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HAVING regard to the near approach of the Festival of the Benevolent Institution, as well as to the fact that the Marquis of HERTFORD, G.S.W., who has kindly undertaken to preside, will have no particular province to support him, Bro. TERRY was well advised in placing the needs of that Charity so fully and forcibly before the brethren present at the New Year's entertainment at Croydon on the 6th inst. It was a matter of course that, with so many candidates left over from the election in May last, there should be a most formidable list preparing for the corresponding election in May next. Then the additions made last year to the number of annuitants involved an increase of liability on the part of the Institution to the extent of some £800. In the face of these facts it was necessary it should go forth authoritatively to the general body of English Masons that the Board of Stewards for the Festival in February was short of its full complement of late years to the extent of some 60 or 70 members, and that consequently there was just reason to fear there might be a most serious falling off in the proceeds of that Festival, a decrease of some £4,000 or £5,000 being, under these circumstances, not only possible, but even probable. It is, as we remarked on a recent occasion, most unfortunate that all these additional expenses by our three Charitable Institutions, which we have more than once specified, should have come upon us all in the course of one and the same year. But their so coming appears to have been inevitable, and the difficulty of meeting them, though admittedly great, is not insuperable. It is necessary the Craft should bestir itself more than it has done in previous years, while, as regards ourselves, we shall take each Institution in turn, and, as its anniversary becomes due, do what is in our power to press its claims more and more emphatically on our readers. Within six weeks from now the Benevolent Festival will take place, as usual, at Freemasons' Tavern. The Board of Stewards is considerably below its ordinary strength; there are some 130 candidates for election in May; and to keep the Institution going at its present strength a sum of close on £14,000 for annuities alone, to say nothing of the cost of management, must be found for the coming year. Here is the case in a nutshell, and we trust all our friends will lend a helping hand, so that Bro. TERRY's justifiable anticipations of a serious diminution in his Festival receipts may not be realised, at least, to their fullest extent.

THE proceedings at our School Quarterly Courts in January and July are oftentimes tame and uninteresting by comparison with those which take place at the Spring and Autumn Courts, when the elections are held; but notwithstanding, there is very frequently solid and substantial work done, which is of lasting benefit to the Institutions. Thus at the Quarterly Court of the Girls' School on Saturday last, the requisite steps for the improvement and greater security of the School, which may be said to have become necessary through the erection of several hundred houses round and about the premises, were sanctioned. These will involve the outlay of £1300, but there is little doubt the money will be well spent, and that when the two lodges have been built and the rest of the proposed work completed, the House Committee, from which the proposal emanated, will be found to have acted, as usual, wisely and for the best interests of the Institution. It is also, we think, a judicious move to have accepted the extension of Law LX., as submitted by Bro. J. H. MATTHEWS, P.G. Std. Br., so that in the event of any vacancies occurring from any cause in the interval between the election and reception into the School of the new pupils, the next highest unsuccessful candidate or candidates may be admitted at the next Quarterly Court. There is obviously no reason for the present enforced delay in filling a vacancy or vacancies which may have thus suddenly arisen, and there can be no injustice to the other unsuccessful candidates in drafting into the School at the earliest available opportunity those who, after the successful applicants, have polled the most votes. In fact, the highest unsuccessful candidates, provided they are of an age to be retained on the list for a further election, almost invariably secure places at the next ballot, so that while the advantages resulting from the extension of Law LX. are both obvious and great, any disadvantage that could possibly arise must be almost inappreciable. The one other item of business transacted was the settlement of the list of candidates, and the declaration of the number of vacancies to be competed for. As regards these, it will be seen, from our report elsewhere of the meeting, that there is an approved list of 37 candidates, and that the vacancies to be filled will be 23 in number. Thus the former may look forward to the result of the April election with a reasonable degree of hope, the chances in each case being not very far short of two to one in favour of obtaining a place.

THE business done at the Quarterly Court of the Boys' School, on Monday, was of a most varied character. It was, in the first instance, and very properly, resolved to leave the appointment of the Assistant Masters in the hands of the Head Master, such appointments, however, being subject to confirmation by the House Committee. Nothing could be more reasonable than that the Head Master, who is responsible for the educational system of the School, should have entrusted to him this power of appointing the men

who, under him, will have the duty of carrying out that system; nor can any fault be found with the arrangement which gives the right of final approval in the case of all such appointments to the House Committee, which is more immediately responsible for the entire well-being of the Institution. Then, as regards the arrangements for the April Election, the proposal to increase the number of boys by 10 was agreed to, so that there will be elected in April next 30, instead of 20, pupils from an approved list of 48 candidates. Here, again, though the proportion of vacancies to candidates, being five of the former to eight of the latter, is slightly less favourable than in the case of the Girls' School, it cannot be said that the youthful applicants will go to the poll without a reasonable prospect of success. At all events, it is clear that the establishment of the Preparatory School is having the effect of making these lists of candidates far more manageable than they were a short time since, and that, as matters now stand, no case can be said to be quite hopeless of ultimate success, provided the name is entered in good time, and the friends and supporters of the applicant exert themselves to the utmost. On the other hand, it must be equally clear that, with the addition of 15 made in October last and the further 10 to be elected in April, the responsibilities of the Institution will have increased to the extent of quite £1000 per annum, and that, as in the case of the Girls' School, the proposed expenditure of £1300 for lodges, &c., added to the cost of purchasing land (£5700), will necessitate increased exertions on the part of the Stewards and their friends at the Anniversary Festival in May; so here, the provision of the further £2000 or £3000 still required to start the Preparatory School free of liability, and the additional cost of maintaining 25 more boys, will render similar exertions imperative against the Boys' School Festival in June. Let us hope that in both instances the exertions will be made, and will be crowned with success.

AS regards Bro. RAYNHAM STEWART's motion for a new system of electing the House Committee, one thing is clear, namely, that it was carried by a narrow majority of 10 to 8, and that Bro. WEBB at once gave notice of a proposal to non-confirm the motion at the next Quarterly Court. But it is not equally clear that either Bro. RAYNHAM STEWART or anyone else who took part in or listened to the discussion which followed its proposal fully understood the precise terms of such resolution. We do not mean that the wording of the motion was not plain enough. But it would seem as if in the course of the discussion the original idea must have gone through a series of conflicting transformations. One brother suggested an amendment, which Bro. STEWART expressed his readiness to adopt. Another thought the scheme would prove unworkable; a third wanted to know what it was; and a fourth declared there was no motion before the Court. Then Bro. STEWART declared he had altered his motion, but had left it, where the tails of Little Bo-Peep's sheep were, behind him. Further mixed conversation ensued, in the course of which it was suggested that the motion should be dropped, and Bro. STEWART said he would leave the law as it stood. A third parley ensued, in which it was sought to be discovered whether or not the present law had not acted beneficially, and, in the result, Bro. STEWART, having first of all declared that it had so acted, but might not always prove equally beneficial, succeeded in carrying his motion by, as we have said, the narrow majority of 10 to 8, and there for the present the matter stands. However, it will be a source of satisfaction to every one to know that there are three months clear in which what is now in a state of confusion may be made comprehensible.

BRO. W. R. KELLY, in his handy "Pocket Companion," lately issued from the press of Bro. G. KENNING, is not afraid to tackle the subject of Masonic Jurisprudence, and the able manner in which he treats that important department makes us long all the more for an authoritative work on the subject from an entirely English Masonic standpoint. Brother KELLY is in error in supposing that the elections of Masters, &c., in England, "take place before and near to St. John the Evangelist's Day as possible," for, as a matter of fact, they take place at any time during the year, according to the wishes of the members, duly approved. But in Ireland, as Bro. KELLY states, and the Laws declare, "All lodges shall elect their officers in the month of November."

BRETHREN often in this country fall into the error of declaring that a "Lewis" can claim initiation at the age of 18. This is quite wrong, for no such claim exists. All that the "Lecture" alluded to lays down is that his initiation should take place before any one however worthy, &c., i.e., he should have the preference during the evening by being initiated prior to any other accepted candidate. Naturally, in applying for a dispensation to initiate a minor, his being a "Lewis" might be urged as a reason for the favour, but not in any way as a right.

CANDIDATES must be "free men," but to insist that the old and obsolete requirement of "free born" included, and still includes, "born in wedlock," is, as Bro. KELLY observes, "a very absurd interpretation." Initiates become members of a lodge in England, but membership in Ireland is confined to Master Masons, as in the United States, and so no one can vote on any question unless he has taken the Third Degree. The frequent comparison of English and Irish Masonic customs is not only a feature of this, the latest "Masonic Companion," but it is one of its special advantages, tending as it does to make us acquainted with the Constitutions of both bodies. Neither is Scotland forgotten.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The January Quarterly Court of this Institution's Governors and Subscribers was held last Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, P.G.T., in the chair. There were also present Bros. Frank Richardson, Wm. Roebuck, H. Massey, Ralph Clutton, J. H. Matthews, Henry W. Hunt, C. H. Webb, Peter de Lande Long, E. M. Money, and F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary).

After the minutes had been read,

The CHAIRMAN said that arising out of those minutes there was a circumstance he wished to mention. In connection with the purchase of the extra land at Battersea-rise he placed a notice of motion on the agenda of Grand Lodge, and it was his privilege, as Treasurer of this Institution, to make an application to Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication in December for a grant of money to defray the extra expenditure which would be incurred by the purchase which had recently been made. He had the pleasure to state that the brethren assembled in Grand Lodge most cordially complied with his request, and unanimously voted the sum of £1000 towards the after expenses connected with the purchase.

Bro. J. H. MATTHEWS, P.G. Std. Br., Vice-Patron, then moved, upon the recommendation of the House Committee, "That the House Committee be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding £1300 in the erection of an entrance lodge, a carpenter's cottage, and the extension of the front fencing along that part of the frontage of the newly-acquired land facing the Common." He said, as he happened to be Chairman of the House Committee on the occasion of the recommendation being made, he had brought forward this resolution. Immediately the purchase was sanctioned by the Quarterly Court, the House Committee took all the subjects connected with it into their full consideration, and they called in their good friend, Bro. Hunt, who recommended that the two lodges mentioned in the motion should be built, the expense of which would not exceed £1300. They had thought before this of building a lodge, and doing away with the front gates, which at present allowed of any people getting into the premises who ought not to be there. They thought of having a lodge gate on that side where the whole of the staff lived. But since this new ground was purchased it had come into the mind of the Committee that they would improve the premises very much by removing the present front gates to the corner of the newly-acquired piece of land, and there build a lodge. The entrance to the building would then be at the corner of the new land, where the gates would be removed to, and where there would be a cottage to be occupied by the gardener and his wife. The other cottage, to be occupied by the carpenter and his wife, would have gates alongside, which would be used only for the purpose of admitting coals, beer, and other heavy goods to the back of the building, thereby avoiding the admission of this kind of carts continually at the front. There was another reason. Up to the present time there had been a large open space in front, and there had not been that actual necessity for supervision of the children. Now, however, there would be round the building a main road, and beyond that main road a number of little houses; and when the children came up to the boundary wall there ought to be some supervision. At present that could not be done. With the proposed cottages for the gardener and the carpenter there would be the required supervision. There were other reasons, but he thought that those he had given were sufficient.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., seconded the motion, which had been fully explained by Bro. Matthews. He was quite sure that any one looking at the plans that had been drawn out would see that by what was proposed they would have the premises properly guarded. There were going to be some 200 or 300 houses built near the School. Up to the present time the School had not been badly guarded, because it had Wandsworth Common in front, and there was very small traffic. But now that there was to be a high road the traffic would be enormous. At the Boys' School at Wood Green they had a cottage at the gate, and every one going in had to give a proper account of himself. The circumstances of the Girls' School were now altered, and the Committee looked upon it as an imperative necessity to have the place guarded. They proposed that the carpenter should occupy one cottage at the back. It was only a twelve-month ago that they appointed a resident carpenter to do odd jobs, and they had found this plan to be a great saving to the Institution. They would have still further advantages if they could lodge him and his wife on the premises. With regard to the gardener and his wife, who had been living in the infirmary, they wanted to get them out from there, as the place was otherwise required. The sum proposed to be laid out appeared to be very large, but it was not so in fact, as, in addition to building the cottages, it would also defray the expense of fencing. The Local Board and the railway had given notice of application to Parliament for power to turn the footbridge over the railway to the Common into a carriage bridge, and this would cause a great deal of traffic in front of the School, which was an extra reason why the present gates should be closed.

Bro. W. ROEBUCK, P.G. Stwd., thought it quite necessary that the proposed lodges should be built. Allusion had been made to the Boys' School, and in reference to that subject he might say that no one went into the Institution without having to pass the gatekeeper. As to the Girls' School, there was formerly a private road in front; it was now a public road, and that made the placing of lodges at the entrance to the grounds absolutely necessary.

The motion was carried.

Bro. J. H. MATTHEWS next moved "to add to Law LX., the following Clause II.: 'In the event of vacancies occurring from any cause before the newly-elected children are received into the School, the next highest unsuccessful candidates on the list may be admitted at the next Quarterly Court.'" The motion, he said, required some explanation. It happened occasionally, that though at a half-yearly election the subscribers elected nominally a certain number of girls, between that day and the day of admission a vacancy occurred. At the August admission there were no less than three vacancies. As regarded the present position, next week or the week after the House Committee were going to receive the children elected in October, but one of those girls elected in October died the day after election. What the Committee wanted was to have the whole number of beds occupied, and to begin term with a full school. If they were given the power proposed by his resolution, this could be effected.

Bro. CLUTTON seconded the motion, observing that they could have but one object, that of making the Institution as useful to the Craft as possible.

Bro. W. ROEBUCK supported the motion, which was put and carried.

Bro. MATTHEWS thereupon moved that the Committee be empowered

to carry their resolution into effect by filling up the vacancies at the next day of admission.

The motion was seconded by Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, and carried.

Bro. MATTHEWS moved, and Bro. CLUTTON seconded, "That one additional girl be elected at the Quarterly General Court in April, thereby raising the number of girls elected in the Institution to 237."

The motion was carried.

On the motion of Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, seconded by Bro. J. H. MATTHEWS, it was resolved that the list of candidates for the April election should consist of 37 girls, out of whom 23 should be elected to fill vacancies.

Bro. HEDGES reported the completion of the purchase of the slip of land recently authorised; and another resolution was afterwards adopted to the effect that a new box for the Institution's deeds and securities should be obtained and deposited at the bank.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held on Monday at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. George Plucknett, Treas., in the chair; Geo. Angold, A. F. Godson, Rev. Richard Morris, H. Massey, Charles Belton, John C. Mather, C. H. Webb, Charles Fredk. Hogard, Raynham W. Stewart, Joyce Murray, A. Whelley, E. M. Money, Joseph Clever, Wm. Browne Kidder, Dudley Rolls, C. F. Matier, W. A. Scurrah, Raynham Stewart, jun., Francis F. M. Stewart, and F. Binckes, Sec.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes,

Bro. JOYCE MURRAY, Vice-Patron, on behalf of the House Committee moved to amend Law 74, Clause 2, that it might read as follows: "The Assistant Teachers shall be appointed by the Head Master, subject to confirmation by the House Committee." The Head Master, he said, had really the control of the education department, and he thought he should have the appointment of the teachers, subject, of course, to the confirmation of the House Committee.

Bro. A. F. GODSON, seconded the motion. The Committee had felt a difficulty in consequence of the opening of the Preparatory School, in which there would be Governesses who would have to work with the Head Master. They thought it would be better that the Head Master should appoint, and that the House Committee should confirm or refuse. Of course they would not refuse unless something very strong came to their knowledge. They had power to make enquiries better than the Head Master.

The motion was carried.

Another amendment was also moved by Bro. JOYCE MURRAY and seconded by Bro. GODSON, which was rendered necessary by the appointment of a new officer—the House Steward.

This also was carried.

Bro. JOYCE MURRAY moved, "That 10 additional boys be elected at the Quarterly General Court on 12th April next, making the total number 240." He hoped the brethren would assent to this proposition, because there were so many candidates for admission that the Committee felt it was their duty to admit as many as they possibly could. No doubt they would be able to make room for them after next election. They would not go into the School till August.

Bro. GODSON, in seconding the motion, said the House Committee had every reason to believe that the extra cost would not be much.

The motion was carried.

The Court then adopted the recommendation of the General Committee—that the list of candidates at the April Election should consist of 48 boys from which list 30 boys should be elected.

Bro. R. W. STEWART, P.G.D., V.P. and Trustee, next moved "That the members of the House Committee shall be elected for three years, and that at the expiration of the first three years the election shall take place annually. The three at the top of the list shall then retire, and be eligible for re-election, and so on annually." His great desire was to have a thorough working Committee. At present if a brother was elected he might be thrown out by any candidate put up against him at the end of the first year, and, that being the case, he could not be expected to take that interest in the Institution which he would if elected for three years. He could not be master of the situation in a year. It was a very important position. The House Committee had the regulation and management of the Institution, and it was requisite that brethren of some experience and knowledge should be on it. His great object was to build up an Institution that would be a glory to the Order. As they now had the Preparatory School, and were going to increase the number of boys, great care and supervision would be required. He did not wish to benefit himself, as they well knew; but only to produce good working brethren among them. The election would take place in June. In 1889 three members would go off; but be eligible to go on again.

Bro. GODSON suggested that four should go off, so that in three years the whole 12 would have retired.

Bro. R. W. STEWART did not object.

Bro. HOGARD said that would be simply an invitation to turn them off.

Bro. BELTON thought the whole scheme unworkable, and objected to it.

Bro. GODSON believed that those who went off each year should be those who had attended the fewest times.

Bro. BELTON did not see the necessity for any alteration of the present system.

Bro. JOYCE MURRAY seconded the motion. The motion required a great deal of alteration; but the principle was not a bad one. If all the members were to be turned off every year it would be detrimental to the Institution. He had been on several Committees, and he found the proposed system work well.

Bro. STEWART said he had altered his motion; but he had not the motion as altered with him. He, however, expected to have it before the meeting was concluded.

Bro. BELTON submitted that in that case there was no resolution before the meeting. The motion could not be carried now and amended afterwards. The resolution which Bro. Stewart wished carried was not before the meeting.

Bro. C. H. WEBB would like to ask how many of the House Committee had been rejected during the last two years.

Bro. BINCKES said the changes had been very small.

Bro. BELTON insisted that there was no motion before the Court.
 Bro. GODSON agreed that as the motion stood on the paper it was unwise.
 Bro. HOGARD said it was unworkable.
 Bro. GODSON observed that in the motion nothing was said about the first three years. The four would go out the first year.
 Bro. BINCKES said no. Whatever Committee was elected next June would continue for three years.
 Bro. HOGARD remarked that, that being the case, some would be elected for six and others for nine years.
 Bro. BELTON suggested that Bro. Stewart should redraft his motion, and submit it at the next meeting.
 Bro. WEBB hoped Bro. Stewart would drop it, and not bring it forward again. There were a large number of supporters of the Institution who could not attend that meeting, but who had confidence in others. If there could be a means adopted of inducing members to attend more frequently it would be beneficial. His idea, and the idea of those to whom he had spoken on the subject, was that the proposition before the meeting would reduce the House Committee to the position of a vestry. So long as the Committee did their duty there was no fear of their being rejected at the election. If a change did occur it might be to the advantage of the Institution, and he approved himself of a little new blood. He hoped the Court would not adopt the motion. If it was persisted in it would meet with very strong opposition, as being detrimental to the Institution, and if it was carried many subscribers would cease to take interest in the Institution. The object should be to get people to take greater interest in it.
 Bro. E. M. MONEY proposed that four should retire at the end of the first year, the four to be decided by ballot, but to be re-eligible.
 Bro. RAYNHAM STEWART said he would leave the law as it now stood.
 Bro. SCURRAH would ask whether the present system of balloting for members of the House Committee annually had not been found beneficial. As far as he could gather from information he had tried to obtain, it had given every satisfaction, not only to the General Committee of the Boys' School, but to the subscribers generally; and he thought they ought to be very careful how they made any alteration in that Committee, because they might give offence to some strong supporter of the School outside the Committee. He believed that if the Committee to be elected next June was to be in power three years it would be most detrimental to the best interests of the Institution, and he for one would be very sorry to see it carried. If there was any reason for an alteration let Bro. Stewart or some one say what it was, but if there was no reason let the law stand as it now was. He decidedly opposed it.
 Bro. R. STEWART said he felt it was for the benefit of the School. It was true the present system had worked well; but it might not always be so. A man might be elected, and turned off at the end of 12 months.
 The motion was carried by 10 votes to 8.
 Bro. BELTON demanded a poll, which was resisted by Bro. STEWART.
 Bro. WEBB said the numbers were too small on a question of such vital importance. It should be advertised for confirmation at next Quarterly Court. He should give notice of amendment that the resolution be not confirmed.
 Bro. R. STEWART said that at the meeting in April they would have a large number of brethren present, and it would be then seen what they said about it.
 The CHAIRMAN thought four should go off every year. The remainder would be acquainted with their duties.
 Bro. BINCKES, in answer to a question as to what was the average attendance of the members of the House Committee, said the average was more than three-quarters of the whole number.
 A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

**CONSECRATION OF THE LODGE OF PRUDENCE,
 No. 2114, AT LIVERPOOL.**

The consecration of the Lodge of Prudence, No. 2114, which took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Thursday, the 7th inst., created an unusual amount of interest, and attracted a more influential assembly of Masons than any which has been witnessed for a long time in this city. The novel feature of the "Prudence" is that it will be conducted on temperance principles—that is to say, no intoxicating liquors will be allowed to be consumed at refreshment by members of the lodge. A similar regulation is a conspicuous feature of the Wolseley Lodge, No. 1093, Manchester, consecrated by the distinguished general after whom it is named some two years ago, and the success which has attended its existence fully warrants the Liverpool brethren in following the example set them by Manchester Freemasons. The Wolseley Lodge now numbers about 100 members, and judging from the success which marked the inauguration of the "Prudence" it is certain that its existence will be one of continued prosperity. Several enthusiastic Freemasons are closely identified with its inauguration and interests, and the first meeting was in every respect of a most hopeful and promising character.

About 100 brethren were present to witness the impressive ceremony, among these being—

Bros. Lord Claud J. Hamilton, M.P., 251 (Abercorn Lodge, Ireland); W. Goodacre, P.G. Sec., acting P.G.M.; E. Pierpoint, P.G.J.W.; J. D. Murray, P.G.D.C.; Richard Washington, P.P.G.S.D.; J. B. Mackenzie, P.P.G.S.D.; Harold Wyatt, P.G.A. Sec.; W. C. Erwin, P.P.G.A. Sec.; Rev. H. G. Vernon, P.P.G.C.; Rev. R. F. Leslie, P.G.C.; R. Foote, P.G. Treas.; J. H. Barrow, P.G.S.D.; J. Beesley, P.G.S.D.; Geo. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C.; R. Cain, P.G. Stwd.; R. Williams, P.G.S.B.; John Cobham, P.G.S.D.; G. Morgan, P.G.J.D.; T. Whitehead, P.G.S.; John Duncan, jun., P.P.G.D.C.; J. T. Callow, P.P.G.T.; H. S. Lacy, P.P.G.D.C.; T. Salter, P.P.G.S.D.; Robert Martin, P.P.G.T.; John Whalley, P.P.G.D.C.; Maurice Hart, P.P.G.D.C.; H. Williams, P.P.G.A.D.C.; R. Ripley, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. M. Smythe, P.M. 68 (I.C.); S. Haynes, P.M. 1547; R. White, W.M. 241; J. Platts, W.M. 1473; W. H. Hignett, W.M. 1547; T. H. W. Walker, W.M. 1678; H. Darbyshire, P.M. 1993; D. Edwards, P.M. 1993; R. G. Bradley, W.M. 240; J. Hocken, P.M. 673; John Brotherton, L.P.M. 241; R. Harley, P.M. 1473; and R. R. Martin, P.M. 1094.

The chair was taken by Bro. W. Goodacre, P.P.G.R., P.G. Secretary, acting as Consecrating Officer, supported by Bros. R. Pierpoint, P.G.J.W. (acting S.W.); J. T. Callow, P.P.G.T. (acting J.W.); J. H. Barrow, P.P.G.S.D. (acting P.G. Sec.); J. D. Murray, P.P.G.D.C. (acting D.C.); and M. Hart, P.P.G.D.D.C. (acting I.G.)

The acting W.M., on opening the lodge, addressed the brethren on the nature of the meeting, after which the P.G. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. R. Leslie, offered up prayer. The founders of the lodge were then ranged in order as follows; Bros. J. Duncan, jun., 1547, P.P.G.D.C.; Robt. Foote, 1505, P.G.T.; H. J. Nicholls, 2042; R. Ripley, 1547, P.P.G.A.D.C.; Malcolm Guthrie, J.W. 1547; and H. G. Isaacs, 1547.

The acting P.G. Sec. read the petition and warrant, and the brethren approved the same, after which an oration was delivered by the P.P.G.C., Bro. H. G. Vernon. The P.G. Sec. then proceeded with the ceremony of consecration in the usual form, with corn, oil, wine, and salt, the P.G. Chap. giving the appropriate passages of Holy Writ. At the conclusion, Bro. John Duncan, jun., W.M. designate, was presented to the Consecrating Officer for installation by Bros. Murray and Ripley, and worthily installed as the first W.M.

The following officers were afterwards invested: Bros. R. Foote, S.W.; H. J. Nicholls, J.W.; Dr. F. J. Bailey, Treas. (by proxy); H. G. Isaac, J.D.; and W. H. Ball was elected Tyler. The following are the other officers who will be invested at the first regular meeting of the lodge: Bros. J. M. Smythe, I.P.M.; R. Ripley, D.C.; Simon Jude, Sec.; George Williams, S.D.; J. G. Langley, I.G.; B. E. Bailey, J. P. Elson, and J. Bain, Stewards. Four gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and nearly 40 joining members were nominated. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Consecrating Officer, Bro. Goodacre.

The brethren afterwards dined together in the large banqueting-room, where they were well cared for by Bro. Casey, the House Steward. The music during the consecration was by the late Bro. J. Skeaf, P.P.G.O., the anthem being by Bro. J. P. Bryan, P.P.G.O., and both these and the after-dinner music were effectively given by Bros. J. Busfield, W. Lewis, W. H. Quayle, Woosley, C. Burchall, J. Queen, J. Eddington, J. Quayle, H. J. Nicholls, and J. G. Forsyth. Bro. J. P. Bryan, P.P.G.O., officiated at the organ.

GRAND COUNCIL ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.

The annual meeting of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of England and Wales was held at the Masonic Hall, 8A, Red Lion-square, W.C., on Thursday, the 7th instant. In the unavoidable absence of M.P. Comp. the Rev. Canon Portal, M.A., Grand Master, the chair was taken by R. P. Comp. T. C. Walls, D.G.M.; there being present Comps. C. F. Matier, P.G.D.M., G. Recorder; Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A. G. Chaplain; Frederic Davison, G. Treas.; B. R. Bryant, G. Lecturer; Robert Berridge, G.D.C.; Baron de Ferrières, P.G.I.M.; Charles H. Driver, P.G.C.W.; E. F. Storr, P.G. Marshal; J. L. Mather, Robert Roy, R. P. Spice, J. Brittain, James Moon, George Graveley, Edwin Storr, and E. J. Mills, Sentinel.

G. Council having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, M. Ill. Comp. the Rev. Canon G. Raymond Portal, M.A., the only nomination for the office of M.P.G.M., was declared duly elected, and was proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom.

The GRAND RECORDER read a full and interesting report, in which the progress and present position of the Cryptic Rite were clearly defined, and also the usual statement of account by the Grand Treasurer for the past year, showing a balance in favour of the G. Council of £19 11s. 6d. On the motion of Comp. J. L. MATHER, seconded by Comp. C. H. DRIVER, the report and statement were accepted and ordered to be inscribed on the minutes.

On the proposition of the D.G.M., seconded by Comp. the Baron de FERRIERES, Comp. Frederic Davison was unanimously re-elected Grand Treasurer.

The D.G.M., Comp. T. C. WALLS, said that he had received the commands of the M.P.G.M. to appoint the following companions as G. Officers for the ensuing year, and those of them who were present were invested and saluted accordingly, viz. :—

Comp. T. C. Walls	...	...	...	D.G.M.
" Alfred Williams	...	...	...	G. Ill. M.
" James Moon	...	...	...	P. Con. of W.
" Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A.	...	...	...	} G. Chaplains.
" Rev. S. Maude, M.A.	...	...	...
" Frederic Davison	...	...	...	G. Treas.
" C. F. Matier, P.D.G.M.,	...	...	...	G. Recorder.
" Robert Berridge	...	...	...	G.D.C.
" Henry J. Lardner	...	...	...	G.A.D.C.
" J. Laurence Mather	...	...	...	G.C. Gds.
" J. D. Murray	...	...	...	G.C. Councillor
" B. R. Bryant	...	...	...	G. Lecturer.
" F. A. Huet	...	...	...	} G. Marshals.
" George Graveley	...	...	...
" Edwin Storr	...	...	...	} G. Stewards.
" R. D. Fracis	...	...	...
" J. Brittain	...	...	...	} G. Sentinel.
" E. J. Mills	...	...	...

Other business of a formal character having been disposed of, Grand Council was closed in due form.

We append in full the report presented by the Grand Recorder and adopted by the Grand Council, as stated above.

The Council have great pleasure in announcing that the Most Illustrious Grand Master, the Rev. Canon Portal, M.A., has consented to allow himself to be nominated for a further period of three years.

The Grand Masters' Council, No. 1, and St. John's Council, No. 8, have increased their numbers—the former by 17, and the latter by five, making a total of 22 certificates issued since last report; the number of registered preceptories being now 307.

The Council regret that most of the other councils are practically dormant, no returns having been made for years by Macdonald, 3; Mark, 4; Sincerity, 6; Premier West of England, 7; Raymond Portal, 9; and Melita, 10. It is confidently anticipated that the Constantine, 2, and the Carnarvon, 5, will be speedily revived, and there is a strongly expressed desire to establish a council in the Midlands.

The State Grand Councils of America are on terms of amity and concord with this Grand Council, and the Most Ill. G.M., Rev. Canon Portal, M.A., has accepted the office of Representative of the General Grand Council of the United States. This Grand Council is at present represented near the following Grand Councils:—General Grand Council, U.S.A., Illinois, Louisiana, Maryland, Missouri, New Jersey, Tennessee, Ohio, Kentucky, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Michigan, New York, Ontario, Pennsylvania, Vermont, and Scotland, and the cordial thanks of the Grand Council are due to these Grand Bodies for copies of their proceedings.

The Council regret to say that, by the failure of Messrs. Ridgway and Sons, a loss of £33 os. 8d. has been incurred.

The present financial position is as follows:—

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Cash received to date	... 19 11 6	Two years	... £ 2 6 6
		In hands of Grand Treasurer	19 11 6
	£21 18 0		£21 18 0

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To Correspondents.

The following communications stand over:— CRAFT: Strong Man Lodge, No. 45. Union Lodge, No. 52. Blair Lodge, No. 815. INDIA.—True Friendship Lodge, No. 218; Courage with Humanity Lodge, No. 392; St. John's Lodge, No. 486. The Blue Blanket. Presentation to Lodge Sir George Cathcart, No. 617 (S.C.), by the Earl of Cathcart. Masonic Ball at Liverpool. Christmas Social Party of the Blair Lodge, No. 815.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED. "Keystone," "Victorian Freemason," "Orient," "Die Bauhütte," "Le Moniteur de la Chance Universelle," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Masonic Advocate," "Sunday Times" (New York), "Freemasons' Journal," "New York Dispatch," "Hull Packet," "Jewish Chronicle," "Citizen," "Sunday Times" (London), "Quebec Daily Telegraph," "Court Circular," and "Canadian Craftsman."



SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 1886.

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.]

CONFERRING DEGREES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason." Dear Sir and Brother, Is it right or legal for a W.M. to delegate his authority to the J.W. to confer a Degree, the said J.W. not being a P.M.?

A reply to the above query would be greatly esteemed.—Yours fraternally, M.M. [An initiation cannot take place or a degree be conferred unless the chair is occupied "by a brother who is a Master or Past Master in the Craft."—See Book of Constitutions, No. 141. But, if we remember rightly, Bro. McIntyre ruled that a W.M. might invite any brother, even one who is not an Installed Master, to do the work for him in conferring a degree, provided he himself retained the chair, the brother assisting him taking his stand by the Master's pedestal.—Ed. F.M.]

THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason." Dear Sir and Brother,

The result of the work of the past year cannot fail to be looked upon with pride and pleasure by every supporter of our Charities; but, as the executive of those Institutions will require a still larger sum in the coming year, it is the duty of each and all of us to endeavour to discover some means of increasing, if possible, the flow of benevolence. I find that the subscriptions and donations to the Benevolent Institution are more than £3000 in excess of the amounts respectively realised by either of the other Charities, and, as the Benevolent Institution is the only one which employs the services of a Collector, it is only fair to the exertions of Bro. John Mason to give him credit for a large proportion of that excess. I would therefore ask the management of the Girls' and Boys' Schools to carefully take into their consideration the advisability of appointing a brother whose zealous and urgent applications for further donations might achieve the desired end. In the case of the Boys' School, the collector would be able materially to assist our indefatigable Bro. Binckes, in his appeals on behalf of the Preparatory School, which we are sorry to say have not been answered with that large-hearted liberality they deserve. Indeed, the increased needs of the Boys' School will demand the utmost exertions on the part of the executive, who must leave no stone unturned to surpass the amount received during the past year, which is barely sufficient to maintain the existing establishment, the figures, as distributed, being, I believe, as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Donations and subscriptions to the General Fund, Ditto to Special Building Fund. Total £14,423 0 0.

It also seems to me that the office staff of the Boys' School is insufficient for the discharge of the constant and never ceasing duties, daily more and more arduous. I trust that, in saying this, it will be clearly understood that I intend nothing in disparagement of Bro. Binckes' courteous and hard working clerk; but it strikes me there should be some brother in the office occupying a similar position to Bro. Mason in the Benevolent Institution, who could give brethren authoritative information regarding the Boys' School during those unavoidable absences of Bro. Binckes when visiting lodges in the country in the interest of the School.

The Girls' Institution is so popular among the Craft, that when money is wanted it will always be found, but in this case, also, I would suggest that a collector is needed.—I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally, A LIFE GOVERNOR.

Mr. Kenning, of Great Queen-street, forwards us "The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket Book" for this year. This admirable compilation is as full of information as of old, and may be said to be indispensable to every Mason. It is neatly got up in the form of a very convenient pocket-book, and the amount of matter in it is enormous, for it contains full particulars of every Masonic body throughout the world.—Court Circular.

to mention names, but there was one worthy Past Master of the lodge, Bro. Ferguson, who was especially deserving of mention. Then, again, their dear and excellent friend, Bro. G. Everett, Treasurer of the Domestic Lodge. Now, catering for a lodge of this description, with their limited subscription, required an extraordinary amount of tact and common sense. But the worthy Treasurer had materially lightened the burdens of the Worshipful Master during the past year, and there was no one present more delighted to see Bro. Everett's happy face again than he (the speaker) was. He again thanked the Past Masters and the brethren generally for the kind support they had accorded to him during his year of office, and said the jewel with which he had been that night presented to him would be worn as a memento of their esteem, affection, and regard, which would last with him as long as life itself.

The Worshipful Master then gave "The Healths of the Initiates," in doing which he observed that Masonic lodges could not progress without an infusion of new blood; and so without initiates lodges would become fossilised. Two of the brethren who had been initiated that evening were personal friends of his own, and he hoped they and the others would work hard and persevere. If they did so, in due time they would occupy the chair which he had now the honour to fill. He urged upon them the importance of attending the lodge of instruction, where they would obtain a knowledge of the whole of the beautiful ritual, only a portion of which they had heard this evening.

Bro. Smith, in returning thanks, said he had long looked forward to that event with pleasurable anticipations, and he thanked the W.M. for having nominated him as a member of that lodge. The W.M. had warned him that there were other duties connected with the Craft which they had yet to learn; but, being only an infant in the lodge, he did not know much about them. He should, however, endeavour to acquire those duties as speedily and thoroughly as possible, and if called upon at any time to perform them, he would do so to the best of his ability. The W.M. had held out hopes to the initiates that some day they would reach the chair; but he was of opinion he was that night much nearer the chair than he should be again for some time to come.

The other Initiates having briefly responded to the toast,

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Masonic Charities," in doing which he referred to the three splendid Institutions of the Craft, which were designed for the maintenance and education of the helpless young, and for the assistance of those who were no longer able to help themselves. There were many who, from unforeseen circumstances of misfortune and calamity, were reduced to the lowest depths of poverty and distress, and the existence of this magnificent Institution had assisted very materially to ease their downward path of life, and to allow them to pass their declining days in comfort and comparative happiness. He had pleasure in seeing Bro. James Terry, Secretary of the Benevolent Institution, amongst them, and would leave it in his hands to give them some detailed account of the work done by that noble Masonic Charity. He (the speaker) was to represent that lodge at the Festival in February, and he asked the brethren, in so important a year as the present, being the centenary of the lodge, to make his list worthy of so important an event. They had always done their best in aid of the Masonic Institutions, and he hoped this would be an exceptionally good year.

Bro. J. Terry, in the course of a lengthy and eloquent reply, said no doubt the W.M. had done good suit and service to his list by proposing this toast so early in the evening, and somewhat out of the course prescribed for it, because it was often irksome to make an appeal to empty benches, when the meeting had lost much of its vitality. No doubt the Worshipful Master desired to take up as large a list as he possibly could at the forthcoming Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and he reminded the brethren that this was a most important year in the history of their lodge. They would next month complete the 100th year of their existence, and that night they had installed the 100th Master of the Domestic Lodge; and he ventured to say that, large as had been the donations sent up in previous years in behalf of the Masonic Charities, they would be far surpassed this year, to mark an important epoch in the history of the lodge. He had often suggested that lodges should send up as many pounds as the number they represented on the roll, and they should therefore send up £177 upon the hundredth anniversary of the Domestic Lodge. It was no great stretch of imagination to suggest this, because in a lodge of 135 members if every one put £1 down, supplemented as the list would be in many ways, the thing would be accomplished. They had but to see the idea and they would grasp it at once. On behalf of the number of candidates who would come before them for election in May—no fewer than 130—on behalf of many who had sat with them at the banquet table, and whose widows were now in receipt of the bounty of the Craft, he made an earnest appeal to them for help. One of the widows of a late member of this lodge was elected in May last, and how keenly she appreciated the benefit could only be seen on the first of the quarter, when she came to receive her annuity. He asked those present to remember the circumstances of their initiation and to leave behind them, on this occasion at least, a portion of the money they had brought with them, in aid of the Benevolent Institution. If they did so he was certain they would never repent it. This was the commencement of a new year; it was a new epoch in the existence of this lodge; therefore he ventured to think, while they had the opportunity and privilege of being permitted to subscribe to these Institutions, they would gladly avail themselves of it. Do not let it now be said of them that such an opportunity presented itself, and that they shut their ears to it, for he assured them the money they contributed would be wisely applied, as it would be considerably bestowed and gratefully accepted by those who received it. Their W.M. had entered upon a glorious year; let him if possible, reach the apex of its glory in being able to say that, much as he might prize the privilege of being Master of this old and prosperous lodge, yet when he left the chair he should be able to say the greatest pride he had was in the amount the brethren allowed him to take up as a Steward for the Benevolent Institution.

Bros. Purnell, Lester, Boys, G. Price, Stunt, and Potter severally responded for "The Visitors," to whom a splendid welcome was extended; and the list also included "The Past Masters;" "The Treasurer and Secretary;" and "The Officers of the Lodge;" the official programme being fittingly closed by the Tyler.

During the evening a choice selection of vocal and in-

strumental music was given, under the direction of the Organist of the Lodge, Bro. C. Richelmann, who was assisted by Mrs. Richelmann, Miss A. Bocquet, Bro. J. Webster, Mr. R. E. Miles, and Bro. Rintoul. Altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent, and the brethren are looking forward with considerable interest to the centenary banquet on the 7th of February.

CONFIDENCE LODGE (No. 193).—The installation meeting of this sound and flourishing old lodge was held on Monday, the 11th inst., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street, when there was, as usual, a goodly muster of the brethren and visitors, under the able presidency of Bro. W. A. Cubitt, W.M. He was supported by Bros. W. Saint, S.W. and W.M. elect; F. Silvester, J.W.; G. P. Nightingale, S.D.; S. Smither, J.D.; Walter Wood, I.P.M.; Past Masters B. D. Renshaw, Treas.; J. Shackell, Sec.; F. Biddle, J. E. Fells, Samuel Webb, J. Smith, and F. Warne; J. Gildersleeve, acting as I.G.; L. G. Reinhardt, Tyler; and about 40 other brethren. The visitors included Bros. G. H. Stephens, P.M. 1623; J. C. Cross, 902; W. Reynolds and W. Graves, 1685; J. F. Simpson, 1706; A. Bishop, 1892; W. E. Johnson, 1076; A. G. Watkinson, 1728; J. Dale and G. J. Freeman, 1613; J. P. Omer, 1259; W. C. Schneberger, 172; H. J. Rose, 1891; C. H. Kelsey, 1227; J. W. Weston, 1278; C. J. Woodward, 1365; and others. The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the preceding meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Joseph Hart was raised to the Third Degree, and Bro. Fredk. Hemings was passed to the Degree of F.C. It was announced with regret that Mr. Henry Middleton Alston, who was balloted for and accepted at the last meeting of the lodge, had died somewhat suddenly, the melancholy event occurring on December 27th.

On the nomination of the Secretary, seconded by the Worshipful Master, Bro. W. Belchamber, of the Southern Star Lodge, No. 1158, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. W. Saint was then presented as the W.M. elect, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, he was formally installed into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being most ably carried out by Bro. Cubitt, I.P.M., assisted by Bro. Samuel Webb, P.M.

The collars for the year were thus bestowed:—Bros. W. A. Cubitt, I.P.M.; F. Silvester, S.W.; G. P. Nightingale, J.W.; B. D. Kershaw, P.M., Treas.; J. Shackell, P.M., Sec.; S. Smither, S.D.; H. Freeman, J.D.; E. J. Davey, I.G.; S. Webb, P.M., D. of C.; and L. G. Reinhardt, Tyler.

On the motion of Bro. Walter Webb, P.M., seconded by Bro. S. Webb, P.M., it was unanimously resolved to vote twenty guineas out of the funds of the lodge in aid of the three Masonic Charities. After some other business lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Pillar Room of the hotel, where Bro. Clemow, with his usual ability and taste, provided a really magnificent banquet, with the whole of the arrangements of which the brethren expressed their unqualified satisfaction. After dessert the usual loyal and Craft toasts were proposed from the chair and duly honoured.

Bro. W. A. Cubitt, I.P.M., rose, and said the duty devolved upon him of proposing the next toast, and he did not intend to dilate at any great length upon it as time was on the wing. He should content himself with proposing "The Health of their Worshipful Master," whose qualifications for the office were well known and admitted by all present. Bro. Saint might appear to be a little diffident and confused that evening, as the position he now occupied was new to him, therefore he hoped the brethren would bear with him as far as they possibly could. They knew from having met him at lodges of instruction that Bro. Saint was a Mason, heart and soul, and a most conscientious worker, and during his year of office he would not be backward in rendering himself proficient in those duties which it would be his duty to perform. He trusted their W.M. might have a happy and successful year, and he had every reason to believe, from what he had heard outside, that he was likely to realise that wish. He hoped Bro. Saint would have the pleasure of meeting a constant attendance of brethren, and as many visitors as they could bring, because visitors were always cordially welcomed at the Confidence Lodge. He concluded by expressing the hope that Bro. Saint's year might be a happy and prosperous one in every respect.

Bro. Saint, W.M., in acknowledging the cordiality with which the toast had been received, said their excellent I.P.M. had spoken many kindly words as to his capabilities, and so on, and he could only hope that during his year of office he should be able to prove that he was equal to what he had been represented to be, and that he might give satisfaction to the brethren. It was a grand thing, when they met in society and in the Masonic world, to be able to speak of each other in a friendly spirit; and he must say he had received from Bro. Cubitt, the Past Masters, and the brethren generally, the kindest welcome, and an expression of the best intentions which it was possible for any man to expect. He felt grateful to his heart's content, after having been so many years in that lodge, that he should be placed in the proud position which he now occupied, and to receive the congratulations of the brethren around him. He would assure them his position in the chair was not sought for, but as a Past Master in the lodge placed him in office without even consulting him, he accepted the responsibility and did the best he could. He felt he should be able to work his way through, although he was not so proficient as he hoped to become; and he should yet have to learn as well as to practise. He was there that night by the good wishes and the good-will of every one present; and he was sure that from their I.P.M. he had received the greatest kindness which could possibly be expressed by any living man. He thanked Bro. Cubitt and the brethren generally most heartily for the way in which they had received the mention of his name on this, to him, most auspicious occasion.

"The Healths of the Visitors" was the next toast given from the chair, and, in proposing it, the W.M. said they had a goodly array of visitors that evening, and, but for the exceedingly bad weather, they would have had many more. They were always pleased to see visitors, and they were ever treated with that welcome to which they were entitled in the Confidence Lodge. But there was another reason why they were pleased to see visitors, and that was because they were proud of the way in which the Lodge of Confidence was conducted. He was proud of the good feeling and unanimity which prevailed among the members, so that when they met outside the lodge they could say

"Brother" in the same spirit as they did in it. That was an especial reason why they were pleased and proud to meet visitors at their meetings and banquets.

Bro. J. Freeman, 1613, after returning thanks for the hearty welcome that had been extended to the visitors, said this was his first visit to the Confidence Lodge, but if his invitations to it were as numerous in the future as they had been in the past, he should accept them more frequently.

Bro. Stephens, P.M. 1623, thanked the brethren heartily for the rich treat they had afforded the visitors, both in the lodge-room and at the subsequent festive board. He offered to the W.M. and the brethren generally a hearty New Year's greeting, and hoped his friend, Bro. Saint, might have a happy and successful year of office. He trusted that the Confidence Lodge might prosper in the future as it had done in the past, and continue to merit the confidence of every member of the Craft.

Bro. W. E. Johnson, 1076, hoped that the brethren generally would emulate the example of the Confidence Lodge, and carry with them the good wishes they had heard expressed here into their own lodges, especially for the benefit of the Benevolent Institution, of which they were so proud, and in which they all felt so deep an interest. He hoped the W.M. might have a satisfactory year of office, and he thanked them all for the cordial welcome they had given to him and to his brother visitors.

Bro. J. C. Cross, 902, also briefly responded in suitable terms.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master," in doing which he paid a deservedly high tribute to the zeal, assiduity, and ability of Bro. Cubitt, who, during his very successful year of office, had done so much to uphold the prestige of the lodge and extend its usefulness. He felt perfectly certain that in his I.P.M. he should find every assistance he might require in the discharge of his onerous duties, and on behalf of the brethren he asked Bro. Cubitt's acceptance of a valuable Past Master's jewel, which he had richly earned by his unwearied efforts for the promotion of the welfare of the Confidence Lodge.

The jewel was a very handsome and massive one. On the bars were the words, "Confidence Lodge, 95th Master;" and on the reverse side was the inscription:—"Presented to Bro. William Cubitt by the Confidence Lodge, No. 193, as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of able services rendered to the lodge, 1885-6."

Bro. Cubitt, I.P.M., returned his very sincere thanks for the very kind manner in which the W.M. had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the cordiality with which they had been pleased to vote him this handsome Past Master's jewel on his retirement from the chair. He knew it had been an established custom in that lodge to pay a similar compliment to Masters when they retired from that position, and he had often heard them declare that when they received the jewel, it was the "happiest moment" of their lives. He was not going to follow in the footsteps of those who had spoken in such terms, but he was very proud indeed to receive this jewel as a Past Master of the lodge. He thanked them for the unanimous manner in which it was voted, and he valued that more than he did the jewel itself. Its intrinsic value was not a great deal, but he esteemed most highly the feelings which had prompted the gift. During his year of office he had tried to please every member, so far as laid in his power; he had studied the various brethren, and above all he had studied the position of Master of the lodge. He had shown favour to no one, but had worked in a way which he thought every conscientious and independent Master should do. When he had come into the banquet room he had known to a shilling what the banquet and wines would cost. That was the duty of the Master, to know the position of his lodge, and not to encroach upon its finances. Unfortunately, this year they had been without a W.S., and consequently a great deal of the duty had fallen upon himself. He sincerely regretted the loss of their old Past Master, Bro. Webb, whom they hoped had gone to the "better land," to the Grand Lodge above. With reference to himself, as Master of the lodge he had done all he could to give satisfaction. He had initiated and advanced ten brethren, of whom they had reason to be proud, and if his small efforts had met with their approval he was abundantly rewarded.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the Past Masters," said the toast was one which involved a great amount of goodwill. They had a goodly number of Past Masters present that night, and he repeated that during the years he had been connected with that lodge he had never received from them the utmost courtesy, kindness, and good feeling. That being the case, he was only too pleased and happy to have the opportunity of expressing his gratitude to them for the services they had rendered him. It was a great acquisition to a Master in the chair to have Past Masters around him who were willing to support him and uphold him in the dignity of that position. Of course, he considered the duties of the Mastership should be carried out in a way that was becoming and dignified, combined with respect and good feeling, without which could not have unanimity in the lodge. It should be his duty to promote a feeling of goodwill amongst the members during his year of office, and especially to work in harmony with the Past Masters.

Bro. Walter Wood, P.M., returned thanks. The rest of the Past Masters had placed upon his shoulders the duty of responding to the toast, and whether it was because he was one of the youngest P.M.'s, whether he was more capable of work, or whether they were so laden with honours that he should obtain a share of that honour by a display of his oratorical powers, he could not say. He could not but thank the company for the hearty manner in which the toast had been received. Every speaker had observed that it was too late to say everything he intended to say; and with such excellent examples before him it would be rash on his part to attempt a lengthy speech. Therefore, sheltering himself under their excuses, he would merely say the Past Masters of the Confidence Lodge had in the past done all in their power to forward its interests, and nothing on their parts would be wanting in the future in the same direction. The centenary of the lodge was drawing close upon them, and the Charities would be filled by that date. But he felt sure the Confidence Lodge would fill a position equal to some, and surpassed by none, upon the roll of Grand Lodge.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Treasurer and Secretary," speaking of the attention and assiduity with which they had carried out their respective duties; and the toast having been heartily received,

Bro. Shackell, P.M. and Sec., briefly replied. He had risen to respond to that toast a good many times during the 21 years he had been a member of that lodge, and he hoped to do so a good many times more yet. He trusted he might be deserving of all the good things that had been said of him. He did the best he could himself, and was sure their worthy Treasurer also did all he could for the welfare of the lodge. If any brother felt a difficulty in respect of any matter concerning the lodge, they were both ready to assist in removing those difficulties if they really had any existence at all.

"The Officers of the Lodge" came next, and on their behalf suitable acknowledgments were made by Bros. F. Silvester, S.W., and G. P. Nightingale, J.W.; soon after which the lodge was closed by the Tyler.

During the evening selections of music and recitations were given, amongst those who contributed to the enjoyment of the brethren being Bros. Weston, Silvester, Davey, and Watkinson. Bro. Graves presided ably at the piano-forte.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE (No. 538).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 7th inst. at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. John William Elvin, W.M., presided, and was supported by his officers. The visitors present were Bros. Collins, 74; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; Fitzgerald, P.M. 1364; Smith, 1563; Lloyd, P.M. 721; Jesse, P.M. 1556; Paul, 1287; Hening, 256; Smith, 1669; J. Vickery; Scurrah, W.M. 2048; Latreille, 1260; Williams, 1658; Stephen Cooper, P.M. 1637; and Cattle, P.M. 1441. Bros. W. E. Wilby, 626, (S.C.), and Edward Hiorns, 609, were elected joining members, after which the W.M. passed Bro. J. H. Price to the Second Degree, and initiated Mr. Hugh Courtenay Carminowe Trenow. The W.M. next installed Bro. Thomas William Smale, S.W. and W.M. elect, as Master of Lodge La Tolerance for the ensuing year. The following were invested as officers: Bros. Charles Burt, S.W.; Thomas Bicknell, J.W.; Jas. Kench, P.M., P.G.P., Treas.; James B. Sly, P.M., Hon. Sec.; William George Fenn, S.D.; Alfred Smith, J.D.; John William Andrews, I.G.; T. W. Cooper, P.M., P.G. J.D. Middx., D.C.; Edwin Child, P.M., W.S.; and Edwin Thomas Tidy, C.S.

Bro. Elvin then delivered the addresses, and concluded his year of office with flying colours. Bro. Walkley was proposed as Tyler. Bro. Joseph Powell was elected a country member, and on the motion of Bro. James Kench, P.M., P.G.P., Treas., ten guineas was voted from the funds of the lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons, the amount to be placed on the list of the brother who would represent the lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the Institution. Bro. John Skinner, P.M., thereupon offered his services as such Steward, which offer was accepted with acclamation, and Bro. Skinner immediately set to work to make up a list. In the course of the evening his exertions were crowned with such success that the total amount promised to his list was £60.

After the work of the lodge was completed the brethren sat down to a choice banquet at Freemasons' Tavern. The customary toasts followed.

Bro. Kench, P.M., replying to the toast of "The Grand Officers," said he took it as a great compliment to be called upon to respond to this toast, and he appreciated it very much more in his own lodge. With regard to the Earl of Carnarvon, although he was now Viceroy of Ireland, he discharged his important duties as Pro G.M. in a satisfactory manner. Although Masons had not his presence in Grand Lodge now as often as they could wish, they knew he wrote up to the Grand Secretary every week to know how the Craft in England was progressing. The Earl of Lathom also had many duties to discharge as Lord Chamberlain, and although he could not give the time and attention to his Masonic functions that he could wish, they hoped yet to see him more often in the future than they did now. But to compensate for all this they had the other Grand Officers, who were always with the brethren, and willing to forward the prosperity of the Craft.

Bro. Elvin, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," said this was always something very important in the annals of Freemasonry. (Hear, hear.) They all said "hear, hear," but, perhaps they did not appreciate Bro. Smale so much as he did. He had watched the W.M.'s progress from the time of his initiation to the present, and he could tell them that a more assiduous W.M. he never saw in Lodge La Tolerance. There was hardly a Wednesday evening that Bro. Smale was not at their lodge of instruction, endeavouring to qualify himself for the office of W.M. of this lodge, but for the dignity of Freemasonry in general. When a brother did that he was a credit to the lodge. The brethren knew his capability for his work, and that he was fit to represent Lodge La Tolerance in any position.

The W.M., replying, said he really could not think he deserved the terms in which Bro. Elvin had spoken of him. He certainly had attended the lodges of instruction, but that had been a work of love. He did not dream when he joined Masonry of arriving at the summit of his Masonic profession till now; still, he assured the brethren that, owing to Bro. Elvin, who had given him a vast amount of instruction, and also owing to many other brethren, he was now placed in the proud position of W.M. of this lodge. It was a matter of surprise to himself that he was in that position, and he thanked the brethren very much for their kindness and encouragement.

In giving the toast of "The Initiate," the W.M. said he hoped the Initiate had been impressed with the able manner in which the I.P.M. had performed the ceremony. He trusted he would rise to the summit of his Masonic profession, and in years to come occupy the proud position of W.M.

Bro. Trenow, in reply, considered it a great honour to be admitted to the Order and to Lodge La Tolerance.

The W.M. next gave "The Visitors," among the distinguished list of whom was Bro. Scurrah. It had been a bit of a race between him and Bro. Scurrah who should arrive at the Master's chair first. He did not know any brother who had worked harder or given a greater amount of time to Freemasonry. Bro. Stephen Cooper was not a stranger, he was almost a member of the lodge. He did not know when Bro. Cooper had been absent. His face was so familiar that if he were not with them he would be conspicuous by his absence. Bro. Fitzgerald also was known to a great many among the brethren. He had himself known Bro. Fitzgerald a long time, and he could not speak too highly of him. He was a friend in every respect, and a brother privately and publicly, and had a kind word for everybody. Bro. Collins, of No. 74, Birmingham, was one of his oldest friends. They were connected in business

20 years ago, and when he parted from him he felt as if he was losing a brother. When he went to Birmingham to reside he (the W.M.) shed tears. During all these years they had kept up a constant correspondence, and whenever they had an opportunity of seeing each other they had done so. Bro. Collins had come from Birmingham that evening to attend that meeting. He attended the installation of the W.M. of his own lodge the night before, and was returning to Birmingham to another lodge to-morrow evening. Bro. Paul was another brother whom he (the W.M.) had known a long time, and he had now stepped into the position of Preceptor of the lodge of instruction. Bro. Paul had been a hard-working Mason, and he would keep the lodge of instruction together, being a proficient in the ritual.

Bro. Scurrah said it always gave him a great deal of pleasure to attend meetings of La Tolerance Lodge, from the fact that it enlarged one's ideas of Freemasonry and helped every one, whether Master or P.M., in the course of Freemasonry. But it also gave him a special pleasure to visit Lodge La Tolerance, first because he could number so many of its members among his personal friends, and secondly, whenever he attended the lodge he met with a hearty reception and a good banquet. He saw the work of the lodge carried on in a thoroughly masterly manner, and every visitor that evening must agree that the manner the installation ceremony was carried out by the I.P.M. reflected great credit on Bro. Elvin and was perfectly satisfying to every member of the lodge. During the past year he had attended many installations, but, without any flattery or insincerity, he could say he never attended any lodge where the ceremony was worked with greater accuracy or propriety than it had been performed by Bro. Elvin. It gave him additional pleasure when he saw the readiness with which the brethren voted ten guineas to the list of Bro. Skinner as Steward for the Old People. Not only was the work of the lodge carried on with efficiency, but the brethren did not neglect the grand principles of the Order, relief. La Tolerance would be as celebrated as any of the lodges in carrying out that principle in its entirety.

Bro. Cooper was certain that the way the W.M. had performed his duties that evening would give additional lustre to the Masters and Past Masters of Lodge La Tolerance.

Bro. Fitzgerald said if there was anything he liked in the visiting of lodges it was to see the working as thoroughly studied and good as it was in Lodge La Tolerance. Lodge La Tolerance and good working were really now synonymous terms. All the working that evening had been letter-perfect.

Bro. Collins said it was a great pleasure to him to see his friend, Bro. Smale, installed as Master of this lodge. He had come a few hundred miles to see it, certainly, but he was well repaid. He trusted the W.M. would have health and strength to fulfil the duties of the chair, and he was sure he would come out with flying colours when he left the chair.

Bro. Paul said he was much pleased to belong to the lodge of instruction, because it was very much connected with the Charities. They not only in that lodge worked the ceremonial but they had a Charity association. That was a grand principle of Freemasonry.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The I.P.M." In this instance it was very difficult to expatiate on this toast, because Bro. Elvin was so popular and so well known among the brethren. He had endeared himself to all of them. The way he had performed the ceremonies reflected the highest credit on him. He had also given him (the W.M.) an immense amount of instruction, and he should never forget this kindness. He did not know how to express his feelings towards him, he had been such a very good friend Masonically, but he could assure him he had every good wish which he (the W.M.) could express towards him. But there was now left to him (the W.M.) a very important duty, which he must not forget to perform, viz., to give to Bro. Elvin a little mark of the brethren's esteem for the very able manner in which he had conducted the business of Lodge La Tolerance during the year. The token was a P.M.'s jewel. It was but a small token, but Bro. Elvin would receive it in the spirit in which it was given.

Bro. Elvin, I.P.M., who on rising was received with loud applause, said that if he had done anything for Lodge La Tolerance it had only been to uphold the way in which the lodge had always been conducted, but it imparted to him great pleasure to give pleasure to the brethren. There was only one thing he regretted in his career in Masonry, that he had been compelled to resign his post of Preceptor in the lodge of instruction. But that subject he could not now enter into. He, however, left the post in the hands of Bro. Paul, who was more capable than himself of giving instruction to the junior members of the lodge. On this account he was sure that the character of the lodge would always be sustained. The period of his reception of the jewel would be one of the proudest moments of his life if he had done anything to be worthy of such a right royal present. If he could do anything to maintain the prestige of Lodge La Tolerance it would be not only a pleasure to him to do it, but it would be a memento of the good fellowship he had received in the lodge.

The W.M. next gave "The P.M.'s," one of whom—Bro. Burmeister—was not able to be present, though he had been a great upholder of the lodge. He had been ill for some time; but if it had been possible for him to be present he would have been. Bro. Kench was Lodge La Tolerance in himself. The brethren had always looked to him in any difficulty, and he settled every little matter. Bro. Sly was an able and genial Secretary, and had been very kind to him (the W.M.) Bro. Walters was not present; but he had congratulated him (the W.M.) on his election. Bro. Thomas Cooper was a Past G.J.D. of Middlesex, and Lodge La Tolerance was almost as proud of that honour as Bro. Cooper himself was. Bro. Child initiated him (the W.M.), and therefore he had a distinct memory of him, on account of the impressive way in which he performed the ceremony. Bro. Humphreys was as good as gold, and had extended to him many kindnesses in troubles; he always received him (the W.M.) in a truly friendly spirit. With Bro. Skinner he had been much more intimate than other P.M.'s, having met him privately as well as Masonically; but whenever he had met him he had been among the most genial and kind friends. Bro. Langdon introduced him (the W.M.) to Masonry; he was an old friend whom he had known almost as long as he had known Bro. Collins. Bros. Smith, Skinner, Langdon, and himself had been four friends of 20 years' standing.

Bro. John Skinner, P.M., in reply, observed that he could only say as the other P.M.'s had said before—that the P.M.'s would only be too delighted and pleased to attend and give assistance at any time; not that the Lodge La Tolerance required it, but the P.M.'s would honour the lodge with their presence, and do all they could to forward the lodge. The least said about themselves the better, and he should decline to say too much on his own behalf. As he was going up as Steward to represent Lodge La Tolerance at the Benevolent Institution's Festival, he would inform the brethren that he had already received kind support and assistance towards his list, and he sincerely trusted other brethren who had not yet responded to his appeal would assist him.

Bro. J. B. Sly, P.M. and Sec., asked to be allowed to anticipate the W.M., as he was bound to leave. He knew the W.M. would presently propose his health in connection with that of the Treasurer. It would be a great pleasure during the W.M.'s year of office to give him all the help he possibly could.

The toast of "The Officers" having been given and acknowledged, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

During the evening some excellent singing was given by Bros. Arthur Thomas, J. Ion Cattle, James Kilt, J. H. Price, and G. H. Williams.

FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1288).—The annual installation meeting of this flourishing lodge, which is not yet out of its "teens," was held on the 7th inst., at the Cock Hotel, Highbury, the now famous hostelry of our esteemed Bros. Baker. The lodge was called at rather an early hour on account of the inclemency of the weather, and the W.M., Bro. F. G. W. Guyer, opened the lodge a little after 4 p.m., being ably supported by Bros. John Oldis, S.W., W.M. elect; W. Proctor, J.W.; S. Price, P.M., Treas.; T. Goode, P.M., Sec.; S. Goode, S.D.; J. Rothschild, J.D.; Charles Burrows, I.G.; and Very, Tyler; also the following P.M.'s.: Bros. S. Brander, A. Mullord, W. Rest, T. Meekham, R. V. Davies, J. Pigot, F. S. Rothschild, and J. W. Simmonds; and a numerous attendance of the members.

The lodge was opened in regular form, and the minutes were read and duly confirmed, after which the Auditors' report was received and unanimously adopted. Bro. R. Bradnam was called upon for proofs of his proficiency as a F.C., which being satisfactory, he was entrusted and withdrew. Bro. Bradnam was duly raised to the Sublime Degree of W.M. Bro. John Oldis, W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. R. V. Davies, P.M., to the W.M. for installation, and was duly obligated as W.M. elect. All brethren below the Degree of an Installed Master having retired, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. John Oldis was regularly installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Guyer, according to ancient custom in the presence of 20 P.M.'s., which is a proof of the high esteem in which the W.M. and Bro. Oldis are held by the brethren in the north of London. On the brethren being readmitted the new W.M. proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. W. Proctor, S.W.; S. Goode, J.W.; S. Price, P.M., Treas.; T. Goode, P.M., Sec.; J. Rothschild, S.D.; C. Burrows, J.D.; Huggins, I.G.; A. Mullord, Musical Director; Baynes, Org.; R. V. Davies, P.M., D.C.; Mullord, A.D.C.; F. S. Rothschild, P.M., W.S.; Syckelmore, A.W.S.; and Very, Tyler.

The officers having been invested, Bro. Guyer gave the concluding addresses, the whole of the ceremonies being conducted by him in a masterly manner, and fully deserving the praise bestowed upon him by all the brethren present. Several propositions for initiation and joining were received, and a vote of thanks was cordially voted to Bro. Burrows, J.D., for his present of a handsome set of sounding boards to the lodge.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was served in an admirable manner by Bro. Baker. The W.M. proposed the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, prefacing each with a few appropriate remarks, which were heartily received and honoured.

Bro. Guyer, the I.P.M., then assumed the gavel, and said, Brethren, once again I have the gavel in my hand, and announce to you it is my duty as well as my great pleasure in proposing the next toast for your acceptance, and that is "The Health of our W.M., Bro. Oldis." He is a brother who I can conscientiously say is a hard-working Mason, and one who will fill the chair honourably, as the fact of the unanimous manner in which he was elected by the members of the lodge, showed the high esteem in which he is held by the lodge, and that his able and efficient working will be as ably supported by the officers during his year of office as I have been in mine.

The toast received all the honours it deserved. The W.M., in reply, made a very short but concise speech, in which he thanked Bro. Guyer for the flattering manner he had spoken of him, and also the brethren for receiving the toast in such a hearty manner, and also for the honour of electing him to that proud position, and assured them that he would discharge his duties to the best of his abilities, and as there were so many good singers to be heard, he would not take up any more time than was absolutely necessary, but wished them one and all "A happy and prosperous new year."

"The Installing Master's" toast followed next, the W.M. observing that it gave him great pleasure to propose that toast, as Bro. Guyer had discharged the duties of W.M. to the satisfaction of every one of the members of the lodge, and finally completed his year of office by installing him (the W.M.) in such a manner which elicited the praise of all who heard him, and now he had the great pleasure of presenting Bro. Guyer with the P.M.'s jewel the brethren had cordially voted him, and in placing it on his breast he hoped he would live long to wear it as a memento of the high esteem in which he was held by the brethren of the Finsbury Park Lodge.

It is needless to say the toast was received with great cordiality.

Bro. Guyer, I.P.M., in responding, said he thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks, and expressed the pleasure he felt to the brethren for the manner in which his health had been received by them. He also thanked the brethren for presenting him with the handsome jewel, and would endeavour to perform the duties required of him to the best of his abilities.

The toast of "The Visitors" followed, in proposing which the W.M. observed that it was one which the Finsbury Park Lodge always had pleasure in giving, and, for his part, as well as all the members, he had great pleasure in giving them one and all a hearty reception. They had

a long list of visitors that evening, he was very glad to say, and proceeded to read the same, which included a goodly array of P.M.'s and W.M.'s.

The toast was done honour to in a manner which did credit to the lodge.

Responding to the toast, Bro. R. C. Frampton, W.M. 1665, thanked the W.M. for including his name to respond for the visitors, and the brethren also for so heartily receiving it. He had worked with the W.M. for several years in Freemasonry, and had heard him say he should never be able to go through it; but the brethren could see he had gone through it, and in a manner which did credit to the lodge, and which showed how hard he had worked to make himself proficient. He felt pleased at seeing him installed in the chair of K.S. that evening.

Bro. L. Solomon, P.M. 1732, said he had been a visitor so many times that he hardly knew how to respond, as there were other W.M.'s to respond; but he would say how pleased he was to see the admirable working of the lodge under the presidency of Bro. Guyer, I.P.M., who had carried out his duties to the satisfaction of the brethren, and also at the excellent manner he had installed his successor, which had crowned his year of office with success, and he felt sure the W.M. would try, if possible, to do more than his predecessor, and finally to occupy the same position as Bro. Guyer, and concluded by thanking the brethren very much for their kind reception of the toast.

Bro. D. Keyes, W.M. 1314, observed that after the able speeches made by his brother visitors, any remarks he might make would become monotonous. All he could say would be "ditto" to what his brother visitors had said; but he must express his satisfaction to see such excellent working, and such an excellent staff of good officers to support the W.M. in the chair, and he hoped sincerely the W.M. might have plenty of work during his year of office.

Bro. J. Osborn, P.M. 1602, P.G.S.B. Middx., said that, after the very exhaustive speeches of the other visitors, he had but very little to say; but he expressed the pleasure he felt at seeing Bro. Oldis occupy the proud position he now held. He had met him in lodges of instruction for many years, and he had worked hard. He added that, as short speeches were the order of the day, in order to have more time to listen to the splendid singing and excellent music provided by the W.M., as set out in the programme, he would conclude by wishing the lodge every success it deserved.

Bro. J. Richardson, P.M. 715, said he thanked the W. Master, and felt pleased at the honour done him in coupling his name with the visitors' toast. He thanked also Bro. Wells for his kind invite that evening. As an old Mason, working as I.P.M., although under different circumstances, he expressed the pleasure he felt that evening for the kind manner in which the visitors were received, and for the Masonic fraternity and good exhibited towards them in the lodge that evening.

"The Past Master's" toast was next on the list, which was briefly given by the W.M., and which was responded to by Bro. R. V. Davies on their behalf, who remarked that lodges were always supported by new blood, and also needed the support of the P.M.'s; and, as their oldest P.M., he felt the same interest now as he did 15 years ago, when Freemasonry made such an impression upon him as induced him to work up to obtain honours, and he felt delighted in being a P.M. of the lodge, and was gratified at the excellent management of the lodge. The present W.M., whom he had initiated, passed, and raised, as also other brethren who were honourably connected with the lodge, and, as P.M., was always will to take any minor office, or any duties which devolved upon him to make the visitors comfortable, as he considered such duties as a service of love; and finished by thanking the brethren for so kindly receiving the toast.

"The Officers" toast was next proposed, which met with hearty response.

Bro. T. Goode, P.M., Secretary, responded by thanking the W.M. for the Secretaryship, and also stating that he would discharge the duties to the best of his abilities.

The Senior Warden thanked the W.M. and brethren for the cordial way the toast had been given and received. He wished the W.M. a happy year of office, and would do his best to make it so.

The Junior Warden said, what duties he had to perform he would do, and he trusted, to the satisfaction of the W.M. and the members of the lodge, and thanked the W.M. and brethren for the hearty manner the toast had been received.

The Tyler's toast brought a very enjoyable evening to a conclusion.

The following comprised the visitors' list: Bros. John Osborn, P.M. 1602, P.G.S.B. Middx.; H. Hollis, P.M. 167; A. W. Fenner, P.M. 1227, 1693; J. Richardson, P.M. 715; W. Wilkinson, P.M. 167; J. A. Harvey, P.M. 1314; Lewis Solomon, P.M. 1732; J. J. Goode, P.M. 1904; E. Harvey, I.P.M. 1314; D. Keyes, W.M. 1314; R. C. Frampton, W.M. 1695; R. Kimpton, S.W. 1728; N. F. Minns, S.W. 1100; G. F. Snook, J.W. 1693; S. G. Van Os, I.G. 1695; G. Rainsford, I.G. 1512; E. T. Davies, W.S. 72; N. Salmon, W.S. 177; M. Alker, 172; M. Hatch, 1809; Rev. T. Leedham, Org. 205; C. Loydon, 1288 (old member); E. C. Oldis, 1579; A. B. Reynolds, 169; F. Varley, 1269; and Upperton, 913.

A very excellent programme of music was provided by the W.M., in which were included Miss Julia Jones, Miss Emily Davies, Bros. A. Mullord, Syckelmore, Reynolds, Bayne, and Snook, who contributed to the enjoyment of the evening by some excellent songs, some of which were encored. Bro. Bayne, Organist, presided at the piano in a very efficient manner.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C., on Saturday last. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Robert Fendick, who was supported by the following officers, viz.: Bros. F. W. Potter, S.W.; H. J. Bertram, J.W.; N. B. Headon, P.M., Treas.; F. T. C. Keeble, P.M., Sec.; J. K. Gwyn, as S.D.; A. Cumner, J.D.; J. R. Greening, I.G.; W. Cook, P.M., D.C.; G. Jenkins, Org.; H. F. Frost, Stwd.; and R. Potter, P.M., Tyler. There were also present Bros. W. Baber, I.P.M.; James Stevens, James Freeman, G. W. Blackie, and W. F. Kibble, P.M.'s of the lodge; also Bros. Julian Hartley, H. Thompson, P.M.; J. W. Colmer, D. McNiven, L. Hudd, H. E. Maynard, J. L. Nissen, G. W. Robson, W. J. Wood, P. Metz, H.

Dottridge, E. Wesley, A. Hicks, G. R. Fraser, W. F. Bertram, R. Brookman, F. E. Bailey, and others. The visitors were Bros. James Terry, P.M. 228, Sec. R.M.B.I.; G. R. Ousey, W.M. 59; J. C. Deacon, 39; J. T. Duforey, 1275; J. H. Langdon, 1457; A. J. Hudson, S.W. 1627; H. Bracewell (late) 1633; and R. F. Tomlin, 1815.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Bro. G. R. Fraser was called upon to prove efficiency, and the lodge being passed to F.C., that brother was inducted into the Second Degree with perfect ceremony. At the request of the W.M., Bro. James Stevens, P.M., then delivered the lecture of the Degree, embracing in narrative form the whole of the five sections explanatory thereof, and affording the utmost satisfaction to his hearers. A ballot having been taken for the initiation of Mr. A. J. Coleman, that gentleman was introduced and received light. The known reputation of this lodge for "working" was not in any respect lessened by the manner in which the initiatory ceremony was rendered by the W.M. and the officers generally seconded his earnest efforts. An announcement was given of the W.M.'s intention to represent the lodge at the ensuing festival of the R.M.B.I. An application for assistance by a brother hailing from a lodge under the Grand Lodge of Ireland, "well and worthily recommended," was entertained, and, without trenching on the Samaritan fund of the lodge, a handsome collection was made for immediate relief. There was no further business, and the lodge was closed.

After dinner the W.M. speedily disposed of the formal toasts, and, after acknowledging the I.P.M.'s toast in his honour, in due course proposed that of "The Initiate."

Bro. Coleman, in brief terms responded, and expressed his evident satisfaction with that part of the evening's proceedings which had been of personal interest to himself.

To the toast of "The Past Masters," in offering which the W.M. made especial allusion to the continued exertions of Bros. Headon and Keeble in their respective offices of Treasurer and Secretary, individual responses were given, Bro. Stevens expressing his gratification that time and circumstances had enabled him to rivet the attention of those present in lodge to some portion of that necessary education of earnest Freemasons, which, unfortunately, it was thought by some should be relegated to lodges of instruction only, and not be permitted to interfere with the, by them considered, all-important proceedings of the "Fourth Degree."

With the toast of "The Visitors," and in recognition of the presence of the esteemed Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, was combined that of "The Masonic Charities."

Bro. Ousey, W.M. 59, first responded, expressing, as did each subsequent speaker, unqualified approbation of the lodge work and entertainment.

Bro. James Terry then replied on behalf of the Charities, and not forgetting, as, indeed, he never does, the claims of the Institutions of which Bros. Binckes and Hedges are respectively the Secretaries, directed the attention of the brethren to the present pressing needs of the Benevolent Institution, with which he is more immediately concerned. His remarks on this occasion were more than usually interesting, and he put the necessities of the case before his audience in pleasant and forcible terms, and, as he stated, with the assurance that the benevolent instincts of the lodge, which had been exemplified in the very first year of its existence by the Stewardship of its first Master, Bro. Stevens (whom he incidentally complimented on his delivery of the tracing board lecture at this meeting), and had been fostered by subsequent Stewardships of succeeding Masters, would, now that the exigencies of the Institution required the utmost exertion, even to the extent of self-sacrifice within the bounds of prudence, be further developed at the ensuing festival by a generous support of its present Master. There was at the moment a paucity of Stewards for the approaching festival; but he had strong hopes that that deficiency might be counterbalanced by the largeness of the donations the Institution might receive, through the assistance of such important lodges as that of The Great City.

Bro. Terry's remarks were frequently applauded.

The remaining toasts were those of "The Officers" and the Tyler's, which, having been duly honoured, terminated at an early hour one of the most agreeable evenings, in the course of which song and recitation had due proportion, that we have ever enjoyed in connection with this recognised "happy evenings" lodge.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).

—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 7th inst., at Anderson's Hotel. Bro. J. L. Payne, W.M., occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. A. Ferrar, S.W.; R. Polak, J.W.; W. H. Brand, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Lee, P.M., Sec.; G. Ferrar, S.D.; A. R. Olley, J.D.; W. Beasley, I.G.; J. H. Rich, D.C.; W. Simpson, Stwd.; F. Brasted, P.M.; E. Dignam, P.M.; W. Thomson, E. J. Turnbull, J. Robinson, W. T. Oakley, E. Frisby, R. W. Rogers, A. M. Archer, H. Pearse, A. Leoffeler, F. A. Caperoe, E. Warden, S. East, J. Rhodes, and T. E. Cole.

The lodge having been opened in due form, Bro. Cole was passed to the degree of F.C. and Bro. Warden raised to the degree of M.M.

All business being ended, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. W. H. Lee, P.M., Sec., in the absence of the I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and, after eulogising the very efficient and able manner in which Bro. Payne had performed the duties of W.M., congratulated him on his successful year of office.

Bro. J. L. Payne, W.M., cordially thanked the brethren for their reception of the toast, and also for their support during his year.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the W.M. Elect," and, after expressing his pleasure at seeing Bro. Ferrar elected, said that he considered the lodge had made a happy choice.

Bro. A. Ferrar, S.W., W.M. elect, returned thanks, and assured the brethren that no effort would be spared by him to maintain the lustre and prestige of the Duke of Connaught Lodge.

Bro. A. R. Olley, S.D., responded on behalf of "The Officers."

The Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings.

ROTHESAY LODGE (No. 1687).—This lodge met on the 6th inst., at St. James's Hall, when there were

present Bros. E. Valeriani, W.M.; F. V. Green, S.W.; W. Mole, J.W.; W. C. Parsons, Sec.; R. Shaw, S.D.; C. J. Stevenson, J.D.; H. Gros, I.G.; J. B. Dacker, P.M.; F. Green, P.M.; and visitors: Bros. E. G. Coleman, S.D. 11; R. Blum, P.M. 511; P. Silo, 1803; E. Borgavello, 139; J. H. Lane, S.W. 1269; D. d'Luggo, 1287; Ronchetti, 1287; A. R. Hawkins, late 181; J. M. Berkeley, 108; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; and Potter, Tyler.

The W.M. passed Bros. Ronchetti and P. Silo, and initiated Mr. H. Edwards. Bro. C. Skinner, P.M. 148, was elected a joining member. All the work was well performed. Banquet followed the working of the lodge, and the usual toasts were afterwards honoured.

Bro. Green, P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said that during Bro. Valeriani's tenure of office he was sure the brethren could not find fault with his procedure. He had done every thing he could to enhance the funds of the lodge, and during the remainder of his year he would still continue to follow the same course. He hoped that in their new home the brethren would be satisfied with what had been done for them, and that when Bro. Valeriani retired from the chair, it would be confessed by the brethren that he went out with flying colours.

Bro. Valeriani, replying, thanked the brethren for the very handsome way in which they had drunk his health. Ever since he had been Master of the Rothesay Lodge the welfare of the lodge had not been more at his heart than when he first entered it. But he was doing his best to work it and bring it to its right state, and he thanked the brethren for the perseverance they had shown in assisting him to bring it to that position. He was now half way in his year of office, and, as what he had done had already given satisfaction, he should do his utmost still to deserve that satisfaction before leaving the chair. He wished to say one more sentence before he sat down. He wished to thank Bros. Roberts, of St. James's Hall, for the very handsome gift of firing glasses which they had made to the lodge. These glasses were engraved with the name and number of the lodge. It was an attention he did not expect, and he begged to be allowed to express his thanks to Bros. Roberts for this very handsome present.

Bro. Valeriani next proposed "The Initiate," and said he had known Bro. Edwards for some years, and during those years he had found that never in his existence had he met with a man more worthy of the society of gentlemen. He was certain that Bro. Edwards would be an acquisition to the Rothesay Lodge. By the way he had passed through his initiation, the brethren would see that he felt every word he expressed, and that he was a Mason at heart even before he became a member of the Order. He hoped the day would come when Bro. Edwards would fill the Master's chair.

Bro. Edwards said that, as he never had had the pleasure of addressing a public audience in his life, he hardly knew what to say; but he might inform the brethren that he had had great pleasure in joining this honourable lodge, and in being introduced by his worthy friend, the W.M., a gentleman whom he had known many years, and had respected every day he had known him. He should endeavour to the best of his ability to be a worthy member of the Society. In whatever he had taken up during his life he had tried to do his best. He had not always succeeded; but he had tried to be true in everything. In his new enterprise he should endeavour to be a consistent Mason.

Bro. Blum, in responding to the toast of "The Visitors," congratulated the W.M. on the way he performed the ceremonies.

Bro. Coleman likewise congratulated the W.M. Without exception, the work was perfect. He was a sincere lover of Masonry, and he liked to see the work done well. But, in order to do work well, it was necessary to attend lodges of instruction. Some brethren said, "Come to me, and I will coach you up;" but no coaching was equal to a lodge of instruction.

Bro. P. Silo thanked the W.M. for giving him his Second Degree in this lodge. Had it not been for the W.M.'s kindness he would have had to wait some time for the Degree in his own lodge. He wanted to get on in Masonry. He was very much struck with the masterly style in which Bro. Valeriani did his work, and he intended to profit by it in future. His only wish was that on a future occasion he would be able to return a part of the kindness he had received that evening, and he hoped they would be able in future to improve and consolidate the sympathy and friendship which already existed between him and the Worshipful Master.

In giving "The Health of the P.M.'s" the Worshipful Master pointed out the work which Bros. Green, Parsons, and Dacker had performed for the Rothesay Lodge. He thanked Bro. Parsons for his devotion, and Bro. Green for his pluck. He was trying his utmost to please Bro. Green in every possible way. He felt that he should not deserve the thanks of the brethren unless he brought the lodge second to none on the roll of Grand Lodge.

Bro. Green, P.M., said he was perfectly gratified at seeing the lodge prosper. Nothing would please him better than to see Bro. Valeriani do better than he had done himself. It always pleased the P.M.'s. to see the incoming Master do better than themselves.

Bro. Parsons felt that a great many of the remarks of the W.M. were undeserved, and he wished his efforts towards the lodge were such that he could receive the W.M.'s observations without dissent. But although he was unable, as he said several times, to give that attention to the lodge he would wish, he would as far as lay in his power do all that was wanted. If the brethren would look over his imperfections and accept the small quota of support he was able to give he would be very happy to continue it. But he felt he was a drawback to the lodge, and that if they could get some brother who could carry out the duties with more zeal and efficiency than himself it would be a great support to the Rothesay Lodge, and would make the wheels go easier. Still, if they were willing to look over his deficiencies, he was very willing to be of use to the lodge. The brethren were to be congratulated on the brother who now occupied the W.M.'s chair. If the lodge were favoured with a few more like him no lodge would be likely to touch it in point of success or of working. The W.M. had all the characteristics of a good Mason, because he earnestly tried to master the ritual. The brethren could testify that he had thoroughly qualified himself for the position of Master, and he not only carried out the ritual, but he carried out the backbone and principle of Masonry—benevolence. The W.M. had gone up as Steward for two Charities, and was now going up for the third. The Rothesay Lodge ought to be very much obliged to the W.M. for keeping it in the

position of supporting the Charities as it had. Let them place that characteristic of the W.M. before them for imitation. He hoped the future Masters of the lodge would carry out the principle of Masonry in the same successful way as the present W.M. had done.

Bro. Frederick V. Green, S.W., responded to the toast of "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast brought the meeting to a close.

THE ALLIANCE LODGE (No. 1827).—The first meeting of the members of this lodge since the installation of Bro. Lieut. Henry Wright as Worshipful Master was held on Wednesday evening, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there were present Bros. Colonel T. Davies Sewell, P.M.; J. Perkins, S.W.; C. W. Bowley, P.M., acting as J.W.; R. Pawley, P.M., Treas.; J. E. Turner, P.M., Sec.; Major J. Perry Godfrey, J.D.; T. Whiddington, D. of C.; T. Lovell, Tyler; Lieut. V. Dunfee, E. F. Fitch, W. E. Bush, E. Pugh, H. E. Richards, Roberts, Williams (visitor), and others.

Lodge having been opened in accordance with ancient rites, some routine business was transacted, but, in consequence of many members of the lodge having accepted invitations to the Lady Mayoress's ball at the Mansion House, it was deemed advisable to postpone the more important work on the agenda until the emergency meeting convened for Wednesday next.

At the close of business the brethren and visitors dined together under the presidency of the W.M., an excellent repast being provided under the superintendence of Bro. Newton. The prefatory toasts having been duly honoured,

Bro. C. W. Bowley, P.M., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," in doing which he sincerely congratulated the lodge upon having so able and zealous a President, and said the manner in which he lately performed the ceremony of the investiture of his officers was something to be remembered.

The Worshipful Master, after returning thanks for the compliment paid him, hoped that during his term of office he should merit the confidence and esteem of the brethren; if so, he should feel he had not occupied the chair in vain. Of course, it was a very laudable ambition on the part of every Mason to become Master of his lodge. He had looked forward to that distinction with much pleasure; and he hoped to hand down the warrant of the lodge pure and unsullied as he received it from his predecessors. He regretted that during the year there had been apparently a lack of interest in the working, but that arose from the fact of the lodge being full. They were limited to 40 members, and that number was completed by the nomination that evening of Mr. Hornewood Crawford, the City solicitor. He knew there were several other gentlemen desirous of joining the Alliance Lodge, but unless the bye-laws were extended they could not be admitted. He should like the bye-laws to be extended, so as to have more work to do, but there seemed to be a feeling against it, though some were of a different opinion. He did not wish, however, having begun his Mastership so well, to hurt the feelings of anyone; and as two or three members had said they were not in favour of increasing their number at the present time, he should not propose that they do so.

"The Healths of the Treas. and Sec." were next given from the chair, and in doing so the Worshipful Master expressed regret that their esteemed Secretary, Bro. Turner, had been called away early in the evening. Speaking of Bro. Pawley as Treas. of the lodge since its commencement, he referred to the recognition of that brother's services by the presentation to him of a special jewel voted by the lodge. By his kindness and courtesy Bro. Pawley had won the esteem of the brethren generally and was in all respects one of its most active and valued members.

Bro. Pawley, P.M., in responding, returned his heartfelt and fraternal thanks for his name having been associated with the toast. He was one of the first instigators of this lodge, and ever since he joined it the utmost kindness and respect had been shown towards him by every one of its members. It was to him a matter of satisfaction that in no single instance had a black mark been brought against him in respect of anything he had proposed or done in the lodge. All he had done had been with the greatest possible earnestness, for the purpose of seeing the Alliance Lodge second to none, and he hoped to see it better than it was. He was told he had given the greatest satisfaction to all the brethren, and hoped they would never be able to find a blot upon his escutcheon as their Treasurer.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," and in doing so said no man, however efficient he might be, could carry on the duties of his office unless he was ably seconded by those under him. He was thankful to say the officers he had chosen were quite equal to the duties they were called upon to perform, though he was sorry many of them were absent that evening, having accepted invitations to the Lady Mayoress's ball at the Mansion House. He then stated that it was through the kindness of Bro. Sir John Monckton that he had risen to the position he now occupied, and he hoped all the officers would work up to the chair and fulfil the duties of the Alliance Lodge. On the following Saturday he was to have the honour of installing the successor of Dr. Benjamin Ward Richardson as W.M. of the King Solomon Lodge, No. 2029. That was a Temperance Lodge, the only one of its kind in London, and a large gathering of Masons was expected. In conclusion, he invited as many of the brethren as could make it convenient to be present on that occasion.

The toast was suitably acknowledged by Bros. C. W. Bowley, P.M., Major Godfrey, and T. Whiddington; and Bros. H. C. Richards, E. Pugh, W. E. Bush, and Roberts severally responded for "The Lay Members of the Lodge."

The Worshipful Master coupled with "The Visitors" the name of Bro. Williams, whose acquaintance he had made at the Great City Lodge of Instruction, which was held at Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, every Thursday, at 6.30 p.m. Bro. Williams had passed through the chair of his lodge in Esher, the parish in which the late Bro. the Duke of Albany, P.G.W. and Prov. Grand Master of Oxford, resided, and had recently installed his successor there, according to established custom.

Bro. Williams, after returning thanks, said from the way in which he had heard Bro. Lieut. Wright's working, he was sure he would prove a credit to Masonry, and to the Alliance Lodge in particular; and it would be a great loss to the lodge if he had no initiates to take through the various ceremonies. He echoed what the W.M. had said respecting the excellence of the Great City Lodge of In-

struction, and recommended all who wished to advance in the Craft to attend it.

One or two complimentary toasts followed, and a very pleasant evening was diversified with singing and recitations. At the close of the evening the W.M. and Bro. H. C. Richards, by invitation of Bro. Augustus Harris, attended the Baddeley Festival at Drury Lane Theatre.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—The brethren of this lodge celebrated their annual meeting on Monday, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, under the presidency of Bro. Charles H. Everett, the W.M. of the past year, who was supported by Bros. George Everett, I.P.M.; George Gardner, S.W.; Richard Harvey, J.W.; F. Laurance, Treas.; Harry Price, Sec.; W. Gomm, S.D.; W. A. Dowling, J.D.; J. Brown, D.C.; H. Furze, I.G.; C. Riechelmann, Org.; A. H. Strong, Steward; T. C. Walls, Hon. P.M.; George Rowe, Tyler; and the following visitors: Bros. John Jacobs, W.M. 1614; S. Hewett, 1614; E. A. Tilbury, 975; Arthur Williams, I.G. 2090; A. H. Shepherd, I.G. 781; D. P. Cama, W.M. 2105; H. J. Stollery, S.W. 209; L. A. Da Costa, J.D. 1349; E. Ayling, P.M. 975; H. Jackson, 780; J. A. Blount, 1471; R. J. Petley, 1471; W. Johnson, P.M. 865; C. A. Walter, P.M. 865, P.G.D. Middx.; R. Whitley, 946, P.P.G. Dir. of Ceremonies, Middlesex; L. Hollingsworth, 1501; E. F. Crowe, 1828; W. M. Adamson, P.M. 834; H. E. Price, 1744; G. Reynolds, I.G. 1614; W. Causton, P.M. 162; N. Defries, P.M. 185; G. A. Payne, P.M. 933; V. Wing, J.D. 1585; G. Thomas, I.G. 1194; A. Pringle, J.W. 92; E. Gilbert, P.M. 1326; J. E. Riach, 1150; W. H. Norman, 144; Alfred Burden, W.M. 11; C. Parnacott, 145; W. Regeatur, 14; F. Binckes, P.G. Steward; John Edwards, W.M. 1662; R. White, P.M. 26; G. T. King, W.M. 749; and others.

The business before the lodge comprised the confirmation of the minutes, and the reception of the Auditors' report; the admission of Lord George Hamilton as a joining member; the raising of Bro. John Thomas Wood, and the passing of Bros. William Henry Meacock and John Ellis; after which Bro. George Gardner was regularly installed as Worshipful Master for the year, Bro. George Everett, the father of the lodge, performing the work in a very graceful manner. The following were appointed as the officers: Bros. Harvey, S.W.; Gomm, J.W.; Dr. Lawrance, Treas.; Furze, Sec.; Dowling, S.D.; and Brown, J.D.

The installation ceremony having been completed in due course, Messrs. A. J. Mooney, F. W. Dodson, and R. N. Stollery were introduced as candidates for initiation. Bro. Gardner admitted them to the mysteries of Masonry in due form, and then proceeded to close the lodge. Two propositions were handed in from gentlemen desirous of being initiated. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. G. Everett for the way in which he had that day performed the ceremony of installation. A vote of 10 guineas was made from the funds of the lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, for which Charity Bro. Gardner, W.M., will be a Steward at the next Festival, and a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. H. Price for the way in which he had fulfilled the duties of Secretary in the past. In proposing this, the W.M. felt that the brethren would regret with him that Bro. Price found his numerous engagements precluded him continuing the office.

Lodge was closed, and the brethren repaired to banquet. At its conclusion the usual toasts were honoured.

The Worshipful Master made a special toast of "The Newly-Affiliated Member, Bro. Lord George Hamilton," who he was pleased to welcome as a member of English Craft Masonry. It was an especial pleasure to receive him in their midst, because he came of so good a Masonic family. His late father had reigned for the last 10 years of his life as the Masonic ruler of Ireland, and had been followed in that office by his son, the elder brother of their joining member of that evening. This was the only instance but one in which a son had succeeded his father as a Grand Master of Freemasons in the United Kingdom, the other instance being when the Duke of Atholl succeeded his father as Grand Master of England. It was an especial honour to the Chiswick Lodge that so distinguished a family should be represented on its roll, and the Worshipful Master hoped that they might prove themselves worthy of the honour.

Bro. Lord George Hamilton, in the course of his reply, thanked the W.M. for having deviated from his programme in order to allow him to leave somewhat early. He should have no objection to spend a jovial evening with them—should rather enjoy it—but other business had to be attended to, and he was obliged to leave. As their Master had said, his family had taken a great interest in Freemasonry for many years past. He and his brothers had been initiated, and had taken their several steps in the Order in Ireland, where, especially in the northern parts, no institution tended more to unite men together in good fellowship than did Freemasonry. Referring to the universality of Freemasonry, Lord George Hamilton said that during last autumn he and his brother had been travelling in America. Among other places they visited Chicago, and the mere fact that two Freemason visitors were among them was sufficient to arouse the kindest sentiments among the brethren of the city. They decided to give a grand banquet in honour of their guests, but this was prevented, as he and his brother were unable to stay for it. When he found it was all but certain he should spend a greater part of the coming year in England he decided he should like to join an English lodge, where he might have an opportunity of continuing the pleasant associations which were always associated with such an Institution. There was, then, no wonder that he should select a lodge in a district with which he was intimately associated, and thus he had joined the Chiswick Lodge, to the members of which he was deeply grateful for the hearty reception they had accorded him. The knowledge of the great influence which Masonry exercised was the reason why he and other members of his family were so pleased to be associated with it, and he hoped that the same friendly relations might always continue. He concluded by again thanking the members for the readiness and cordiality with which they had welcomed him, a lodgeless wanderer in Britain, to a participation of their benefits.

As we have already said, the usual toast list was gone through, but the exigencies of the train service necessitated several of the brethren leaving at this part of the evening's proceedings.

LODGE OF KING SOLOMON (No. 2029).

—The second installation meeting of this lodge—the only one in London that has yet been established on temperance principles—was held on Saturday evening last, at Saville House, Red Lion-square, when there was a large attendance of brethren, under the presidency of the retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. Dr. B. W. Richardson, F.R.S. Amongst those also present were Bros. Harrison Branthwaite, S.W., and W.M. elect; W. S. L. Chubb, J.W.; M. Williams, S.D.; T. W. Richardson, J.D.; Lieut. H. V. Wright, D. of C.; H. Maiden, I.G.; F. J. Mills, Tyler; J. P. Baptie, J. W. Matthews, R. A. Goran, H. W. Williams, A. Forrow, J. G. Goll, A. Wells, J. H. Hughes, C.C., F.R.S.; C. W. Fletcher, acting as Secretary; W. Memory, J. Fisher, T. Smith, J. J. Cowley, G. A. Ames, P.G.S.; J. Ferrier, A. Jardine, T. H. Williams, W. A. Jones, S. A. Wilkins, and others. The visitors included Bros. W. Clarke, P.G.P.; A. M. Broadley, P.P.G.D.M. Malta; Augustus Harris, S.W. designate of the Drury Lane Lodge; T. Reed, P.M. 1287; Benj. Williams, I.P.M. 1861; C. H. Cox, 163; W. T. Roberts, 1827; and others.

The lodge having been opened, before proceeding with the business on the agenda, the W.M. alluded, in feeling terms, to the circumstances which had prevented their esteemed Secretary, Bro. Harry Tipper, from being present on this occasion. As the brethren knew, Bro. Tipper had recently lost his wife, and they one and all felt the kindest sympathy with him in his sad bereavement. He moved that that sympathy be recorded on the minutes of the lodge, and the motion was unanimously agreed to. The Lodge was then advanced to the Second and Third Degrees, when the W.M. vacated the dais in favour of Bro. Lieut. Henry Wright, who had been invited to act as Installing Master for the day. Resuming in the Second Degree Bro. Harrison Branthwaite was presented by his predecessor as W.M. elect, and a Board of Installed Masters having been constituted, he was duly installed into the chair. On the re-admission of the brethren, the newly-installed Worshipful Master was saluted with the customary honours, and the ancient charges were delivered with perfect accuracy, and much elocutionary effect, by Bro. Lieut. Wright, who also explained to the newly-appointed officers as they advanced to receive their collars. Bro. H. W. Williams acted efficiently as Director of Ceremonies, and Bro. J. W. Matthews presided at the organ. The ceremony was admirably and impressively rendered throughout; and Bro. Wright's excellent working elicited frequent expressions of approbation. The officers invested were: Bros. Dr. B. W. Richardson, F.R.S., I.P.M.; W. S. L. Chubb, S.W.; Matthew Williams, J.W.; Sir Philip Cunliffe Owen, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.I.E., Treas.; Harry Tipper, Sec.; T. W. Richardson, S.D.; Lieut. H. Wright, J.D.; H. Maiden, I.G.; J. Fisher, D.C.; and E. J. Mills, Tyler. The W.M. said a very pleasing duty now devolved upon him. Those who had anything to do with the founding of this lodge knew the great amount of work which was undertaken cheerfully and willingly by their Immediate Past Master, Dr. Richardson; and they knew also the way in which he had conducted the business of the lodge ever since its formation, a little over 18 months ago. It was now his duty to present to him, in the name of the lodge, a Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his services to the Lodge of King Solomon. Long might he live to wear it.

The I.P.M., in responding observed that, as the Wor. Master had pointed out, it was a period of considerable anxiety to them for a long time in founding this lodge, but all the difficulties which were about them had now disappeared, through the truly Masonic spirit in which all their proceedings had been carried on. He must say that during the nearly two years that he had been Master of the lodge, nothing could have been more in accordance with his feelings—feelings of gratitude, respect, and affection—than what had occurred. But the climax came when he received the first jewel ever given by this lodge to a Master. He should wear it in remembrance of this lodge, whether in it or out of it; and he reciprocated those feelings which had been shown towards him higher than words could express in that sympathy with which he approached them and felt towards them all.

No less than eight candidates for initiation were then proposed, and one joining member was nominated, after which lodge was adjourned.

The business having been concluded, the brethren and visitors proceeded to Freemasons' Tavern, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond. There was, of course, no wines, but excellent substitutes were provided in the shape of orange, lemon, raspberry, pine-apple, and other fruit champagnes, supplied by the Holywell Works, Finsbury. After dessert the usual loyal toasts were honoured.

Bro. W. Clarke, P.G.P., in responding for "The Grand Officers Present and Past," spoke of the rulers of the Craft as indefatigable and able, and said although the Pro Grand Master held a high official appointment in Ireland, which called for his constant attention, yet he never failed to make weekly enquiries as to what progress was being made in Masonry. The same remark applied to the Earl of Lathom and the rest of the Grand Officers, who followed in the footsteps of the Earl of Carnarvon, and endeavoured to uphold the prestige of Grand Lodge. It was pleasing to find that, at the annual election of Grand Treasurer, there were so many who took a deep interest in those who were coming forward for that high position, and it would soon be their duty to elect a brother to that office who would prove worthy of it.

The I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said Bro. Branthwaite was a man who always acted on the principle of business before pleasure. A duty of an exceedingly important kind at this moment called him away, and so they would be obliged to lose his benign presence. Before he went they would all join in wishing him success, happiness, and prolonged usefulness through the coming year.

The Worshipful Master was very sorry he should have been called away on such an important occasion, but those who knew what a medical man's duties were would readily sympathise with him. He was very much pleased with the installation which had taken place that night, though it was one that most of the members did not quite expect, so far as the individual upon whom it rested was concerned. He had no idea that he should be installed as W.M. of the lodge of King Solomon. Indeed, he had no intention of being so. That night was the third time that he had been raised to that sublime position as Master of a lodge, and it

was his intention quietly to stand aside and allow the J.W. whoever he might be at the time, to take the position. Circumstances, however, had turned out otherwise, and it had probably become his duty to take the chair at present. In doing so, he could only pledge to others his best endeavours to carry out the work of the lodge as it had been carried out by his predecessor. He hoped in saying that he was not promising more than he could fulfil, and if they were all spared to see the installation of another Master, he might retire from amongst them with, at all events, the same honour, as he might say without egotism, he had retired from the chairs of other lodges. Bro. Dr. Richardson had kindly consented to preside in his absence, and he wished the brethren good-night.

Bro. Ames, P.G.P., said it had fallen to his lot in the absence of the newly-installed W.M., to propose "The Health of their I.P.M., his old and kind friend Dr. Richardson." He felt he could not do justice to the toast. They all knew him better than he did, probably from a Masonic point of view. He had founded this lodge, and now left the chair which he had filled in so dignified and practical a manner for nearly two years. With all humility he proposed Dr. Richardson's good health.

The I.P.M., who was cordially received, said he would not weary the company with a repetition of thanks, but proceed to the duties before him, the first of which was one of the most enthralling character. They had been charmed to-day at the manner in which the installation ceremony had been performed. From the first time he saw the working of this lodge might he say his eye had been fixed upon one member of it, a young man of the greatest promise, a man who bade fair in days to come to be one of the distinguished ornaments to Freemasonry. When they knew that this was Bro. Wright's maiden essay to install, they must all have been struck with the emphasis, style of words and manner with which he had fulfilled the important duty which devolved upon him. All that they could expect was done, and more. They congratulated Bro. Wright most sincerely on the advance that he was making in Masonic working, and wished that his health might be long maintained so that those advantages might be pushed to the uttermost.

Bro. Cowley having sang in excellent voice "The Vicar of Bray,"

Bro. Lieut. H. Wright rose to respond to the toast of his health as Installing Master. When their W.M. requested him, at the last meeting a fortnight ago, to undertake that duty, he knew nothing whatever about the ceremony of installation; but he always felt that the W.M.'s request was a command, and, as the W.M. asked him, he promised to do the best he could. There was nothing he had taken up in his life that he had not in some sort of way made a success, and he was very gratified that the brethren had been pleased with his small efforts that day. He hoped that he should always pay due respect to the chair of that lodge, and behave himself in every way to their satisfaction while he was in it. He could assure the W.M. and his successors that they could always rely upon him for any assistance it was in his power to render them.

The Acting Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Healths of the Visitors," said he could imagine in the old days of early Freemasonry, when man worked with those tools which were now only speculative, were used in an operative sense, there could be nothing more charming than when the work was over, and the rough roof over the place tiled, that some one coming from a distant part of the world—a stranger—should tap at the door, to be properly examined by the Wardens, and duly admitted as a friend; and that he should convey to those rude, yet skilful, brethren the facts that he had gathered and the knowledge he had obtained. It must have been truly delightful in those days, when there were no railways or telegraphs, when there was nothing but the human brain as the condenser of the thoughts, thus for a man to come in and be welcome. He contended that Freemasonry lived largely on this intercourse, and it was one of the signs of its vitality that this pleasant intercourse was still kept up. The light was always kept burning in our lodges for the strangers who entered them. And in this lodge, representing King Solomon in earnest—because they were a lodge of lodges in that respect—for they not only placed their Master in the chair of K.S., but they were King Solomon itself—this lodge of wise men made it part of their wisdom to make all strangers welcome amongst them when they got distinguished wanderers to come and tell them what they knew. That night their W.M. had missed a great treat in not hearing the reply to this toast of one who had travelled over the whole world, picking up Masonic lore, and ready to impart it to others, a great scholar and traveller, whose Masonic knowledge was pre-eminent, who had written charming treatises and letters bearing upon the Craft, who was a Knight of Malta, and had written a history of it, who had explored wherever explorations were to be made after those hidden secrets, and who had come here to tell of them. He associated with the toast the name of Bro. A. M. Broadley, P.P. District G.M. of Malta.

Bro. Broadley, who was loudly cheered, said he had intended to have emulated and, if possible, excelled the admirable brevity which had characterised the speeches of this evening. But in proposing this toast the W.M. said so much about the humble individual who had the honour of addressing them that he feared, if he did not say something of those distant lands in which he had worked as a Freemason, and tell them something of his experiences of Freemasonry in those countries, and his experiences both there and in England, he should very much disappoint the brethren who were now under the gavel. He should, therefore, ask them to bear with him for two or three minutes while he said something of the working of Freemasonry in those distant countries, in which the banner of the Grand Lodge of England was appreciated quite as highly as it was here, and countries where the work of Freemasonry took a form which was perhaps more practical, and produced efforts which in every day life were probably more striking than the Freemasonry with which they were familiar in this country. He must first of all express the pleasure that he felt in visiting them this evening. He was somewhat puzzled at the nomenclature of their excellent lodge, which he thoroughly understood, and he need hardly say he really appreciated. He not only appreciated the hospitality they had tendered him, but he confessed it was a very great trial to one who was about to rejoin the ranks of London Masonry, by becoming the Secretary of the new Drury Lane Lodge, which was to be consecrated on Monday fortnight, a very great treat and privilege to be able to bring Bro. Augustus Harris to witness the ceremony which

had been so ably worked by Bro. Wright that day. It was the touchstone of true Masonic work to be able to perform the difficult ceremony of installation; and he had rarely seen it done better than that night. He thought the lodge of King Solomon, which of course was a lodge pre-eminent for the wisdom of its members, and in fact a lodge which had taken upon itself a name which rather pertained to the whole Craft, might be congratulated upon so eminent a worker as Bro. Wright, and that he also could claim, in a very humble and inferior degree, some kind of connection (a very remote one) with King Solomon. Ancient Carthage had some connection with ancient Tyre, and ancient Tyre had more or less connection with King Solomon in the building of the Temple. Therefore it was perhaps appropriate for him to come from ancient Carthage to pay his respects to the lodge of King Solomon. Now, it was exactly eight years ago that he began to work English Masonry in Tunis, on the site of ancient Carthage. The lodge there, he was happy to say, was surviving many vicissitudes through which that country had passed. If it had survived and flourished, as he was certain it would continue to do, it was on account of the inherent principles of English Masonry, of which they should all be proud. Foreign Masonry did not succeed in foreign countries as English Masonry did, because it embraced political and other considerations which diverted it from its best and holiest purposes. In Tunis, which had become almost part of the French Republic, if there English Masonry had survived the disappearance of foreign lives, it was because men of all religions and languages came together and worked under the banner of the Grand Lodge of England, with no other devices than the holy emblems of brotherly love, relief and truth, put into practical good fellowship, which had nothing whatever to do with factions in politics or nationality. Therefore he thought the sojourner in that distant land of Tunis, where people of many races and languages met together, would see that the success which had attended Masonry there was due to the fact that English Masonry was so very different, and he ventured to say without fear of contradiction, so very superior to the offshoots of that Masonry, because continental Masonry was all more or less an offshoot of our own, though unfortunately degenerated. He had every reason to be proud of having founded two lodges working on the site of ancient Carthage in which they had so many excellent Masons, on the shores of the Mediterranean. He was for some time Deputy District Grand Master of Malta, which included Tunis within its territorial jurisdiction. Malta was a half-way house to the East, a great centre of our Mediterranean commerce, and the stopping place of our troops; and it was there where Masonry exemplified the sentiments shadowed forth by their W.M. when he spoke of the visitors' knock coming to the door. There were doubtless many in London who would remember the pleasure they experienced when the ship cast anchor at Malta, who had gone up to the lodge and found the brethren meeting there; and the reception, although not so splendid as in Great Queen-street, was nevertheless most refreshing. It was his lot to work in another country of historical interest, which was closely associated with the founders of the Craft—a country which had connection even with King Solomon himself—namely, Egypt. He was taken there by his private avocations, and found that English Masonry had fallen into the "sere and yellow leaf." Everything in this life sprang from individual energy, and he was pleased to find here revived the Bulwer Lodge, the sentence of death upon which had already been passed by the Grand Lodge of England. That lodge had now become a flourishing institution, and formed a rallying point for our troops, who found there a Masonic centre. When one saw the energies of those countries, and found that a great deal had been done to make Masonry a point of hospitality and intercourse, which he understood was one of the great objects of Masonry, it was most gratifying. It would be an evil day for Masonry when it was brought to the level of a mere friendly society; its distinguishing characteristic was something more than a friendly society; it was a society which practised the greatest amount of benevolence and charity combined with hospitality and social amenity and goodwill. Charity must go hand in hand with the great social feature; and this was illustrated in no better way than in the Mediterranean and in those countries which were so rich in the traditions of the Craft, where the emblems of the Craft met the eye in all directions, the old traditional Jewish emblems of which we all knew so much in English Masonry. He was glad to tell the company that a new lodge was about to be founded in London, a lodge which would be almost unique in its character—the Drury-lane Lodge. He was sorry that Bro. Augustus Harris, the S.W. designate, had been obliged to go away, but he asked him to thank them for the excellent lessons in Masonry he had received at the hands of Bro. Wright that day. The Drury-lane Lodge was one that would have traditions of its own; they intended to work in a special temple, which would be fitted up very beautifully within the precincts of Drury-lane Theatre, which had traditions of many old Masons who had passed away, such as Christopher Wren and many other great men who had contributed to its fame. They hoped to establish a lodge which should not only excel for its work and charity, but also given to hospitality. In endeavouring to continue working in a London lodge, and resuming Masonic activity, which had perhaps a little slipped away, owing to the occupations of every-day life, he should be coming back to that which was certainly his first love whilst sojourning in distant lands. He thanked them for the pleasant evening they had enabled him to spend in their society, and felt sure the principles they tried to inculcate in this lodge were those which would do honour to the Craft. He fully endorsed all that the W.M. had said as to the aims and objects of Freemasonry, and to the welcome which they extended to the visitors; and he only hoped that if any of them ever went to the shores of the Mediterranean, and tapped at the door of any of the Masonic lodges there, the truth would come home to them of what Bro. Richardson had said as to the welcome they would receive. Meanwhile, he hoped, if they preferred the excellent climate of this country, as experienced within the last few days, to the sunny shores of the Mediterranean, he hoped to welcome them to the brighter skies and genial warmth which would be extended to them from the Drury-lane Lodge.

Bro. Ferrier then gave a humorous recitation on "A Scotch Courtship and Marriage," after which,

The W.M. proposed "The Press," coupled with the name of the representative of this journal, who responded. The W.M. then sang, "Once I Loved a Maiden Fair;"

and "The Healths of the Officers of the Lodge" having been proposed and acknowledged, the proceedings were brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

UNITED NORTHERN COUNTIES LODGE (No. 2128).—An emergency meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday evening last, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, 8A, Red Lion-square, Holborn, for the purpose of initiating Mr. W. H. Bullock, jun., a Lewis. The ceremony was very impressively performed by the W.M., V.W. Bro. J. S. Cumberland, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. N. and E. Yorks, who, at its close, presented the newly-made brother with a handsome Bible, engraved with Masonic emblems, and suitably inscribed, on account of his being the first initiate of the new lodge. The draft bye-laws were afterwards discussed, and the lodge was closed in due form.

BOLTON.—Anchor and Hope Lodge (No. 37).—The installation meeting and annual festival of this ancient lodge (warranted 1732) was held at the Masonic Hall, Swan Hotel, on Monday last. Lodge having been opened, there were present Bros. F. W. Pacey, P. Prov. G. Org. Berks and Bucks, W.M.; Jas. W. Poyntz, S.W.; Jas. Walker, Prov. J.G.W., as J.W.; Jas. Newton, P. Prov. S.G.D., Treas.; G. P. Brockbank, G. Std. B., Sec.; W. H. Lomax, S.D.; Jas. Naylor, J.D.; Robt. Nightingale, I.G.; Johnson Mills, P.M., D. of C.; Wm. Golding and Wm. Forrest, Stwds.; J. W. Roiley, Tyler; Thos. Higson, Prov. G. Tyler, Assist. Tyler; Saml. Isherwood, P. Prov. G. Treas.; Jno. Morris, P. Prov. G. Supt. of Wks.; R. K. Freeman, P.M.; John Booth, P.M.; John M. Bentley, M. Robinson, J. W. Mather, Thos. Murphy, J. W. Thompson, Thos. Barnes, and F. W. Brockbank. Visitors: Bros. E. G. Harwood, P.M. 1723, Prov. G. Std. Br.; J. W. Taylor, P.M. 221, P. Prov. G. Org.; Josh. Galloway, S.W. 146; Chas. Crompton, S.W. 221; R. H. Phillips, W.M. 348; John Partington, P.M. 348; J. Holland Watson, W.M. 350; John Barrett, W.M. 1723; and Thos. Morris, P.M. 1723.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of an emergency meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. E. G. Harwood, P.M. 1723, Prov. G. Std. Br., as a joining member, the result being his unanimous election. The report of the Auditors was read, being of a very satisfactory nature, and the Treasurer's accounts were approved and adopted. Bro. John Morris, P. Prov. G. Supt. of Wks., was unanimously re-elected Charity Representative of the lodge. The W.M. elect, Bro. Jas. W. Poyntz, was presented by Bro. Jas. Newton to the W.M., Bro. Pacey, to receive the benefits of installation, and was duly installed by him into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom.

The following brethren were invested by Bro. John Booth, P.M., as officers for the ensuing year—viz., Bros. John Hardcastle, S.W.; W. H. Lomax, J.W.; Jas. Newton, Treas.; G. P. Brockbank, Sec.; Jas. Naylor, S.D.; Robt. Nightingale, J.D.; Wm. Golding, I.G.; Johnson Mills, D. of C.; F. W. Pacey, Org.; Wm. Forrest and Thos. Murphy, Stwds.; J. W. Roiley, Tyler; Thos. Higson, Assist. Tyler.

The charges to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were delivered by Bro. Johnson Mills, P.M. Bro. Saml. Isherwood, P.M., P. Prov. G. Treas. (the senior member of the lodge), on behalf of the lodge, presented the retiring Master, Bro. F. W. Pacey, with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, which was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Pacey. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned to the banquet, which was presided over by the newly-installed W.M., Bro. Poyntz.

CAMBRIDGE.—Scientific Lodge (No. 88).—At a meeting of this lodge, held at the Lion Hotel on Monday, the 11th inst., Bro. Thomas Nichols, P.G. Treas., and who has for many years acted as Secretary to this lodge, was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. Not the least pleasing feature of the proceedings was the fact that the duties of Installing Master were performed by the son of the W.M. elect, Bro. Rev. T. B. Nichols, M.A., P.M., P.G.S.W. Northumberland. The W.M. afterwards appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. McCallum, I.P.M.; W. I. Pashler, S.W.; O. Papworth, J.W.; E. Hills, P.M., Chap.; W. H. Jarrold, Treas.; A. H. Moyes, P.M., Sec.; W. Purchas, S.D.; Frank Piggott, J.D.; T. Hunnybun, P.M., D. of C.; W. P. Spalding, I.G.; W. Davidson, P.M., Stwd.; J. R. Ling, P.M., Org.; and T. Wood, Tyler.

The brethren subsequently sat down to banquet. Several visiting brethren were present from the Isaac Newton (University) Lodge, the Lodge of the Three Grand Principles, 441, and from a distance. During the evening the Installing Master was warmly congratulated upon the excellence of his work.

DURHAM.—Marquis of Granby Lodge (No. 124).—At a meeting of the brethren of this lodge, held in the Masonic Hall, Old Elvet, on the evening of Tuesday, the 5th inst., there were present Bros. W. Logan, W.M.; Canon Tristram, D.P.G.M.; Rev. J. Lawson, S.W.; W. Crawford, M.P., J.W.; W. Brignal, P.M.; T. Bell, P.M.; W. Coxon, P.M.; H. Lawrence, P.M.; S. Fenny, P.M.; M. Fowler, Treas.; W. H. Oliver, Sec.; C. F. Dawson, S.D.; G. Richardson, J.D.; G. Leatham, Org.; T. Dunn, I.G.; Brotherhood and Smith, Stwds.; and a large number of the brethren, as also a number of visiting brethren, among whom we noticed Bros. R. Hudson, Prov. G.S.; I. F. Hiller, P.M. 1334; W. Gray, P.M. 1334; and others.

The lodge having been duly opened by the W.M., Bro. W. Coxon, as Installing Master, proceeded in a very impressive manner to instal Bro. the Rev. Jos. Lawson, the W.M. elect, into the chair of K.S. After the ceremony Bro. Lawson, W.M., proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. W. Logan, I.P.M.; W. Crawford, M.P., S.W.; F. Dawson, J.W.; Canon Tristram, D.P.G.M.; Chap.; W. H. Oliver, Sec.; M. Fowler, Treas.; W. Coxon, D. of C.; D. Richardson, S.D.; T. Dunn, J.D.; W. Brotherhood, I.G.; J. Smith and W. Malcolm, Stwds.; and J. Carter, Tyler.

An interesting ceremony then took place. It appears that so long ago as 1872 Bro. W. Brignal, jun., P.M. 124 and 1274 (now deceased), in conjunction with other brethren, raised a subscription for the purpose of purchasing the original oil painting, by one of the eminent brothers Dalziel, of John George Lambton, first Earl Durham, in

his work admirably, and other young and aspiring Masons were coming rapidly to the front, to take the places of those who fell out. The Past Masters felt deep interest in the welfare of the lodge, and not only in its welfare, but in its harmony, and would do all in their power to maintain it by supporting the W.M. in all things just and impartial. There was one thing they should always remember, and that was that they were taught to be cautious; let them be especially cautious in proposing initiates; never to propose a candidate unless he was one who they would be proud of, both in their own and other lodges, and who would be welcomed by the rest of the brethren; then there would be no cloud to darken the lustre of their harmonious working. He called upon them to be united in upholding the prestige of the lodge by supporting the W.M., by carrying out those precepts taught in their daily lives, by harmony and forbearance in the lodge, and then the Past Masters would feel proud of having brought such a lodge and such a united Brotherhood to its present high and important position in the Province of Kent.

Bros. Cook, Mason, and Lloyd also responded. The other toasts were "The Initiate," "Visitors," "Officers," and two complimentary toasts, which were interspersed by some fine singing by Bros. Clifton, Sanders, Lloyd, Nichols, Ledger, Cook, and others, Bro. Tyler accompanying on the piano in his own inimitable manner.

COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—The annual meeting and festival of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 7th inst. Bro. E. L. Waugh, W.M., P.G. Reg., presided, supported by his officers, members, and a great many visitors from various lodges of the province. The lodge having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed, when Bro. Geo. Dalrymple, P.M. 872 and 1660, P.P.G.J.W., was invited to take the chair, and Bro. Waugh presented Bro. H. Carruthers, W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation in the presence of about 20 Past Masters. The W.M. having been proclaimed in the ancient chair, appointed the following as his officers: Bros. G. Fidler, S.W.; F. A. Cooper, J.W.; T. Mason, P.M., P.G.P., Treas.; J. C. Burn, Sec.; F. Smith, S.D.; J. Williams, J.D.; J. Taylor, Org.; T. Atkinson, I.G.; Sawyer and Entwistle, Stwds.; and J. Hewson, P.G. Tyler, Tyler.

The following members and visitors present were present: Bros. R. Robinson, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; Rev. E. M. Rice, P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; H. Peacock, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; W. Shilton, P.M., P.P.G. Svd. Br.; A. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; T. Wheatherstone; J. C. Thompson, W.M. 962, P.G. Stwd.; D. Reece, P.M., P.P.G.P.; G. B. McKay; P. Podmore; J. Dickinson; Alex. Ashmore; A. Moordaff, Sec. 1267; W. P. Moordaff, 371; T. Brakenridge, J.D. 872; J. Lewthwaite, 962; Henry Luscombe; G. H. S. Smith, Secretary; and others.

The W.M. intimated that he had received a letter from Australia from Bro. T. C. Robinson, an old P.M. of this Lodge. It is very pleasant to note that the members of this lodge have a warm admiration for all distant brethren. The names of Bros. Lamony and Robinson are held most dear, and it always brings the lines to our mind—
"One round, I ask it, with a tear to him—
The bard—that's far awa'."

An apology was then handed in from Bro. C. Morton, the senior P.M. of the lodge, and P.P.G.S.W., for not being able to attend and assist in the ceremony of installation. There being nothing further, with a round of "Hearty good wishes" from Lodges 119, 310, 371, 872, 962, 1660, and others, the lodge was closed in form, and, at the invitation of the newly-installed Master, the brethren adjourned to Bro. Peacock's, the Globe Hotel, where, as usual, an excellent provision was made for all—the company large or small the worthy host and hostess of the Globe are "aye ready." With the usual toasts and songs a very pleasant "night" was spent.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 4th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Church-street. There was a good attendance, those present including Bros. Major Turner, W.M.; Capt. Garnett, P.P.G.S.W.; J. E. Oglethorpe, P.G. Reg.; H. Longman, P.P.G.S. of W.; E. Simpson, P.P.G.P.; A. McRaith, W.M. 281; Wm. Stork, W.M. 1353; Hannah, Helme, Irvin, Kershaw, Drinkall, Whitlock, Capstick, T. Atkinson, Pilkington, Nicholson, Duff, R. Bond, Physzackerley, and others.

The lodge was opened under the presidency of Bro. Turner, who after the preliminary business had been transacted vacated the chair, when it was assumed by Bro. Garnett as Installing Officer. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and the W.M. elect, Bro. Kershaw, S.W., having been duly presented, he was installed into the chair with all the formalities of the Craft, the ceremony being most impressively gone through by Bro. Garnett. The newly-installed Master afterwards appointed the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Turner, I.P.M.; W. Drinkall, S.W.; H. Seymour, J.W.; N. W. Helme, P.M., Treas.; H. Longman, P.M., Sec.; J. Whitlock, S.D.; J. W. Capstick, J.D.; and A. K. Allinson, Tyler. Other business was then transacted, including the appointment of Bro. Longman on the Charity Committee, and the passing of a hearty vote of thanks to the Installing Officer for his efficient services, and to the retiring W.M. for the admirable manner in which he had performed the duties of his office during the year, after which the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the County Hotel, and sat down to an excellent dinner, which was served in Host Ducksbury's capital style. The newly-installed Master presided, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, a very pleasant evening being spent.

LANCASTER.—Duke of Lancaster Lodge (No. 1353).—On the 5th inst. the members of this lodge celebrated the festival of St. John the Evangelist by a banquet at the King's Arms Hotel. About thirty members and visitors sat down to a most excellent and tempting banquet, served in Mr. Ducksbury's very best style, and with prompt and well arranged waiting. Bro. C. J. W. Stork, W.M., presided, and was supported by the I.P.M., Bro. Jos. Bell; Bros. J. E. Oglethorpe, P.M., P.G. Reg.; John Hatch, P.M., P.G.S. of Wks.; A. McRaith, W.M. 281; J. Heald, S.W. 281; Jas. Physzackerley, 281; John Barrow, H. Hartley, and R. Wolfenden, P.M.'s of the lodge. The vice-chairs were occupied by Bro. W.

King, S.W., and Bro. D. Shaw, J.W. After dinner the usual toasts were given and responded to.

The W.M. proposed from the chair "The Queen," "The Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, as the M.W. Grand Master of England, and the rest of the Grand Officers;" "The Earl of Lathom, D.G.M. of England, and G.M. of the Province of West Lancashire; Col. the Right Hon. F. A. Stanley, Deputy Prov. G.M.; J. E. Oglethorpe, Prov. Grand Registrar; and other Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge."

In proposing the latter toast, the W.M. expressed the pleasure it afforded him and the brethren generally by the elevation of one of their Past Masters—Bro. J. E. Oglethorpe—to high rank in the Provincial Grand Lodge. It was a recognition of the claims of the lodge to such an honour, and he was quite sure that Bro. Oglethorpe would be a credit to the lodge. The toast was coupled with the names of two Provincial Grand Officers, Bros. Oglethorpe and Hatch.

Bro. Oglethorpe, in responding, said it was a source of great gratification to him that his appointment to provincial rank was approved by the brethren of the lodge; he had received congratulations from all sides, and, considering that comparatively speaking he was only a young member, the kindness of the brethren had given him much pleasure. He accepted the honour conferred upon him as a compliment to the lodge, and he would endeavour to fulfil his duties in a way that would give satisfaction to the members.

Bro. Hatch also responded, and expressed the satisfaction it had afforded him to accept provincial honours. He then proposed "Success to the Duke of Lancaster Lodge," and referred in congratulatory terms to the unanimity and good feeling which now existed between the members of the three lodges in the town, which was shown by their uniting to obtain "a home" for Freemasonry from which they could not be disturbed. The toast was coupled with the name of Bro. Barrow, Treasurer, and that officer responded in suitable terms, expressing confidence in the future of the lodge.

Bro. Bell, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and testified to the zeal and ability Bro. Stork had exhibited in Masonic work.

The Worshipful Master responded, and cordially thanked the brethren for the uniform kindness and consideration they had shown towards him in the lamentable circumstances in which he had been placed; and he especially thanked Bros. Oglethorpe and Bell for the assistance they had rendered him.

"The Past Masters of the Lodge" was proposed from the chair, and responded to by Bro. Oglethorpe, who, in the course of his remarks, referred to the serious havoc death had made in the ranks of the Past Masters of the lodge, and expressed a hope that the future had happier days in store for the lodge.

Bro. W. King proposed "The Visitors," and the toast was acknowledged by Bros. A. McRaith, J. Physzackerley, and Heald.

Bro. Hartley, P.M., proposed "The Wardens" in terms which caused considerable amusement, which was continued when those officers responded, and promptly accepted the challenge he had thrown out with regard to the working of the lodge.

"The Healths of the Treasurer and Secretary, Bros. Barrow and R. Nuttall," were proposed by Bro. R. Wolfenden, who briefly referred to the efficient way in which those officers performed their respective duties. The officers named responded, and Bro. Nuttall took the opportunity of referring to the trouble under which the W.M. had laboured consequent on the illness of his brother; and he asked the brethren to drink to the health of their absent brother, Bro. J. S. Stork, who had gone to the other end of the world in the hope of benefiting his health, and wish him success on his journey, and speedy return. The toast was cordially and sympathetically responded to.

The S.W. then proposed "The Junior Officers of the lodge," which was acknowledged by the Senior and Junior Deacons and the Inner Guard.

Several of the members contributed to the interest and harmony of the meeting by songs and recitations, and a very pleasant evening was spent by those present. Bro. Allinson gave the Tyler's toast, which was drunk in Masonic fashion, and the proceedings were brought to a close.

NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—The usual monthly meeting of the above prosperous lodge took place on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at the Three Crowns Hotel, Bro. A. T. Ives, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. C. T. Lewis, I.P.M.; E. West, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Herts; B. B. Brayshaw, P.M., P.P.G.P. Herts; J. Ives, P.M., Sec.; C. Jolly, S.W. (Freemason); J. Paull, J.W.; J. Savage, S.D.; H. Canning, J.D.; C. J. Jones, I.G.; C. Wood, W.S.; Henry, Org.; W. McGuinness, H. Godding, S. Sutcliffe, C. J. Powling, J. Neasby, W. Rilat, J. Delo, A. Knight, T. Luck, Jos. Tyler, J. Buck, J. Gowers, E. Morgan, W. Turvey, T. Reeve, H. Lacey, A. Fairy, G. Richardson, J. Monk, S. Johnson, W. J. Clapperton, and H. E. Childs, all of the lodge; Bros. A. Penfold, P.M. 913, P.G. Svd. Kent; J. Snicker, P.M. 554; R. Warren, P.M. 1437; J. Aillud, P.M. 615; J. Burgess, S.W. 1767; W. Bigwood, Org. 700; T. Bigwood, 700; W. Kelly, 1440; and others.

The lodge having been opened, and the usual preliminary business transacted, the ballot was taken for Mr. B. T. Chatterton, and proving unanimous, that gentleman was duly initiated. Bros. Nasely and Monk were then passed, and Bros. Clapperton and Fairy were raised—a heavy night's work, which was admirably carried out by the W.M. and his officers. A petition was then signed for presentation to Grand Chapter for leave to form a chapter called the Henley, to be held at Bro. West's, and then a handsome and valuable testimonial was presented to Bro. C. T. Lewis, I.P.M., in recognition of the admirable manner in which he installed his successor. It consisted of a beautifully inscribed and illuminated vellum, with cartes of the recipient, W.M., and various officers, mounted in gold frame, and glazed—altogether a handsome and valuable present. In presenting it the W.M. dwelt at some length upon the many excellent qualities of Bro. Lewis, and on his devotion to the welfare of the lodge, and trusted that Bro. Lewis might long be spared to look upon it with pride and pleasure, as the expression of the esteem, and he might say the affection, of the brethren of the Henley Lodge.

Bro. Lewis could hardly thank the brethren for their

kindness, inasmuch as no words he might utter could express the feelings of his heart; however, they might depend upon it that as long as he lived he should prize their gift as one of his most precious treasures. It would be a link binding him to them till the time came when he must leave all he loved behind. While he had health and strength nothing should be wanting on his part to cement and uphold the welfare and prestige of the lodge; but above all to keep up that unity and brotherly love that bound them together in one strong band of union for mutual defence and support. He cordially and from his heart thanked them for their munificent present, and resumed his seat amid long and continued applause.

The lodge was then closed, and the rest of the evening was devoted to supper and harmony, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts being duly honoured.

PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge took place on Friday, the 8th inst., at Bro. Vallom's commodious Assembly Rooms, at the Lord Raglan Hotel, Raglan-road, Bro. W. Moulds, W.M., presided, and was supported by the following Past Masters, officers, visitors, and brethren, viz., Bros. W. Weston, P.M., P.P.G. Svd. Br. Kent; R. Gooding, J.W.; J. Morton, Sec.; C. Cooper, S.D.; A. Murdock, J.D.; R. T. Robertson, I.G.; T. Mills and W. Seager, Stwds.; W. Buckenham, W. Wilde, J. Anderson, H. Froud, J. Haynes, A. Hill, A. Pickett, T. S. Day, L. Comerford, G. Holliday, W. Murphy, A. Willmott, J. Lockhart, C. Gardner, W. H. Popplestone, C. Jolly (Freemason), T. Mills, and W. Stanley, all of the lodge; J. Lapper, 1549; G. Neat, 552; J. E. Watt, 582; W. Davis 47; W. Haughey, 1606; and J. W. White, 387.

All three Degrees were worked by the W.M., and his officers in excellent style. Bros. Murdock and Cooper, the former of whom officiated as S.W., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Maule; and the latter, who worked both as S.D. and J.D., being highly commended for their efforts.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren partook of a neat little supper, and on reassembling round the social board, drank the usual loyal and Masonic toasts most heartily.

Bro. Weston responded for "The Prov. Grand Officers," and in so doing said it would be useless for him to dilate upon the many excellent qualities of their beloved and esteemed Prov. Grand Master, Lord Holmesdale; suffice it to say that wherever Masonry was known and practised, there the name of Lord Holmesdale was a household word. In Bro. Eastes, their P.D.G.M., they had an indefatigable Mason and judicious councillor of his lordship in all matters relative to the Grand Offices and provincial work generally. For himself, he was proud of being associated with them in the humblest capacity, and heartily thanked the brethren for the toast.

Bro. Weston then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and congratulated the lodge upon having so earnest a Mason as Bro. Moulds to rule over them.

Bro. Moulds, in response, said he was afraid he did not deserve all the praise Bro. Weston gave him. It was the custom to flatter great men, but he, unfortunately, was not one, and did not do his work to his own satisfaction. He should, however, keep on trying, so as to be worthy of their approbation at the finish of his work. He cordially thanked them for the toast.

In proposing the toast of "The Past Masters," Bro. Moulds referred, in feeling terms, to the many who by the exigencies of the service were scattered about, either abroad or in the garrisons of the United Kingdom. He spoke highly of the energy of Bro. Weston, who on many occasions came long journeys to be present, and with his name he coupled the toast.

Bro. Weston, after thanking them for their hearty reception of the toast, said he should sail for Egypt on the 26th inst., and should most likely go up to the front. He should look out every week for the *Freemason* (which he had arranged to be sent out to him) to see how their and the other lodges in the district and province were getting on, and they might assure themselves of one thing, that wherever he was, he should always rejoice in their prosperity, and, although not present in person, his heart would be with them.

"The Visitors," "Initiate," and "Officers," were successively toasted, and some good singing enlivened the proceedings.

TUEBROOK.—Marlborough Lodge (No. 1620).—The brethren of this lodge assembled at the Derby Hall on Wednesday, the 6th inst., to install the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. Dr. H. Y. Pitts, Past Prov. G.S.B., for his second term of office. The chair was taken by Bro. R. Armitage, W.M., who efficiently installed his successor. At the opening of the lodge he was supported by Bros. T. Delamere, I.P.M.; P. Asbury, P.M.; H. Jones, P.M.; H. Hindle, P.M.; John Henderson, P.M.; R. Sturzaker, J.W.; L. Bagnall, Treas.; Dr. R. T. Owen, Sec.; W. J. B. Pitts, J.D.; T. Airey, I.G.; E. T. Ingham, D.C.; and others. Among the numerous visitors were Bros. J. T. Callow, P.P.G.T.; R. Martin, P.P.G.T.; Dr. A. L. Samuels, P.P.G.S.D.; W. Savage, P.M. 1609; W. Roberts, I.P.M. 1289; J. S. Simmonds, J.W. 1350; J. Davies, W.M. 1325; E. Cattrall, P.M. 203; H. Marshall, P.M. 1756; F. T. Foulkes, S.W. 292; A. Bucknall, P.M. 657; T. M. Smith, I.G. 1570; and others.

The W.M. elect was presented by Bros. Delamere, P.M., and H. Hindle, P.M., and after his installation the following officers were appointed: Bros. R. Armitage, I.P.M.; R. Sturzaker, S.W.; Dr. R. F. Owen, J.W.; L. Bagnall, Treas. (re-elected); W. J. B. Pitts, Sec.; E. T. Ingham, D.C. (reappointed); J. P. Bryan, P.P.G.O., Org.; J. Airey, S.D.; S. Bushell, J.D.; Dr. F. J. Ackerley, I.G.; A. Trevorton, H. Peers, W. Spence, and J. Stubbs, Stwds.; and Bro. R. Neville was re-elected Tyler.

All the musical accompaniments to the ceremony and the banquet programme were effectively rendered by Bros. R. Mellody, W. H. Quayle, J. Busfield, W. Forrester, R. N. Hobart, and J. Quayle, under the direction of Bro. J. P. Bryan, P.P.G.O. During the evening a handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Armitage, by the W.M., on behalf of the lodge, and a diamond brooch and earrings for Mrs. Armitage from the individual members.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Albert Edward Lodge (No. 1780).—Bro. Sergeant-Major W. A. Algar, R.E., has



Bro. Edward Thurkle, P.M., Treas. Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, was the recipient, on Wednesday last, of a very gratifying testimonial, consisting of a tea service and an illuminated address, subscribed for by the members and presented in open lodge. The friends of Bro. Thurkle will be much pleased to learn that his many good qualities and services to Masonry are so thoroughly appreciated by those who are the best judges of his work, namely, the members of his own lodge.

The Eleanor Lodge of Instruction will hold its future meetings at the Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, every Monday evening.

The Queen has graciously intimated her readiness to become Patron of the forthcoming Colonial and Indian Exhibition, South Kensington.

It is announced to be the intention of Bro. Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., M.P., to introduce into Parliament, at an early day, a bill to amend the Bank Holidays Act.

It is the brethren of Folkestone, and not, as stated recently, those of Ashford, who are in treaty for the purchase of certain land on which to erect a Masonic Hall.

Bro. the Rev. Sir William Vincent, Bart., rector of Postwich, near Norwich, was duly installed as W.M. of the Union Lodge, No. 52, Norwich, on Tuesday, the 5th inst. Bro. Harry Bullard, M.P., was the retiring W.M.

Bro. Sir Edward Watkin, Bart., M.P., has been admitted to the freedom of the Borough of Hythe, in recognition of the important services he has rendered to the town during the twelve years he has represented it in Parliament.

Bro. J. W. Walmsley, who was W.M. in 1876, was installed a second time as W.M. of the Bank Terrace Lodge, No. 462, Accrington, on Thursday, the 7th inst. There was a strong muster of visiting brethren from the neighbouring lodges, and a most successful evening was spent.

The members of the St. Maughold Lodge, No. 1075, Ramsey, Isle of Man, had their annual meeting on Tuesday, the 20th ult. There was a large attendance of brethren, members, and visitors, and a most agreeable evening was spent. Bro. J. J. Corlett was installed W.M., and afterwards appointed and invested his officers for the year.

The annual installation meeting of the Perseverance Lodge, No. 213, will be held at the Masonic Club, 47, St. Giles-street, Norwich, when Bro. C. W. Bacon, P.P.G. Stwd., will be installed as W.M. by the retiring W.M., Bro. W. J. Butler, P.G.D.C. Numerous invitations have been given, and the meeting bids fair to be a great success.

The annual festival of the Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949, will be held on Tuesday evening, the 26th inst., at the Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Hernehill, S.E., when Bro. Francis, Preceptor, will be in the chair. Further particulars may be had of the Secretary, Bro. G. Langley, 18, Gowlett-road, East Dulwich.

A Masonic Charitable Association, in connection with the Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 861, held at the King's Head Tavern, 42, Threadneedle-street, E.C., every Tuesday evening, will commence next Tuesday, the 19th inst., and be continued on the third Tuesday in every month. Brethren are cordially invited to join. Lodge opens at 7 o'clock. Bro. J. Millington, J.W. 861, is the Secretary.

Bros. the Lord Mayor, and Aldermen Sir B. S. Phillips, Sir H. E. Knight, Sir R. Hanson, and Cowan are among the visitors appointed at the Court of Aldermen on Saturday last to Newgate Prison, and Bros. the Lord Mayor, and Aldermen Stone, Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., M.P., Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., De Keyser, Waterlow, Savory, and Gray to the City Prison at Holloway.

At the recent annual meeting of St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1125, Tiverton, Bro. Albert Andrews was installed W.M. for the year, and afterwards appointed and invested as his officers—Bros. Dr. Haydon, I.P.M.; R. F. Loosemore, S.W.; J. F. Ellerton, J.W., Treas.; S. H. Harrison, Sec.; G. Hall, S.D.; E. M. Moyle, J.D.; J. Stenner, Stwd.; and J. Mills, P.M., P.P.G.D., Org. The banquet was held at the Palmerston Hotel.

The first regular meeting of the Aire and Calder Lodge, No. 458, Goole, of the new year, was held on Friday evening, the 8th inst., Bro. Everatt, W.M., in the chair. Mr. Arthur J. Peacock, son of Bro. Ralph Peacock, was initiated by the W.M., assisted by Bros. Gooderidge, P.M., and J. A. Bray, P.M. On the motion of Bro. Wilson, P.M., seconded by Bro. W. Porter, Chaplain, it was resolved to give £10 ros. to the Boys' School, the Treasurer having advanced that sum before the end of 1885 to secure additional votes.

The Biennial Festival in aid of the funds of the Finsbury Dispensary, founded in 1780, will be held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Thursday, the 28th inst., when the chair will be taken by Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, who will be supported by Bros. Alderman and Sheriff Evans and Sheriff Clarke, and a strong array of influential stewards. Mr. R. Moreland, Hon. Sec., 3, Old-street, E.C., will readily furnish whatever information may be desired by intending stewards and contributors.

The following dinners took place at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending Saturday, the 16th inst. Monday—Old Paulines Club; St. George's and Cornerstone Lodge; Royal Savoy Lodge; Enoch Lodge; Lodge of Unions. Tuesday—Piscatorial Ball; St. James's Union Lodge; Urban Lodge; Cadogan Lodge. Wednesday—Royal Savoy Lodge Ball; Enoch Lodge; Buckingham and Chandos Lodge. Thursday—New Holborn Quadrilles; Elliot Lodge Ball; Caledonian Society; Lodge of Regularity; Polish Lodge; University of London Lodge; Pilgrim Lodge; Great Northern Lodge. Friday—London Caithness Ball; Jordan Lodge; University Lodge; Lodge of Antiquity. Saturday—City and West End Soirée; London Wheelers Cinderella.

A lease has been taken by the Queen, for a further term of 19 years, of the Abergeldie Estate, as a residence for the Prince of Wales.

The Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625, which has been in abeyance for some considerable time, has been resuscitated, and is now held at Bro. G. Cox's, the Wellington Arms, Wellington-road, Bow, E., every Thursday evening, at 7.30.

Bro. the Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master of Ireland, has been elected one of the Presidents, and Bros. the Marquis of Waterford, Lord Waveney, and Col. King-Harman, M.P., are among the Vice-Presidents of the Irish Loyal and Patriotic Union.

We very much regret to hear that Bro. Christopher Sykes, M.P., fell at Aske Hall, Yorkshire, on Tuesday, and broke his ankle. This will detain him for some time from his Parliamentary duties, complete rest having been enjoined by the surgeons in attendance.

Bros. Lord Wantage and Richardson-Gardner are among the contributors to the memorial proposed to be raised to the late Bro. Viscount Ranelagh. Messrs. Cox and Co., the army agents, of Craig's-court, have consented to receive subscriptions, which are limited to a guinea.

Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Chancellor of the Exchequer, as leader of the Ministerial party in the House of Commons, has issued invitations to the usual official dinner, to his principal supporters, on Wednesday next, the 20th inst., being the day preceding the business of opening Parliament.

A convocation of the Hornsey Chapter of Improvement, No. 890, was held at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., on Saturday, the 9th inst. Companions are invited to attend the next meeting on the 16th, when several eminent Royal Arch Masons have promised to be present.

Royal Arch Chapter Hope, attached to Lodge Industry and Perseverance, No. 109, of England, held a convocation at Freemasons' Hall, 55, Bentinck-street, Calcutta, on the 17th ult., for the exaltation of Bro. Hugh Crawford Pinkerton, residing in Calcutta, and presentation of a jewel to M.E. Comp. W. H. T. Ayres, P.P.Z.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales completed his 22nd year on Friday, the 8th inst., the event being celebrated amid great rejoicings, and with the customary honours at Sandringham, Windsor, and in London. Bro. J. L. Toole and his company had the honour of performing at Sandringham in honour of the event.

Bro. Henry Irving presided at the annual general meeting, at the Lyceum Theatre, on Friday, the 8th inst., of the Actors' Benevolent Fund. A report showing the proceedings of the year, the amount disbursed, and the sums in hand and invested was read and adopted, and a vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close.

Bros. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Chancellor of the Exchequer, Col. Stanley, M.P., Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., Lord George Hamilton, and Lord Ashbourne, Lord Chancellor of Ireland, were present at the Cabinet Council held in Downing-street on Saturday last. Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, was detained by his duties in Dublin.

The fifth annual ball of the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928—the flourishing press lodge—was held on Thursday, the 7th inst., and a large number of brethren and their friends were present. To the sweet strains of Coot and Tinney, the brethren and their fair ones kept the dancing going well until the early hours of morning. At the supper, the W.M., Bro. C. F. Pardon, while greeting all most heartily, hoped that they would all be present at the Gallery Concert, on the 20th March.

The installation meeting of the St. Kew Lodge, No. 1222, Weston-super-Mare, was held recently, when Bro. W. H. Wooles was inducted into office as W.M. for the ensuing year. There were many visiting brethren present, and everything went well. Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.D. England, D.P.G.M. Somersetshire, very kindly and very ably discharged the duties of Installing Master, while letters of regret at being unable to attend were read from Bros. Colonel Paget, M.P., and Colonel Adair, P.P.G.M. Somersetshire.

Bro. Col. Crease, C.B., R.M.A., was installed W.M. of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 257, Portsmouth, at the annual meeting on Monday, the 28th ult. There was a successful gathering, among the leading visitors being Bro. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, Lord Henry Lennox, General Sir G. Willis, K.C.B., P. Vanderbyl, M.P., J. E. Le Feuvre, D.P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, and Captain St. Clair, W.M. St. Clair Lodge, Portsmouth.

A strong appeal to the public is being made by Mr. F. A. Bevan, of 54, Lombard-street, E.C., Treasurer of the Free Public Library, London-street, Bethnal Green. The Institution has done a vast amount of good in the past and is calculated to do still more in the future, if only a proper amount of support is accorded to it. The library already contains over 12,500 books on almost every conceivable subject, as well as 10,500 reviews and some thousand volumes of patents. Her Majesty has lately sent through Sir Henry Ponsonby a present of books, each containing the Queen's autograph, and an appropriate inscription. The class of readers who frequent this library are just the people whom it is desirable to benefit—the mechanics and artisans of the metropolis who hunger for knowledge and yet have means too limited to permit of their buying works of standard value. We trust the appeal will succeed in attracting contributions to this library.

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Bro. the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress entertained at dinner at the Mansion House, as usual, on Plover Monday, the officers of the Mansion House and the Guildhall.

A very successful ball in connection with the Royal Savoy Lodge took place at the Freemason's Tavern, on Wednesday evening last. A report will appear in our next.

Bros. Earl Granville and G. O. Trevelyan, M.P., have arrived in town for the season, and Bro. Sir M. Hicks-Beach visited the Marquis of Salisbury at Hatfield on Saturday last.

There was a large attendance at the annual ball given at the Masonic Hall, Maryport, on Wednesday, the 30th ult., by the members of the Perseverance Lodge, No. 371, the hall being very prettily decorated for the occasion.

A meeting of the Royal Bruce Chapter of the Royal Order of Scotland will be held at 33, Golden-square, on Saturday, the 30th inst., at 3 o'clock. Candidates should forward their names without delay to the Secretary, Bro. C. F. Matier, S.A., Red Lion-square, W.C.

The new buildings for the Preparatory School of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Wood Green, will be formally opened by the House Committee on Friday next, the 22nd inst., when the candidates elected in October last will be received, and a kind of modest festivity in honour of the event will take place.

Bro. H. W. Cullum, W.M., and the officers and members of the Hartismere Lodge, No. 1063, Eye, Suffolk, gave their sixth annual ball at the Town Hall, Eye, on Friday, the 8th inst. Including ladies, there were quite a hundred present, and the fête passed off most satisfactorily, supper being served in the Council Chamber on two relays, by the hostess of the White Lion Hotel.

The usual Christmas entertainment to the pupils of the Boys' School will take place to-morrow (Saturday) at 6.30 p.m., when a concert will take place, and a farce, in one act, by Mr. W. Martin, will be acted, more vocal and instrumental music bringing the entertainment to a conclusion.

POLICE ORPHANAGE.—The Commissioners of Police accepted the invitation of Bro. Holland, made to the children of the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage to visit Covent Garden Circus on Thursday afternoon. After the performance they were entertained at tea by the E. Division, at the Bow-street Police Station, Bro. Holland supplementing the tea by a gigantic cake.

Bro. J. H. Hoyt was installed W.M. of Restormel Lodge, No. 856, Lostwithiel, on Thursday, the 7th inst., the ceremony being very ably performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. B. G. Derry. The banquet was held at the Royal Talbot Hotel Assembly Rooms, and the usual toast list was fully honoured. Several visiting brethren were present on the occasion.

The annual meeting of the Lodge of St. Anne, No. 970, Looe, took place at the Masonic Hall, East Looe, on Wednesday, the 6th inst., when, after a candidate had been initiated, Bro. G. W. Martin, W.M. elect, was formally installed in office by Bro. Doney, P.M. No. 856. The banquet, at the Ship Hotel, was a great success, the speeches being varied by some excellent singing.

The proposed ball to be given by the inhabitants of the Ward of Aldersgate, in honour of Bro. Lord Mayor Staples, who is Alderman of the said Ward, will take place at Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday, the 22nd prox. The proceeds will be devoted to the Mortgage Redemption Fund of the Aldersgate Ward Schools, and it is not surprising, therefore, that with two such laudable objects in view—as to confer honour on Bro. Lord Mayor Staples and benefit an important local charity—the proposal should have enlisted the support of so numerous and influential a body of the citizens. Among the long array of patrons we notice the names of Bro. Lord Mayor Staples, Bros. Alderman and Sheriff Evans and Sheriff Clarke, Bros. G. Sims, C.C.; J. W. Gooding, C.C.; A. J. Altman, C.C.; A. Brookman, C.C.; W. G. Howard, C.C.; and J. Renals; Bros. George Kenning, A. Botibol, E. W. Stillwell, J. Paget, and others; while Bros. A. J. Altman and John Paget are respectively Chairman and Hon. Secretary of the Acting Committee and Stewards, the address of the latter, of whom all needful information can be obtained, being 48, Aldersgate-street. The band of the Coldstream Guards has been engaged, and members of the Reserve Forces are requested to appear in uniform, so that there can be no doubt the scene will be a brilliant one, and the ball a great success. Tickets—Double, to admit lady and gentleman, 32s. 6d.; Single, lady, 16s.; gentleman, 21s.; to be had of the Acting Committee, or its Hon. Sec., Bro. John Paget.

TWELFTH NIGHT AT DRURY LANE.—The administration of genial Robert Baddeley's modest bequest has, in Mr. Augustus Harris's lavish hands, grown into an important and pleasurable annual celebration. Frost and snow proved alike powerless to mar the success of the Twelfth Night dance and supper at Drury Lane, on Wednesday, 6th inst. The whole theatrical world, from Mr. Maurice Barrymore to Miss Minnie Palmer, was there as a matter of course, but Mr. Harris's party can claim a much more cosmopolitan character. Prince Malcolm Khan (who was forcibly reminded by the ballet scene of the beauties of Ispahan), Prince Soltykoff, Count Kinski, Mr. Bigelow, and Mr. Van Wagner adequately represented three continents at least, while Lord Suffield and Lord Beaumont did duty admirably for the House of Lords, and Mr. T. H. Bolton, M.P., Mr. W. Ingram, M.P., and Major Dickson, M.P., for either side of the House of Commons. Admiral Inglefield represented the Navy; Lord Alfred Paget, Colonel Farquharson, and Colonel Shadwell Clerke the Army; Sir F. Truscott and Sir R. Hanson the Corporation of London; the Common Serjeant the majesty of the Law; Mr. Reuben Sassoon, Finance; and Lord Charles Kerr, Lord William Nevile, Mr. A. Stopford, Mr. J. C. Parkinson, Dr. Morell Mackenzie, and Mr. F. Stewart, Society. No less than five defeated Conservative candidates—viz., Mr. G. Cavendish-Bentinck, Mr. H. Finch-Hatton, Mr. J. P. Warner, Mr. H. Richards, and Mr. Wynne—contrived to forget their recent misfortunes in the enjoyment of Mr. Harris's hospitality. Mr. Fernandez, knife in hand, assured his hearers that an actor's first duty was to eat; upon which the cake was cut, and everybody attacked the very excellent supper which Messrs. Spiers and Pond had provided. It was four o'clock before the dancing came to an end and the guests took their departure.—The World.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.
For the week ending Saturday, January 23, 1886.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16.

- Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon-st. Hot.
1329, Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
1767, Kensington, Kensington Hot., Russell-gardens, Kensington.
1897, Citadel, Railway Hot., Harrow Station.
Chap. 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
Mark 251, Tenterden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
A.M.D. Metropolitan, Sa, Red Lion-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 18.

- Lodge 1, Grand Masters, Freemasons' Tav.
21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
862, Whittington, Freemasons' Hall.
901, City of London, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
977, Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall.
1537, St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly.
2660, La France, Cafe Royal, Regent-st.
Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
1593, Trafalgar, Ship Hot., Greenwich.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19.

- Board of General Purposes, at 4.
Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.
95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
162, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
194, St. Paul's, Cannon-st. Hot.
255, Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond.
435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.
704, Camden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
857, St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
1420, Earl Spencer, Craven Hot., Lavender-hill.
1695, New Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highgate.
2021, Queen's Westminster, SA, Red Lion-sq., W.C.
2022, Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing.
Chap. 26, Castle Chapter of Harmony, S. Air-st., Regent-st.
46, Old Union, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
829, High Cross, Bull Hot., Dartford.
890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.
Mark 238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bdg., at 7.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., at 8.
Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 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, Courtfield Hot., Earl's Court Station, at 8.
Duke of Albany, Rock Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8.
Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham 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, JANUARY 20.

- General Committee Grand Chapter, at 4.
Board of Benevolence, at 6.
Lodge Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall.
174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
619, Beadon, Greyhound Tav., Dulwich.
700, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot.
1044, Wandsworth, Town Hall, Wandsworth.
1278, Burdett-Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.
1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar.
1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
1673, Langton, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
1677, Crusaders, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.
Chap. 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
Mark 181, Sir Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
199, Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch.

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-pl., at 8.
La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Gt. Portland-st., W., at 8.
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, Ryl. 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, JANUARY 21.

- House Committee Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.
55, Constitutional, Cannon-st. Hot.
63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.
169, Temperance, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.
813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.
1321, Emblematic, Horns Tav., Kennington.
1365, Clapton, Rudolph Chmbrs., 191, Bishopsgate-st.
1512, Hemming, Red Lion Hot., Hampton.
1613, Cripplegate, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
1623, West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall.
1728, Temple Bar, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
1981, Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., Dulwich.
1963, Duke of Albany, Albert Palace, Battersea Park.
Chap. 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
834, Andrew, Bell and Anchor Hot., Hammersmith.
1216, Macdonald, Head-quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell.

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., Limehouse, at 7.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.
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.
Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct.-road, at 8.
Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.
Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
Langton, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., 5.30.
Creston, 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, JANUARY 22.

- House Committee Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 60, Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall.
197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.
569, Fitz-Roy, Head-quarters Honorary Artillery Company, City-rd.
1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.

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, JANUARY 23.

- Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
1679, Henry Mugeridge, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
Chap. 1329, Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
Red Cross 6, Roman Eagle, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

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So weak and languid? Why such heartburns and pains in the stomach, such acidity, and such an unpleasant taste in the mouth? Why at times such a gnawing appetite, and then again such disrelish for food? Why is the mind so frequently irritable, desponding, melancholy, and dejected? Why does one often feel under the apprehension of some imaginary danger, and start at any unexpected noise, becoming agitated as though some great calamity was impending? What is the meaning of these dull, sick headaches; these violent palpitations of the heart, this feverish restlessness, these night sweats; this disturbed and dreamy sleep, which brings no refreshing rest, but only moanings and mutterings, and the horrors of the nightmare? The answer is: These are but the symptoms of Indigestion or Dyspepsia—the beginning and the forerunner of almost every other human disease. Indigestion is a weakness or want of power of the digestive fluids of the stomach to convert the food into healthy matter for the proper nourishment of the body. It is caused most frequently by the irregularity of diet, or improper food, want of healthy exercise and pure outdoor air. It may be induced by mental distress—the shock of some great calamity. It may be, and often is, aggravated and intensified, if not originally brought on, by exhaustion from intense mental application or physical overwork, domestic troubles, anxiety in business, or financial embarrassments. If the stomach could always be kept in order, death would no longer be a subject of fearful anxiety to the young and middle-aged, but would be contemplated by all as the visit of an expected friend at the close of a peaceful and happy old age. However, the first hostile invader upon the domain of health and happiness is Indigestion. Is there any relief, any remedy, any cure? That is the question of the suffering and unhappy dyspeptic. What is wanted is a medicine that will thoroughly renovate the stomach, bowels, liver, and kidneys, and afford speedy and effectual assistance to the digestive organs, and restore to the nervous and muscular systems their original energy. Such a medicine is happily at hand. Never in the history of medical discoveries, evidenced by a dozen years' thorough test, has there been found a remedy for Indigestion so speedy, so sure, and so surprising in its results as Seigel's Curative Syrup; but to-day it is a standard remedy for that almost universal affliction in every civilised country in Europe, Asia, Africa, and America. Public testimonials and private letters from military officers, bankers, merchants, ship captains, mechanics, farmers, and their wives and daughters, alike confirm its curative powers.

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