sick headache has departed, and gradually so marvellous a change has been effected, that she is altogether a new creature, and again fit for her duties. These Pills may be administered with safety to the most delicate. They never act harshly, nor do they ever induce weakness; they rightly direct deranged, and control excessive action.—[ADVT.]

CURES (this week) OF SEVERE COUGHS AND COLDS BY DR. LOCOCK'S PULMONIC WAFERS.—From Mr. Trattles, Jet Works, Staithes, Yorks.—"I had been suffering for a considerable time with a most severe cold and cough, and, being summoned on a jury, I was under considerable uneasiness how I could possibly attend. I took the Wafers, and, as if by a charm, the cough ceased, and I am now entirely well." DR. LOCOCK'S WAFERS give instant relief and a rapid cure to Asthma, Consumption, Coughs, Bronchitis, and all Disorders of the Breath and Lungs, and have a pleasant taste. Price 1s. 1/2d., 2s. 9d., 4s. 6d., and 11s. per box. Sold by all Druggists.—ADVT.

On Thursday, the 3rd inst., Bro. John J. Berry, P.M. and P.Z., was unanimously elected Treasurer of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 554.

Bro. the Earl of Bandon has been re-elected G. Secretary of Ireland, but the election of a brother to fill the office of Grand Organist has been postponed for the present.

Bro. the Hon. H. Kinnard was to preside on Thursday evening at the annual gymnastic display and organ recital at the Young Men's Christian Association, Exeter Hall.

Messrs. Spiers and Pond are about opening a large restaurant in connection with Humphreys' Hall, Knightsbridge, and will thus supply a long-felt want in the neighbourhood.

We are glad to be in a position to announce that Bro. Alderman Savory, who for some time past has been confined to his house by a severe chill, is now able to drive out occasionally, and hopes soon to be in a position to resume his duties.

Bro. T. Sutherland, M.P., chairman of directors, presided at the 45th annual meeting, held at the offices, Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday, of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company.

Bros. the Lord Mayor (in the chair) and Aldermen Sir B. S. Phillips, De Keyser, Sir R. Hanson, Waterlow, Gray, and Cowan were among the members at the Court of Aldermen, held in the Guildhall, on Tuesday.

Bro. F. T. Isitt presided at the 28th annual meeting of the subscribers and supporters of the London General Porters' Benevolent Association, at the Guildhall Tavern, on the 2nd inst.

Bros. Lieut.-Gen. Randolph, Lieut.-Col. T. Sewell Davies, and M. Buzard, Q.C., were among the guests at the banquet, on Monday evening, in their hall, London Wall, by the Master, Wardens, and members of the Curriers' Company.

The Three Grand Principles Lodge, No. 967, at its meeting on Tuesday, the 1st inst., at Penryn, unanimously elected Bro. Harry Dawe, S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Thomas Gill, P.M., P.G. Asst. Sec., was re-elected Treasurer.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presented the prizes to the successful members of the Tower Hamlets Rifle Brigade. The meeting was held at the Shoreditch Town Hall, and passed off very satisfactorily. The returns show the total strength of the regiment is 1075.

Bro. the Lord Mayor will preside at the annual meeting of the Surgical Aid Society, which will be held at the Cannon-street Hotel, this day (Friday). He will subsequently attend the Council at King's College, and afterwards dine with the Mayor of Croydon.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, the Lady Mayoress, and Miss Staples were present at an orchestral concert given in the Egyptian Hall, Mansion House, on Saturday last, by the members of the Guildhall School of Music. Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Evans was also present.

Bros. Alderman and Sheriff Evans and Sheriff Clarke will be present among the chief guests at the banquet to be given to Bro. Lord Mayor Staples by the Master (Bro. Capt. Lambert, P.G.S.B.), and the Wardens of the Pattenmakers' Company, at the Holborn Restaurant, on the 14th January next.

Bros. Loveridge, Clarence Smith, and Shaw were at the meeting of the Fowler Testimonial Committee, at the Guildhall Tavern, on Tuesday, when it was resolved that the presentation should take place at Salters' Hall on a date to be fixed in accordance with the Lord Mayor's convenience.

The American Bar has made wonderful progress in popularity in this country. It is not so very many years since sherry cobbler were about the only kind of light cooling summer drink purchasable here, and even these, would, according to present ideas, not be regarded with favour as artistic concoctions. Now, thanks to the skill displayed in the preparation of these agreeable beverages, and above all, to the admirable appliances for making them which have been invented, there is hardly a tavern, hotel, or restaurant of any standing where they may not be had of fine quality and at modest charges. Among those who have secured fame by their excellence in the manufacture of American Bar Apparatus is the firm of Messrs. Dows, Clark, and Co., of Compton House, 46 and 47 Frith-street, Soho-square, W. This is evidenced by the fact that at recent exhibitions Messrs. Dows and Co., have been awarded, at different times, as many as twelve gold and silver medals, to say nothing of the innumerable testimonials they have received from wholesale and private buyers, to the quality and cheapness of their manufactures. We advise any of our friends who may wish to purchase any of these requisites, to extend their patronage to this firm, or, if they prefer trusting to their own judgment, let them visit Compton House, at the address stated, and see for themselves how ingenious, how sterling in quality, and lastly, how inexpensive are the contrivances invented for American Bars, and Bars generally, by Messrs. Dows, Clark, and Co.

BRO. G. S. GRAHAM'S ANNUAL CONCERT.

Bro. G. S. Graham's 20th annual concert took place at St. Andrew's Hall, on Tuesday, when we are glad to say there was a numerous and very appreciative audience present, who greeted with hearty applause the chief artistes and especially the beneficiary himself, whose long services as a public entertainer fully deserved such a reception. Where all acquitted themselves so admirably, it were churlish perhaps to specify any particular contribution, but Bro. Graham, Miss Amy Graham and Mr. Ferdinand L. Dunkley were cordially acclaimed, as likewise were Madame Lansdell Sims, Madame E. Saunders (solo pianiste), Miss Pauline Featherby, and Messrs. Alison Lister, H. Prenton, and Walter Toomer. It must have been especially gratifying to Bro. Graham to listen to the applause which greeted the performance of his new march, a very meritorious composition. There were no encores, and the concert, which commenced at eight o'clock was therefore over exactly at 10.30. Everything passed off admirably, and we congratulate Bro. Graham on the success of the evening.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, December 19, 1885.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12.

- Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 1612, West Middlesex, Lyric Hall, Ealing.
 " 1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1928, Gallery, Brixton Hall, Brixton.
 " 1964, Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
 Chap. 1297, West Kent, Thicket Hot., Anerley.

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, O'd Tabard Inn, Bedford-park, Chiswick. 7.30.
 Hornsey Chapter, Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-sq., W., at 8.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14.

- Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, F.M.H.
 " 29, St. Albion's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 136, Good Report, Inns of Court Hot.
 " 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1571, Leopold, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
 " 1670, Adelphi, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1805, Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow.
 " 2012, Chiswick, Bolton Hot., Chiswick.
 " 2030, The Abbey, Town Hall, Westminster.
 Chap. 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 1118, University, Freemasons' Hall.
 Mark 173, Temple, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 Rose Croix 53, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-sq.
 Consecration United Northern Counties Lodge, No. 2128, Masonic Hall, 8a, Red Lion-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Cambria-rd., S.E.
 Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.
 Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 7.
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, 8.
 W-llington, 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 A-hlar, 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, still 10.
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., Upper Norwood, at 8.
 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, DECEMBER 15.

- Board of General Purposes, at 4.
 Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot., London B.
 " 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 162, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1339, Stockwell, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
 " 1695, New Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury.
 " 2022, Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing.
 Chap. 7, Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 Mark 226, Excelsior, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
 " 238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

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.
 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
 Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
 Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Fues.
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
 Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.
 Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.
 Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
 Finsbury, King's Head Tavern, 42, Threadneedle-st., at 7.
 Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
 Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.
 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, 8.
 New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., 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, Courtford 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, DECEMBER 16.

- Lodge 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot.
 " 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar.
 " 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1624, Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly.
 " 1673, Langton, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
 " 1803, Cornhill, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Fidelity, Alfred Hot., Roman-rd., Barnsbury, at 8.
 Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Bishopsgate-st., 8.
 Vitruvian, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge, at 8.
 United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.
 Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark-bridge-road, 8.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
 United Strength, Hope Tav., Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.
 La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Gt. Portland-st., W., at 8.
 Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames.
 Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
 Temperance in the East, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
 Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, 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, Kyl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
 West Smithfield, Red Lion, Red Lion-court, Fleet-st., at 7.
 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.
 Royal Jubilee, Haunch of Venison, 1, Bell-yd., Fleet-st., at 8.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17.

- Lodge 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 169, Temperance, White Swan Hot., Deptford.
 " 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 513, New Concord, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
 " 1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1613, Cripple-gate, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 1681, Londesborough, S. Air-st., Regent-st., W.
 " 1901, Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich.
 Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
 " 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
 Mark Hon Accord, 8a, Red Lion-sq.
 " 7, Carnarvon, Café Royal, Regent-st., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
 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, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st. Kennington.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-st., Lime-house, at 7.
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
 Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.
 Ebury, 12, Pensonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.
 Rose, Sterling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.
 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.
 Gulph, 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.
 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C. 5.30.
 Creaton, Wheatsheaf 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, DECEMBER 18.

- House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
 Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
 " 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 733, Westbourne (Emergency), Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
 " 2000, Earl of Mornington, 8A, Red Lion-sq.
 " 2005, Brooke, Forest Hot., Chingford.
 Rose Croix 10, Invicta, 33, Golden-sq.
 K.T. 6, St. George's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

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.
 Stability, Masons' Hall Tav., at 6.
 St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at 8.
 Temperance, Duke of York Tav., Evelyn-st., Deptford, 8.
 Unions Emulation (for M.Ms.), F.M.H., at 7.
 Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
 Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
 Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tav., George-st., Baker-st., W.
 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-st., Hammersmith, W., at 8.
 Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
 Beacontree, Bell Tavern, Leytonstone, at 8.
 Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
 Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
 Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 8.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
 All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
 Ubique, 79, Ebury-st., Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30.

- Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
 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 Savoy Mark, The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury-pavement, 7.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19.

- Lodge 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
 " 1641, Crichton, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
 " 1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 Mark 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.
 " 251, Tenterden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

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