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As our readers are aware, the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will take place at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 24th inst., when the chair will be occupied by Bro. the Marquis of HERTFORD, G.S.W. of England. We have no doubt the festive part of the proceedings will pass off with the success which usually attends such gatherings. There is, indeed, every reason why it should do so. There will be a distinguished Grand Officer as President, and a goodly company of enthusiastic brethren to support him. But the festivity is, in one sense, the least important part of the celebration. What is most looked for on these occasions is a long list of generous contributions, which shall be as nearly as possible commensurate with the needs of the Charity, and the only criterion we have to guide us in judging whether or not this kind of list is likely to be forthcoming is the array of Stewards who have charged themselves with the duty of raising the necessary funds. Unfortunately, as regards this particular Festival, the number of brethren who have consented to serve in this important capacity is fully 50 below what it was at the corresponding period of last year. A fortnight before the Festival of 1885 the Board of Stewards was over 300 strong; at the time of writing, and after allowing for the withdrawals of which notice has been given, there are only 252. There is also a distinction between the Festivals of last year and this, which it would need a tolerable amount of audacity to describe as being "a distinction without a difference." The Chairman last year—R.W. Bro. Sir M. E. HICKS-BEACH, Bart., M.P.—had his Province of Gloucestershire to back him up in his efforts to benefit the Institution. Bro. the Marquis of HERTFORD is not so favourably circumstanced. His personal efforts will be as great; but, outside the immediate circle of his friends, he has no large body of brethren to whose special efforts to assist him he is justified in looking. As member of a London lodge, he may reckon on the cordial co-operation of the Metropolitan brethren; but then they cordially support the Chairman of every Festival. As a member of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire, his lordship may be said to have a certain claim on the support of the brethren of that province, and we have no manner of doubt that he will receive it. But this is very different from having a whole province at your back, a province which, for its own honour as well as for the honour of its chief, is certain to put forth all its efforts in order to ensure the success of the particular Festival in which for the time being it is interested. This, we regret to say, Bro. Lord HERTFORD has not. What he has to rely upon is the strength of the all-round appeal that is being made to second his personal efforts on behalf of our Old People, and, as we have suggested already, so far as the number of Stewards is a criterion, the outlook is by no means promising. And yet the need is as great as ever it was—greater, indeed, if we take into account the additional annuities that were granted in May last, and the number of applicants now anxiously awaiting election. The sum required for annuities is only about £100 or £200 short of £14,000, and about £3000 more is absorbed in expenses of management, maintenance of the Asylum at Croydon, &c., &c. The fixed income of the Institution may be set down, in round figures, at £3500, so that there remains a sum of about £13,500, which must be forthcoming, in order that the Executive may fulfil the obligations it already stands committed to. Moreover, we have said no more about the future than that there is a terrible list of poor applicants, who are without the necessities of life, and are only enabled to eke out existence by the kindness of their friends—in many instances almost as poor as themselves. Of these, however, there are 58 old men and 71 widows, of whom but 15 men and nine widows—including the three deferred annuitants on each Fund—can be elected to the benefits of the Institution in May. Thus, as matters stand now, 43 old men and 62 widows will have to remain unprovided for during at least another twelvemonth. It is a sad picture this of so many old people, once in comfortable, and many, perhaps, in affluent circumstances, now all in the last state of penury, and with only such food and shelter as their friends, or, in the event of their having no friends, the Union, can afford them. We trust the appeal of Lord HERTFORD and his Stewards will have the effect of raising funds enough to maintain the Benevolent Institution at its present strength, and justify the Executive

in doing something towards still further reducing the list of applicants. Times are hard just now. People are more anxious than they were wont to be a few years since, but they who suffer most are the very poor, especially if, like our old people now seeking admission into the Benevolent Institution, they have been at some period of their lives in well-to-do circumstances. We trust our readers will ponder these things, which are not one whit exaggerated, and that between now and the Festival day there will be a strong addition to the Board of Stewards, and a greater prospect than there is at present of an abundant yield of subscriptions and donations.

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We were very pleased the other day to publish a report of the "Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association" for the past year. It is possible, however, amidst so much that was interesting and noteworthy, that some of the special features of the Society may not have been duly noticed and considered. It was established in June, 1871, and so is nearly 15 years old. We are not aware who were the originators of the scheme, and its first officers, but we know that of late years its President has been Bro. FRANK JAMES, Bro. W. BAYLISS, Treasurer, and the zealous and most efficient Secretary is Bro. T. MOUNT HUMPHRIES, to whom much of the success of the Association is undoubtedly due. There are two funds; "A" being devoted to the Central Masonic Charities, and "B" to the education and advancement in life of children of distressed or deceased Freemasons of Staffordshire, also to give assistance in elections to the Masonic Charities. The rules are most suitable, and provide for the fullest representation of lodges desirable, all the accounts are clearly set forth and described, and nothing apparently is wanting in any way to add to the value or efficiency of the Society. Since its institution no less than £5050 10s. have been raised for the Central Masonic Charities, and about £800 on behalf of the Educational and other Funds. Surely these figures are eloquent exponents of the immense importance of such an Association, and prove how much may be done by the well directed and united efforts of a compact and harmonious province. We rejoice in the success which has crowned the efforts of our brethren in Staffordshire, and hope that some other provinces will emulate their example, for some apparently pay more attention to perfecting their organization for the "Elections," whereas unless there is the voting power, the best of managers will fail from lack of means.

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THE fourth number of the "Proceedings" of the Grand Lodge of Scotland has just been issued. The details are numerous and interesting, recounting as they do all the subjects which engaged the attention of the "Grand Committee" (which corresponds to our Board of General Purposes), as well as the transactions of the Quarterly Communication held in November last. We note that the names of the "Representatives of Sister Grand Lodges" who attended are duly chronicled, and of themselves suggest the cosmopolitan character of the Craft, 23 Grand Lodges being thus represented by their proxies. A great deal of trouble has been taken by the authorities respecting a serious breach of discipline, their patience, at length, apparently being exhausted, and now the pains and penalties of the Society are threatened. We say no more, because the matter is still *sub judice*.

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THE Grand Secretary, Bro. D. MURRAY LYON, was authorised by the Grand Lodge "to prepare and issue the Revised Edition of the Constitution and Laws," the last being of the year 1881. The rule in Scotland is that all the Grand Officers are elected annually, save the Grand Secretary, Grand Cashier (corresponding to our Grand Treasurer), Bro. D. Kinnear, and the Depute Grand Master and Substitute Grand Master, the last two being appointed by the Grand Master. The Earl of KINTORE is the Substitute Grand Master, well known to English Freemasons as Grand Mark Master. Excellent rules are laid down by the "Committee on Visitation of Metropolitan Lodges," who have now completed their inspection. They are as follows:—1, Production of charter, &c.; 2, Inspection of the minute, cash, petition, and attendance books; 3, To see that the Grand Lodge laws re entrants have been complied with; 4, Enquire if the lodge is duly represented; 5, Enquiry as to the suitability of the lodge premises; and, 6, Exemplification of the working of the lodge in the ceremonial of opening and closing.

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THE Committee found in two instances that *honorary members* were elected to office, and performing such duties, in direct contravention of the laws of the Grand Lodge. One lodge had no warrant, and "scarcely able to muster a quorum sufficient to open for Masonic work," which calamity arose from mixing up a benefit society with the regular lodge matters. The Committee have had a duplicate warrant issued, and put the lodge on a proper footing

with respect to the friendly society, the result being that one of the oldest lodges in the Metropolitan District has now, happily, taken out a fresh lease. The financial statement of the Grand Lodge is vastly different to its condition prior to the advent of Bro. LYON and the inauguration of the new régime. All now is most satisfactory and proceeding on most Masonic lines. The Grand Bard, Dr. CRANSTOWN, at the annual festival read an ode composed for the occasion, which was well received. Two of the verses are especially worthy of reproduction here.

And we are leal and true,  
Prepared to cut and hew  
With the mallet and the chisel, as of yore—  
Run the well-hewn pillars high  
Round our Grand old fane, and vie  
With the noble builder-spirits gone before.  
True to Queen and country aye,  
Our fair band will ne'er gainsay,  
Nor let our proudly floating banner down;  
But for home and freedom fight,  
Both by noontide and by night,  
Upholding still the Kingdom and the Crown.

### CONSECRATION OF THE GRAND MASTERS CHAPTER, No. 1.

On Monday last, a new Royal Arch Chapter was consecrated at Willis's Rooms by Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Scribe E. The new chapter is called G. and Masters Chapter, and is attached to the Grand Masters Lodge, No. 1, a lodge which stands at the head of the roll of Grand Lodge of England. According to the Calendar, its date of constitution is 1759, and it was one of the lodges which before the Union worked under the Atholl, or Ancient, Masons' Grand Lodge. At the Union it had the proud satisfaction of being placed first on the list, and there is little doubt that unless some very good cause had not been shown, such a honour would not have been conferred. It already holds a centenary warrant, which is a proof that it has pursued a continuous working for 100 years; but for all this glorious record it was less distinguished than many other lodges, inasmuch as it had not attached to it a Royal Arch Chapter. This want of completeness has at length been supplied, and on the 3rd inst. Supreme Grand Chapter adopted a recommendation of Grand Chapter Committee to grant the prayer of a petition presented by some 17 members of the lodge, and granted a charter for the Grand Masters Chapter.

The ceremony of consecration was splendidly performed, and Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke was assisted in the performance by Comps. F. A. Philbrick, B.A., Q.C., G. Reg., as H.; the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, M.A., P.G.A. Soj., as J.; Robert Freke Gould, P.G.A. Soj., as S.N.; F. Richardson, P.G.A. Soj., as D.C.; and E. M. Lott, Mus. Bac., G. Org., as Organist.

There was a large attendance of companions, and among them were Comps. Sir F. Wyatt Truscott, A. C. Veley, R. H. Giraud, W. P. Griffin, B. Brown, Edmond K. Bayley, Richard Eve, J. W. Fuller, J. M. Case, E. J. Stowell, R. M. Bishop, Sir R. N. Fowler, J. D. Langton, W. A. Colls, C. Belton, Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, M. Watson Homes, T. Fenn, P.G.S.B.; H. D. Sandeman, P.G. Supt.; H. R. Murchison, P.G.S.N. 382; W. G. Lemon, P.Z. 414 and 1601; Hugh M. Hobbs, S.N. 463; C. F. Matier, P.Z. 645 and 59; J. Wimburn Lawrie, Union Chapter, Nova Scotia; Capt. N. G. Phiips, P.G.S.N.; S. B. Wilson, P.Z. 59; John L. Mather, P.Z. 1847; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; C. Martin, P.Z.; J. Griffin, P. F. C. Keeble, 145; T. Tremere, 1529; W. L. Spratling, 1601; H. W. Partridge, P.Z. 79; H. Sadler, G. Janitor; Sir Reginald Hanson, 259; A. M. Broadley, P.Z. 1717; and H. Massey, P.Z. 619. Z. elect 1928.

Comp. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, in opening the proceedings, said the companions were assembled on an occasion of somewhat unusual importance—they were met to give effect to a charter issued by the Grand Chapter of England to form a new chapter in the Order. It had, of course, been the privilege of many present to attend on similar occasions; but he thought he might say this occasion was a very unusual one, because that day they were about to add the copestone in Masonry to a lodge which had the proud position of being at the top of the list of the lodges on the roll of Grand Lodge of England. The lodge was one which had had a distinguished career. It might be that some would consider it a matter of surprise that this lodge had not had a Royal Arch Chapter attached to it before this; but no doubt there was a good and weighty reason which had actuated the members of the lodge for not applying for a charter. But, after fairly long consideration on the part of the members of the lodge, they had at last come to the decision that the time had come for the lodge to have a chapter. The companions might be congratulated on the result they had arrived at. The new chapter was very fortunate on having three distinguished Masons to preside over it. The Three First Principals were distinguished in Masonry, and were of high rank in social life and in the municipal world. Each of them possessed in Masonry the rank of a Past Grand Warden of England, and he thought the companions might be quite certain that in their new position as Principals of this chapter they would show the same consideration for the interests of the chapter as they had hitherto shown for the Grand Masters Lodge.

Comp. the Rev. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, the acting J., delivered the following oration:—

To-day is an important epoch in the history of English Royal Arch Masonry. For 72 years the "Act of Union," which welded together the two rival Grand Lodges into one united Grand Lodge of England, has prospered even beyond the most enthusiastic hopes of those who reconciled the two contending forces; but up to now there has been one thing wanting—a Royal Arch Chapter, which could claim the proud title of No. 1. To-day that gap is being supplied. Doubtless 72 years ago there were some heartburnings when an "Atholl" Lodge obtained the first place, but the all-healing hand of time has smoothed away every asperity of feeling, and brotherly love has removed every obstacle. Every old lodge, whichever of the two jurisdictions it belonged to, admits now that the Grand Masters Lodge has been a most worthy No. 1 of the English roll of lodges. We welcome then, to-day, our youngest Royal Arch sister, and give to her without one envious feeling the position of "Primus inter pares." We are confident that the distinguished characteristics of the Grand Masters Lodge will repeat themselves in the Grand Masters Chapter. The three Principals whom you have selected are an assurance to us that you desire to maintain in your chapter that special and close connection with the ancient City of London which has always existed in your lodge. Fitly is our municipality in close alliance with the Craft. It is well that it should reflect honour upon our Order, and encourage us to bear our share in contributing to its dignity and its well-being. Between the two we may trace many strong points of resemblance. Very high indeed is the standard of honour to which our Craft bids its

members attain. We cannot fail to be struck with the high moral tone which runs like a golden thread through every part of our Masonic system. We are always being reminded that God sets us all our work, gives us help, and then expects us to do it honestly and honourably. We are ever having it put forcibly before us that every ignoble action, every sham, every lie, is hateful to the great Master Architect. And may we not say that it is just this same principle by which those to whom the government of our City is entrusted have been ever actuated. When we contemplate the busy throng which meets every day for business in the City—when we remember the temptations to which they are exposed—and know that it is no idle boast to assert that the honour and honesty of Englishmen of business takes the leading place in the commerce of the universe—when we ask the reason of this, can there be any doubt that the true answer is that it is because of the tone given to the City by its leading citizens? But, further, our Craft is acknowledged, even by its enemies, to be a charitable organisation, almost boundless in its influence for good. When distress is proved to us to exist, either amongst our own Fraternity or in the world at large, we are amongst the foremost to speed to its relief. Is it not so with the City of London also? Let it once be clear that some exceptional distress has arisen—be it local or imperial, or world wide—there is, without one minute's delay, a meeting at the Mansion House, and the Lord Mayor calls upon all to help. Each one of our future Principals has, more than once during his term of office, been the means of organising and concentrating the Charity of the English Empire. London, for charitable purposes, is the metropolis not of England only, but of the universe. The Chief Magistrate of the City is an Almoner not for our own countrymen only but for all mankind. Lastly, let us notice one more point of resemblance. Every useful, every living organisation, just because it is useful and living, must expect to have enemies. Ignorance—I might use a harsher name—is ever assuming to itself the position of an infallible critic and a supreme judge. How often do we see some glorious old structure of our antient brethren disfigured by the hand of some incapable workman, who calls himself a restorer. Shall we not all endeavour to preserve valuable, useful, and time-honoured institutions which are attacked, not because they are failing in their purpose, but because of that restless impatience which makes so many desire to do not their own but their brother's work? Our Craft and our City has to meet, as every institution has to meet, the dangers of the day. I think we are meeting them in the same spirit, striving each of us by "well doing to put to silence the ignorance of foolish men," resolute in our determination to preserve our freedom and our rights—reliant on the only true source of all strength which we seek, whether as Masons or as citizens, the old words which are emblazoned on your shield of your City—

"Domine dirige nos."

The ceremony of consecration and dedication was then proceeded with and completed, and the following companions were installed—each a past Lord Mayor of London, and Past Grand Junior Warden in Grand Lodge of England: Comps. Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, M.E.Z.; Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., H.; and Sir Robert Nicholas Fowler, Bart., J. The other appointments were Comps. J. M. Case, P.G.D.C., acting as I.P.Z.; Wm. Richard Hervé Giraud, P.G.S.B., Treas.; Dr. Ralph Gooding, P.A.G.S., S.E.; Bailey, LL.B., S.N.; Fenner, P.S.; Veley, 1st A.S.; Bradshaw Browne, 2nd A.S.; Charles Belton, D.C.; Fuller and Langton, Stvds.; and Griffin, Org.

Votes of thanks were afterwards passed to the Consecrating Officers, who, together with Comp. Thos. Fenn, were elected as honorary members of the chapter. A list of 17 candidates for exaltation were afterwards proposed and seconded, and the companions then adjourned to banquet. The customary toasts followed.

Comp. F. A. PHILBRICK, responding for the Grand Officers, said it was with peculiar pleasure those companions had attended the interesting ceremonies of consecration and installation. They had seen not only the first or premier lodge on the roll of Grand Lodge taking to itself a chapter, but they had also seen that the brethren of the lodge who had acted in the formation of the chapter who as companions and as brethren had achieved the highest honours of Masonry; and he hoped that as companions of the chapter they might achieve for it a success commensurate with that of the lodge. It was, as the G.S.E. had said, a remarkable circumstance that a lodge so famous for its antiquity had not up to the present time been associated with a chapter. It was a defect, but that defect had now been removed, and the Grand Officers trusted that the new venture might be a success, and that the chapter would be a strong sapling, which in luxuriance and vigour might flourish in the kindly atmosphere of Royal Arch Masonry where its principles were truly held. On the subject of the Grand Officers he expressed sincere pleasure at being privileged to take part in the affairs of that day, a most auspicious occasion, and not the less auspicious because they had there the embodiment of civic light in the three First Principals selected to preside over the chapter, and also not the less auspicious because with reference for that which was old they as Masons joined the vigour of that which was new, and, while adhering to the old lines with rare fidelity, they brought to bear the energy and the achievements which were characteristic of the present generation. It was this happy mixture of reverence for the old and faithfulness to the traditions of the past, as well as of work for the new, which always presented an attractive feature to the mind of the true hard-working Mason, which had caused them to go on to the legitimate consummation of Masonry in the Arch. As the Grand Superintendent of a province he felt more and more interested in the legitimate development of the Craft, and he congratulated the Grand Masters Lodge on having arrived at so distinguished a position as the securing of a charter for a chapter.

Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE proposed the next toast—that of "The Three Principals." It was, of course, a great honour to be appointed as Principal; but on this occasion it was a still greater honour in such exceptional circumstances, when the first lodge on the roll started a chapter. That chapter had selected to rule over it three companions distinguished in social and civic circles; they were all Past Grand Wardens, and they had all been Chief Magistrate of the chief City of the world. They had in all their positions done their duty in a manner which had excited the admiration of their friends and acquaintances. They were all modest men, and he would prefer refraining from saying in their presence many things he would otherwise like to say; but he might say that no chapter was ever launched with more promising Principals, or companions who had shown themselves in the Craft more thoroughly deserving of the confidence and respect of their companions.

Comp. Sir F. W. TRUSCOTT, in reply, said he was afraid Comp. Clerke had said too much in favour of the Principals; but, as far as his two supporters—H. and J.—were concerned, they would have no reason to blush. He himself, however, very much blushed at finding himself in the prominent position which he occupied by the favour of the companions who had bestowed on him his rank. He might say that he had been at the service of the Lodge No. 1 for a very great number of years, and he believed he had done some good in that capacity. The lodge had recognised his services by placing him in his present position. Whatever might be the reason, he appreciated the companions' kindness, and he should study the interests of the chapter the same as he had studied the interests of the lodge.

Comp. Sir J. W. ELLIS said one's tasks were often very difficult, and he must confess that at the present moment he felt some diffidence in address-

ing the companions. They all knew the great services Sir F. Truscott had rendered. When he looked back upon that companion's career in Masonry and compared it with his own, especially in Royal Arch Masonry, he felt how far Comp. Truscott was beyond him; but when he gazed around and saw companions who had done so much to advance the interests of Masonry, he felt an honour had been done him, which no efforts of his during the remainder of the short period which might be granted to him could recompense. Comp. Fenn and Comp. Philbrick were companions to whom an immense debt of gratitude was due. The great institution which they now hoped to cement was one which possibly might yet be a great cause of the salvation of England. They were all knit together socially that night, the institution was binding them man to man and soul to soul in one great object—universal beneficence, and the universal belief in Charity towards each other—to think not evil, but good one of another; to hope that they were inspired by the same desire to benefit each other; to unite together for one purpose—the universal benefit of mankind. He hoped that, however much he might have failed hitherto, there was yet a future before him, and that he should not be found wanting on occasions when his services would be required.

Comp. Sir R. N. FOWLER said he was under peculiar obligations to the companions for his position. The other two Principals were old members of the Grand Masters Lodge, and they were kind enough to take in a joining member and to place him in the chair. He then had the great honour of being a Grand Warden of England. Owing such great obligations to the members of the lodge, he felt it a great privilege to do anything he could for the chapter and the lodge associated with it. He hoped that for years and centuries it would continue to be identified with No. 1 Lodge.

Comp. Sir F. W. TRUSCOTT proposed "The Consecrating Officers." The manner in which those companions had performed their duties that day had been such as to commend itself not only to the companions' esteem, but to their very warmest gratitude. He had been very much struck not only with the manner in which Col. Clerke performed his duties, but also with the eloquence of Comp. Brownrigg. The many allusions he made to particular circumstances connected with No. 1 Lodge were such as to draw from those companions who were connected with the City of London a distinct recognition. But he believed all the companions were struck generally with the manner in which the consecration of the chapter was carried through.

Comp. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, in replying, assured the companions that anything which any Grand Officer could do to advance the interests of Royal Arch Masonry they had the greatest pleasure in doing. In the chapter he had said the present occasion was an unusual one, because they had started a chapter which was unique in its character and commencement. He could only speak highly of the address of Comp. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg. Anybody who had heard that address would acknowledge that anything more effective or to the point they had not often heard. Then Comp. Richardson was a most valuable officer, as without him he (Col. Clerke) could not get on very well. He must also not forget Comps. Philbrick and Dr. Lott. It was a great pleasure to him to see Royal Arch Masonry increasing so much. He believed there was no time when it was so prosperous. Only a few days ago Grand Chapter passed some resolutions which he thought would be of service to the Order generally. They were passed without dissent, and it would be found that the alterations and improvements would prove of great benefit.

"The Visitors" was the next toast.

Comp. General LAWRIE, in responding, said he was in a humble position in Arch Masonry, so humble, indeed, that he felt it was necessary to apologise. As Grand Master of an independent Grand Lodge he should not have been a member of the chapter. Still, when an old lodge like the Grand Masters Lodge had only just obtained a charter for a chapter, if he was a culprit, the Grand Masters Lodge was a culprit too. In his own jurisdiction blue Masonry and Royal Arch Masonry were kept entirely distinct, but they were all associated in their desire to promote Cryptic and Arch Masonry.

Comp. Sir REGINALD HANSON said it was a great pleasure to him on the consecration of this new chapter to be present. The majority of the companions he had known, and been associated with in some connection or other for many years, particularly with the three Principals. He was glad to see the lodge had developed into a chapter.

In proposing "S.E., S.N., and Treas.," Sir FRANCIS TRUSCOTT said they were mainly indebted to Dr. Ralph Gooding for the establishing of the chapter. It had been established in such a manner as to reflect credit on the Grand Masters Lodge. He hoped that for many years Dr. Ralph Gooding would be connected with the chapter—a very honoured member, and a member who would always receive the gratitude of the chapter.

Dr. RALPH GOODING, in acknowledging the toast, said wonder had been expressed that night that the Grand Masters Lodge had not hitherto held a Grand Masters Chapter. It might be difficult to explain, but so it was. There were often cases which were equally difficult to explain, and therefore Grand Masters Lodge might not be put up as a curiosity of the age. The lodge had been handed down from the generous impulses and the acts of a distinguished M.W.G.M., under the Atholl Grand Lodge, so they had had it committed to them. One hundred and fifteen years ago the fourth Duke of Atholl was initiated in that lodge; he was passed and raised in it, and he was duly installed in its chair. He was afterwards made M.W.G.M. of the Atholl Grand Lodge, falsely or truly called the Ancient Grand Lodge. It was a great honour to be Secretary of so old and distinguished a lodge. It was a happy circumstance that the lodge was in such a prosperous condition. Old it might be, and this chapter might be born in the lodge's old age, but still, as S.E. of the chapter, he ventured to say that it had a future before it of which the lodge would never be ashamed.

The remaining toasts were afterwards given and responded to before the companions separated.

Bro. Tremere assisted Dr. Lott in the musical portion of the ceremonies of the day.

KNIGHT OF THE ROUND TABLE OF KING ARTHUR (Chevalier de la Table Ronde du Roi Arthur).—Thory says that this is one of the grades of the Primitive Rite, but like Mackey we cannot find any trace of it, and think with him that Thory, though generally so correct, is here mistaken. Mackey, however, adds that he has seen a MS. of a degree of this name, in the possession of Bro. C. W. Moore, of Boston, which was an honorary degree, and referred to the poetic legend of King Arthur and his Knights. —*Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry.*

## GRAND CHAPTER OF THE PROVINCE OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

The Grand Chapter of this province held its annual meeting at the Masonic Hall, Sarum Hill, Basingstoke, under the presidency of M.E. Comps. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Grand Supt., Z., J. E. Le Feuvre, H., and F. Newman, J. The meeting was called for 3.30 p.m., when there were present:

Comps. E. Goble, P.G. Scribe E.; R. J. Rastrick, P.G. Scribe N.; R. Loveland Loveland, P.G. Treas.; W. H. Jacob, J. 76; J. T. Doswell, S.E. 76; W. Waters, P.Z. 130; Lord John Taylour, S.N. 175; Rev. A. A. Headley, H. 309; J. Brickwood, H. P.P.G. 2nd A.S. 342; W. Berry, Z., D. O. Hobbs, J., P.P.G. Std. Br., and G. J. Tilling, P.P.G. 1st A.S., all of 359; W. Horton, H., J. Cole, Treas., and J. Robertson, of 394; W. M. Outridge, H. 487; J. Gieve, J. 487; Rev. F. W. Thoyts, Z., Rev. E. Y. Nepean, H., H. J. Thatcher, J., J. Dew, D.C., P.P.G. J., W. Parsons, P.Z., A. Portsmouth, P.Z., P.P.G. 1st A.S., G. Lear, P.Z., J. Scott Ramsey, P. F. Simmons, and G. P. Cowen, all of 694; R. Glasspool, H., Z. elect 723; G. Payne, J. 723; W. Dart, P.Z. 804; P. H. Emanuel, 804; G. B. Irons, J., J. Wallingford, and H. W. Smith, of 903; J. Hall, Z., P.G. Std. Br., J. Hitching, S.N., W. J. Rix, and T. H. Groves, of 1331; W. Miller, S.N. 1428; J. Puntis, 1564; W. Berry, H. 1780; and A. Algar, 1780; T. J. Fletcher, P.P.G. J. Wilts; G. Carter, Exell and Gibbs, Janitors.

After reading and confirming minutes of the last Provincial Grand Chapter, the Provincial Grand Treasurer's account were, on the proposition of Comp. BOWYER, and seconded by Comp. WALLINGFORD, received and passed. The balance sheet was most satisfactory. The balance from last year was £49 9s. 9d.; receipts for the year £26 3s. 6d.; total £75 13s. 3s., whilst the expenditure was kept down to £9 15s. 4d., leaving a balance (in the Bank) of £65 17s. 11d.

A letter was read from Comps. Loveland Loveland resigning his position as P.G. Treasurer in consequence of his having numerous duties to attend to in London.

Comp. W. W. B. BEACH, moved a vote of thanks to Comp. Loveland Loveland and said they received his resignation with great regret, for the province was greatly indebted to him for the manner in which he had performed his duties and they were obliged to him for the important services rendered. (Applause.)

Comp. J. E. LE FEUVRE, in seconding, also expressed regret, for Comp. Loveland had worked up the finances to an unexpected balance. All that he did he did well.

The vote of thanks was carried by acclamation.

Comp. LOVELAND LOVELAND returned thanks for, he said, the flattering remarks made about him. He had many duties to perform in London, more so than when the companions honoured him by electing him, and he could not fulfil that office as he should desire. He did not think, also, that any one should hold the office more than three years as he had done.

Comp. LOVELAND LOVELAND proposed and Comp. TILLING seconded, Comp. R. J. Rastrick as Prov. Grand Treasurer, who was unanimously elected.

Comp. RASTRICK returned thanks.

The M.E. Comp. W. W. B. Beach then appointed and invested the following as officers for the ensuing year:—

Comp. Le Feuvre, 394	...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
Rev. F. W. Thoyts, 694	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
E. Goble, 309	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
J. Cole, 394	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
Lord John Taylour, 175	...	...	...	Prov. G. Soj.
J. H. Askham, 723	...	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
W. H. Jacob, 76	...	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
R. J. Rastrick, 487	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
W. M. Outridge, 487	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
W. Dart, 804	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
W. Berry, 1780	...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
R. W. Downing, 903	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
J. Exell	...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

M.E. Comp. BEACH suggested that some of the large balance in hand should be devoted to the Masonic Charities.

M.C. Comp. LE FEUVRE proposed that in recognition of the valuable service rendered by the late P.G. Treas., Comp. Loveland Loveland, the sum of £10 10s. to each of the Masonic Charities—the Boys' and Girls' Schools and the Royal Benevolent Institution—be given in his name and entered on the list of Stewards representing the province.

This being seconded, after a brief discussion it was carried unanimously.

M.E. Comp. BEACH said he was pleased to see such an attendance that day, as it showed well for the interest taken in R.A. Masonry in the province, and he was perfectly aware it was inconvenient for the companions to attend at that place. He congratulated them on the progress made in the province, for Royal Arch Masonry was efficiently carried out. Any companion paying attention to the Degree would be well rewarded.

The Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed in due form.

A good number of the companions adjourned to the Drill hall adjoining the lodge, and partook of a substantial banquet, admirable served by Bro. H. Edwards, of the Feathers Hotel, Basingstoke, M.E. Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., in the chair.

After the loyal and usual toasts,

M.E. Comp. LE FEUVRE proposed "The Health of M.E. Comp. W. W. B. Beach," and said that they were all delighted to honour such a chief. He congratulated him on presiding over such a flourishing province. They were all pleased to attend that day, as the Provincial Chapter was held under the banner of the Oakley Chapter, which was itself a prosperous chapter. He concluded by wishing long may the Grand Superintendent reign over them. (Applause.)

M.E. Comp. W. W. B. BEACH said it gave him very great pleasure to preside over them. He knew it was difficult to make the meeting for the province convenient to everybody, as it was difficult to have a central place to meet always, and it was therefore necessary to hold it in different parts of the province. He was glad to see some had come from long distances. Such good attendance as they had that day augurs well for the future.

Comp. DEW proposed "The Health of M.E. Comps. Le Feuvre and Thoyts," both of whom responded.

Other toasts followed, and the company separated after a very pleasant evening.



## GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Thursday afternoon, the 4th inst., the M.W. Grand Master, Col. Sir Archibald C. Campbell of Blythswood, Bart., M.P., on the throne. Bro. J. T. S. Elliott, yr., of Wolfelee, acted as G.S.W., and Bro. James Dalrymple Duncan as G.J.W.; and amongst others present were Bros. the Earl of Mar and Kellie, P.G.M.; C. Dalrymple, of New Hailes, Lieut.-Col. H. Drummond Moray, yr., of Blair-Drummond; Major J. C. Forrest, Prov. G.M. of Lanarkshire, Middle Ward; Col. J. T. Stewart, Proxy Prov. G.M. of Peru; D. M. Lyon, G. Sec.; D. Kinneir, G. Cashier; and other Grand Officers. There were about 200 brethren present.

It was reported that on the receipt of a circular and ticket-book in connection with a "Masonic grand prize-drawing" on behalf of Lodge Govan-dale, Grand Secretary had informed the lodge that lotteries for Masonic purposes were prohibited by Grand Lodge. Certain officers of the lodge had explained to the Grand Committee that prior to the receipt of that intimation they were ignorant of the law prohibiting Masonic lotteries, and that the scheme had been set on foot to aid in liquidating the debt on their new halls at Govan; and they had been informed that the lottery could not be proceeded with, and that the tickets which had been issued must be withdrawn.

Grand Lodge, on the recommendation of the Glasgow City Prov. Grand Lodge, and on a report by the Grand Committee, granted a petition by the Master and other office bearers of Lodge Plantation, No. 581, for authority to remove the lodge from Plantation to premises situated in another part of Glasgow; and a recommendation by Grand Committee that on the expiry of the lease of the new premises the lodge should endeavour to secure suitable premises within Plantation district.

It was reported on behalf of the Special Committee appointed to raise money for the extension of the Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence, that at the end of December subscriptions to the amount of about £1700 had been intimated, and that this included £250 which had been voted by the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland and £50 from the Edinburgh Consistory of the Thirtieth Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

A Sub-committee had been appointed to formulate a skeleton Constitution, and regulations as to the distribution of grants from the proposed scheme, the amount of which is to be £10,000.

It was intimated that the Duke of Athole had resigned the Provincial Grand Mastership of Perthshire West, and, on the recommendation of Grand Committee, after consulting the lodges of the province, Grand Lodge appointed Lieut.-Col. Blair-Drummond Moray, yr., of Blair-Drummond, in room of the Duke.

Permission had been granted—recallable at the pleasure of Grand Lodge—to Lodge St. James, Old Monkland, No. 187, to hold occasional meetings for initiation in Calderbank.

A report was submitted from Grand Committee as to the Aberdeen case. One of the brethren concerned had not replied to the Committee, and on the motion of the GRAND MASTER the case, so far as he was concerned, was disposed of. But the other brother had recently sent a communication to the Committee, and in view of that the case relative to him was again sent back to the Grand Committee.

A statement of the accounts of Grand Lodge for the year ending 30th November, with the Auditor's report thereon, was submitted, from which it appeared that the income had been £3656, and the expenditure £2179, showing an excess of income to the amount of £1476. The funds and estate at the end of the year amounted to £25,524. There had been 4600 entrants to the Order during the year. A statement in regard to the Fund of Masonic Benevolence showed that £670 had been voted for Charity during the year, and that the fund was now £6356.

A report was also submitted from the Committee on the Visitation of Metropolitan Lodges, which stated that, with one exception, they had now visited all the lodges in the Province. Speaking in general terms, the lodges had been found acting in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution and laws; and where in the few cases the defects in their procedure were pointed out the office bearers exhibited commendable readiness to have matters put straight. The Committee had on all occasions been warmly welcomed, and had embraced every opportunity to urge the claims of the scheme for the extension of Scottish Masonic benevolence.

Grand Committee had left to Grand Lodge to appoint a Provincial Grand Master *simpliciter* of Roxburgh and Selkirk.

The Earl of MAR and KELLIE moved the appointment of Bro. J. T. S. Elliott, yr., of Wolfelee, to this office, and Bro. GARDINER, from one of the lodges in the province, moved the election of Bro. Dr. James Middleton, Stow.

On a show of hands, Bro. Dr. Middleton was appointed by 95 against 84.

Grand Lodge next proceeded to the election of 13 members of Grand Committee, when the former members, retiring by rotation, were re-elected, except Bro. Davidson, Edinburgh, and Bros. R. M'Alister, of Carbeth-Guthrie, and Colin Galletly, Glasgow, were appointed in place of him and an interim member.

The following were the details of the voting:—Bros. James Caldwell, Glasgow, 142; John Graham, C.A., Glasgow, 121; Robert Nisbet, Glasgow, 113; William Barry, Leith, 104; James Turner, Edinburgh, 101; W. Officer, Edinburgh, 97; E. M'Allister, Stirlingshire, 94; W. Edwards, Edinburgh, 93; William Barton, Edinburgh, 88; Dr. James Middleton, Stow, 86; John Wilson, P.M. 392, 82; Sheriff Thoms, 80; and John B. M'Naught, Glasgow, 78.

The other business was unimportant.

## THE "PROBITY MS."

The four Orders of Masonry, viz.:—

- 1st. The Might of the father of heaven,
- 2nd. The Wisdom of the glorious son,
- 3rd. And the goodness of the holy ghost.

Three persons and one God be with us now and for Evermore. AMEN.

Good brethren and fellows, our purpose is to tell you how and in what manner this noble and worthy Craft of Masonry was first founded and begun, and afterwards continued by worthy Kings and Princes, and by many other worshipful men, and also to all that be here, we mind to show

the charge that belongs to every true Mason, to call in good faith if you take good heed. It is meet worthy to be for a worthy Craft and curious Science. . . . 1st. There be seven Liberrall Sciences, of which this noble Craft of Masonry is one. And the seven be these, viz., the 1st is | GRAMMER | and that teacheth a man to spell and write. The 2nd is | RHETORICK | and that teacheth a man to speak fair and suitable. The 3rd is | LOGICK | and that teacheth a man to discern the true form and the fauls. The 4th is | ARITHMETICK | and that teacheth a man to Reckon and Accompt. The 5th is | GEOMETRY | and that teacheth a man to mett and to measure. The 6th is | MUSICK | and that teacheth to sing with voice, tune, organ, harp, trumpet, &c. The 7th is | ASTRONOMY | and that teacheth a man to know the Course of the Sun, Moon and Stars. These be the seven Sciences of the which all may be found out by one, and that is | GEOMETRY |, for it teacheth a man to Mete and Measure, pound or weight, all things upon Earth. For there is no workman that worketh, or any Craft, but that he worketh by some mete or measure, and every man that buyeth and selleth, they buy and sell by some weight or measure, and all this by | GEOMETRY |.

And the Merchants, and all other Craftsmen of the seven sciences, the plowman, the tiller of the ground, the sower of all manner of seeds, or | grains |, and the sellers of all manner of fruit. Neither | GRAMER |, | ARITHMETICK |, | ASTRONOMY |, nor none of the seven sciences, can no mankind find out mett or measure in (Except) | GEOMETRY |, wherefore methinks | GEOMETRY | is most worthy of all the other (they being found by it) and, here this worthy Science and Craft, was first founded and begun (is as follows.)

Before Noah's flood there was a man called | LAMECH |, it is written in the 4th Chap. of Gens.: Thus Lamech had two wives, the name of the 1st was | ADAH | and the name of the other | ZILLAH |; by the first wife he had two sons, the first was called | JABAL | and he was the father of all such as dwelt in tents, and of such as have Cattle. The 2nd was called | JUBAL |, he was the father of all such as handle harp (or) organ. And the second wife | ZILLAH | had a son and a daughter. The son's name was | TUBAL CAIN |, he was an Instructor of every Artificer, in Brass and Iron. And the daughter's name was | NAAMAH |.

And these four children found the beginning of all those Crafts and Sciences in the world. For the eldest son | JABAL | found the Craft of | GEOMETRY | and he fed flocks and lambs in the fields and first wrought houses of stone. And his brother | JUBAL | found the Craft of Musick, song of mouth, harp, organ, and all the other instruments. The third brother was | TUBAL CAIN | he found the Smith Craft of gold, silver, copper, brass, iron, and steel. And the daughter found the Craft of spinning and weaving.

And these four children well knew that God would take vengeance, either by fire or water, therefore they wrote these sciences that they had found upon two pillars of stone (that they might be found afterwards), and the one stone was called | MARBLE | for that will not burn in the fire, and the other stone was called | LATHER | and that stone would not drown with water.

How these stones were found that the sciences were written on, was as thus, viz.:—

HERMENIUS, Cube, his son, which Cube's son's son, the which was | Noah's | son. This | HERMENIUS | was afterwards called the father of the Wisemen. He found one of the two pillars of stone, and he found the Science written there, and he taught it to others. And at the Building of the tower of Babel there was Masons made much off. And the King of | Babylon | and | NIMROD | who was a King himself, and loved well the Rest (as it is said). And when the City of | NINEVEH | the city of the East part should have been made | NIMROD | the King of | BABYLON | sent thither 60 Masons of his region to the King of | NINEVEH | his cozen. And when he sent them forth he gave them charge in manner following—1st That they should be true to the King or Lord, their Master, that they should ordain the most wise and cunning man to be Master of their | KING | or Lord's works that was among them, and whether for love, riches, or favour, to set another that had little cunning to be Master of the work, whereby the Lord or Master should be served, and the Sciences not defaced.

2ndly That they should call the Governour Master, all the time they wrought with him. And other many more charges that were now too long to tell off. And for the keeping of all those Charges he made them swear a great oath, which men used not to swear at that time. And ordered for them a reasonable pay that they might live honestly. And also he gave them a charge that they should assemble together every year, to see who might work best to serve the King or Lord, their Master, for their profit, and their own Worship. And also that they should correct within themselves those that had trespas'd against the Craft or Science.

And thus was the noble Craft first grounded. The worthy Master . . . gave it the name of | GEOMETRY |, and how it ought to be called throughout all the world | MASONRY |.

Long after the Children of Israel were come into the land of the East, which is now call'd | JERUSALEM |, where King | SOLOMON | began the temple, which is now called | TEMPLUM DEI |, and is named with us the Temple of | JERUSALEM |, and King | SOLOMON | sent divers Masons into divers countries and divers lands, and he gathered them together, so that he had 80 workers of stone, and were nam'd Masons, and 3600 Overseers to set the people at work. And there was a King of a noble Region, which was called | HIRAM |, and he loved well King | SOLOMON |, and he gave him timber to his work. And he had a son call'd | AMON |, that was Master of | GEOMETRY |. And he was Master of all his Masons, of Graving, Carving, and of all other Masonry belonging to the Temple, that is witnessed in the Bible. And the same | SOLOMON | confirmeth, both the charge and the manners, which his father had given him. And thus was the noble Craft of Masonry confirmed in the country of | JERUSALEM |.

And many other regions, and men walked into divers Countries to learn cunning (and some to teach them that had little cunning), and so it befell that there was a man called | NAMAS PRESIAS |, who was at the building of | Solomon's | Temple, and he came into France, and there he taught the Science to the men in that land. And there was one of the Royal line of France call'd | CHARLES MARTELL |, and he was a Man that loved well the said Craft, and took upon him the Rule and Manners. And after that, by the Grace of | God |, he was erected to be King of France. And when he was in his estate, helped those Masons and set them at work, and gave them charge, and manners, and good pay, as he had learned at other Masons, and confirm'd them a charter from year to year to hold their

Assembly, where they would, and cherished them right well. And thus came the noble Craft into | FRANCE |.

| ENGLAND | in that time stood void as from charge of Masons, untill that | ALBANUS | his time. For in his days the King of | ENGLAND | was a | PAGAN |, that wall'd the town about, which is now call'd | ST. ALBANUS |, and this | ST. ALBANUS | was a worthy Knight and Steward of the King's household, and had Government of his Realme, and also the making of the wall; and he loved well Masons, and cherished them much, and made their Pay right good, for he gave them elevenpence a week and elevenpence for Drink. Before that time a Mason took but one penny a day and his meat, untill | ST. ALBANUS | mended it. And he got them a charter on the King and his Council, and gave it the name of | ASSEMBLY |. There he was himself, and did help to make Masons, and gave them a charge.

But soon after the death of | ALBANUS | there came divers warrs into | ENGLAND | out of divers Nations, so that the good Root of Masonry was defamed, and put down, untill the time of King | ATHELSTAN | in his time was a worthy King of | ENGLAND |; that brought this land into good Rest, and builded many Cities and great buildings. Therefore, he loved Masons well. And he had a son call'd | EDWIN |, the which loved Masons more than his father did, and he was so practised in | GEOMETRY |, that he delighted much to come and talk with Masons, and to learn of them the Craft. He was made a Mason of | WINDSOR |, and he got of the King, his father, a Charter, and Commission to be held once every year, as an Assembly within the Realm, whensoever they would within | ENGLAND | and to correct within themselves faults and trespasses that were done as touching the Craft, and an Assembly at York, and there he made Masons, and gave them charge, and taught them manners and comands, the same to be kept ever afterwards. And took there the Charter and Commission to keep their Assembly, and Ordained that it should be renewed from | KING to KING |, and when the Assembly were gathered together, he made a cry to all Old Masons. | or Young ones | that any writings or understandings of the Charge and Manners that were made | wheresoever they were made a Mason | that they shew them forth.

And there were found some in | FRENCH |, and some in | ENGLISH |, and some in other languages. And when they were read over and seen, the intent of them was understood to be all as one. And then he caused a book to be made thereof, how this Craft of Masonry was first founded, and he himself comanded, and there caused it, that it should be read at every time, where it should happen where any Masons were to be made.

To him the Charges should be read from that time untill this day, manner have been kept in this manner, as well as men might govern and forbear more at divers Assemblys have been put and ordained divers Charges by the best advise of Masters and fellows.

TUNC UNUS REX JLLY SENIORIBUS TENTAT  
LIBRUM ET JLLY POTENT MANUM SUAM  
SEMPER LIBRUM.

Every man that is a Mason or Master Mason, Take good heed to the Charges given him. If any Mason find himself guilty in any one of them, We pray that he may amend himself, or principally for dread of God, that ye take good heed that ye keep all the Charges well. For it is a great perrill to a man to swear upon a book.

WM. JUBB, *Scriptor.*

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## CENTENARY, No. 43, LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA.

This is an extraordinary time for sesqui-centennial and centennial celebrations of lodges, both in Europe and America. Of the former there have not been many, and of bi-centenaries, none are yet possible, save in Scotland, where the continuity of more than one lodge for over two centuries can be proved beyond a doubt. Not that there were no lodges in England in 1686, or earlier, for no one conversant with the early history of Freemasonry in South Britain can but be familiar with abundant evidence of lodge life long even before that period, but the continuity has not been maintained as in Scotland. The old York Lodge, and its Grand Lodge, with several subordinates, collapsed late last century; Elias Ashmole's Lodge, of 1646, has disappeared; and the Lodge of Antiquity is unable to substantiate its existence beyond the last century, though doubtless that ancient *Atelier* was in working order in the seventeenth century.

Many of the old lodges have had their histories written by competent brethren; much, however, still remains to be done, especially in this Country and in Scotland. I am persuaded that limited editions of such publications would secure the authors against loss, and furnish Masonic students with much valuable material illustrative of lodge life early in the last century, and during the past 100 years.

A most excellent and well got up volume has recently been issued at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, of the History of Lodge No. 43, held in that town from 1785, in which year it was warranted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The author is Bro. Dr. George R. Welchans, P.M., the Master of the Centenary year being Bro. Joshua L. Lyte.

The warrant was dated 21st April, 1785, and was an elaborate document, reciting as it did all the names of the Grand Masters and officers of the "Atholl" Grand Lodge, who signed the Provincial Grand Warrant 20th June, 1764, and declaring such document to be the authority for the issue of such Charter by the then G.M. of Pennsylvania, M.W. Bro. Wm. Adcock.

On July 14th, 1787, another Warrant was granted the lodge, consequent upon the decision of the members of that Grand Lodge to become an independent body, which was agreed to at a Grand Convention on Sept. 26th, 1786. The original warrant was returned to Philadelphia, but is now missing, probably having perished in the conflagration of 1819, when the Masonic Temple was consumed.

The lodge has continued to be known by the number 43, which answers for its name, as well as its numerical position; a custom which is also frequently followed under the Grand Lodge of Ireland, but not, I believe, in either England or Scotland.

The original By-Laws, thirty-five in number, agreed to Sept. 14th, 1785, are voluminous, and so comprehensive as to include the conduct of the members under all possible contingencies. Brethren elected to office were fined "ten shillings to the charity fund" in the event of refusal; only "Ancient Masons" were eligible to join, the fee for initiation being six pounds, and "joining" fixed at thirty shillings. There were no end of fines for disobedience of the rules, and it is quite clear that the members entertained a most exalted opinion of the duties and responsibilities of membership, a Committee being appointed to secure due order and good conduct, swearing and invoking the aid of the civil law being obnoxious to the members. The wording of the 17th Rule indicates the anxiety of the brethren to respect the sanctity of the lodge, and it would be well for many members of present-day Freemasonry to realise the force of the motto—"A still tongue makes a wise head."

17th.—That any Brother that it shall be prov'd against to have carried out to any Person or Persons, not of this Body, any Part or Parts of the Conversation, Act, or Actions, Thing or Things, done or said in this Lodge, open or clos'd, shall be Dealt with According to the Nature of the Offence, either by Fine or otherwise, at the discretion of the Lodge or Committee, if it be left to them, as they shall Judge for the good of this Society, and the honour of the Craft.

The hearts of the members were in the right place evidently a century ago, for in the event of a brother's death, the children, if so needed, were put to school, and afterwards to trades, at the expense of the lodge, and indigent widows were assisted according to the discretion of the Committee. The monthly dues were quarter a dollar for each member, and half a crown for "his share of the expences, whether present or absent."

"The great light, our old Bible, which was printed in 1796, was purchased by the lodge in this year (1798), and from that time to the present it has continued, uninterruptedly, to shed its effulgent rays from our lodge altar."

The Masonic Hall, built for the use of the lodge, was completed in 1800, and first used in August of that year.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania granted permission for a Royal Arch Chapter to be held in connection with the lodge, for, although the Grand Chapter was formed in 1795, Dr. Welchans states that it did not issue warrants to subordinate chapters until 1824. In 1826 the companions received a charter from the latter organisation.

An unfortunate struggle with the Grand Lodge, in which others also participated, began in 1819; but, happily, unity prevailed ultimately, and the charter was once more in the hands of the members. The charitable spirit of the members is evidenced by their voting in this year the sum of 50 dollars for the relief of the sufferers by a destructive conflagration in Savannah, Georgia.

The year 1864 was a very busy one for the lodge, no less than *sixty-seven initiations* taking place!

The lodge suffered much by the anti-Masonic fever, but in 1837 many of the old members returned to the lodge, and the number of initiations rapidly increased, though at times the financial position was far from satisfactory. Now, however, peace and prosperity prevail.

The lodge enters upon the second century of its existence with 269 members, and some £7000 in its exchequer.

The author of the interesting history tells us that "Lodge No. 43 smiles with maternal affection upon her *seven* living daughters, and rejoices in their prosperity," so that the various "swarms" have proved a source of satisfaction to the parent lodge, and a means of strength to the Fraternity in the "Keystone" State.

The Centennial Celebration was observed on the 21st April, 1885, a facsimile of the circular being reproduced in the volume, as also one issued on Dec. 10th, 1792, concluding the notice of meeting with the startling warning—

"At your Peril fail not."

Biographical sketches of 86 of the more prominent brethren are furnished, and a complete roll of the members from 1785 to 1885.

Dr. Welchans has done his work conscientiously and well, and we congratulate Bro. Lyte, the Master of 1885, and the members of the lodge on having the history of their Masonic *Alma Mater* so faithfully portrayed in such a handsome volume.

W. J. HUGHAN.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1886.

## Masonic Notes and Queries.

### AN OLD GRAND LODGE CERTIFICATE.

I have been favoured by Bro. H. A. E. de Pinna, J.W. of the Saye and Sele Lodge, No. 1973, with a sight of his grandfather's Grand Lodge Certificate, and as I believe it to be the oldest I have ever met with, as it is by far the most perfect, being apparently almost as fresh and clean as when it was delivered to his ancestor, a description of it may not be without interest to your Antiquarian readers, especially as I believe it to be an excellent specimen of the first kind of certificates issued by the G. Lodge "Moderns" of England.

On the upper part is a flying winged figure, probably intended for a Herald, with a trumpet to its lips, and holding a wand extended to the Seal of Grand Lodge.

These are to Certify that Jacobo de Pinna was made a Mason and admitted to the third Degree of Masonry as appears by the Register of the Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, regularly constituted and Meeting at the Union Lodge, Camomile Street,\* Signed by the Master, Wardens and Secretary of the said Lodge, hereunto annexed and you are desired to receive him as a Brother after due examination.

Given under the Seal of the Grand Lodge.

Samuel Spencer Grand Secretary  
London September 15th 1767 A.L. 5767.

Female figure with three children (Charity).

The Square, the 2 Levels and Compasses.

See the New Edition of the Book of Constitutions page 263, Printed in the year 1756.

That every Certificate granted to a Brother of his being a Mason shall for the future be sealed with the Seal of Masonry, Signed by the Grand Secretary for which five shillings shall be paid to the use of the General Fund of Charity.

\* The "Union" Lodge, No. 306, Constituted 7th November, 1763, at a private room, Bell Lane, Spitalfields—1764, Coopers' Arms, Camomile-street, Bishopsgate-street. In 1770 it became No. 248; in 1781, No. 198; in 1792, No. 169. At the union of the Grand Lodges in 1813, it became No. 207. In 1832 it was No. 149, and in 1863, the last re-numbering of lodges, it became No. 127, and now meets at Freemasons' Hall, Margate. The lodge met at various Taverns in London until 1813 (gradually declining), in which year it was resuscitated by some brethren at Margate, where it has met ever since, and is now one of the most flourishing lodges in Kent.

H. SADLER.

A marriage has been arranged between Mr. J. H. B. Warner, of Quorn Hall, Leicestershire, and Miss Alice de Worms, eldest daughter of Bro. Baron H. de Worms, M.P.



### Craft Masonry.

**INDUSTRY LODGE (No. 186).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Tuesday, the 26th ult. The lodge room was filled with brethren and visitors, amongst the latter were Bros. G. F. Smith, W.M. 1839; Harry Price, W.M. 177; J. T. Salmon, S.W. 917; W. B. Marcus, S.D. 1839; Barclay Perkins, W.M. 192; T. W. Cooper, P.M. 538, P.P.G.J.D. Middx.; J. Biebling, W.M. 534; F. W. Mayes, P.M. 1897, P.P.G.P.; E. Lancaster, P.M. 1287; W. Hamlyn, P.M. 1622; A. R. W. Powles, W.M. 1901; J. J. Marsh, 1326, P.P.G.S.; N. B. Headon, P.M. and Treas. 1426; and a number of other brethren.

After the minutes of the previous lodge meeting were read and confirmed, the W.M. elect, Bro. George W. Hook, S.W., was presented by Bro. W. H. Hook, P.M., to the W.M., Bro. John G. Horsey, to receive the benefit of installation. The ceremony having been duly performed, the newly-installed Worshipful Master appointed and invested Bros. W. S. Page, S.W.; W. W. Westley, J.W.; Reuben Allison, P.M., Sec.; J. B. Sherring, S.D.; N. Cornock, J.D.; R. C. Powell, I.G.; S. M. Banker, 1st Steward; J. W. Grover, 2nd Steward; and D. J. Robinson, P.M., D.C.

The banquet was held in the Crown Room of the tavern, whither the brethren retired to spend a very pleasant evening. In the absence of the I.P.M., Bro. W. H. Hook, P.M., supported the W.M., and after the usual loyal toasts had been disposed of, gave, in feeling and appropriate terms, "The Health of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Geo. W. Hook."

The toast was drank with acclamation, and, in reply, the W.M.'s remarks (evidently to the purpose) were most enthusiastically received.

A very special musical treat was provided, violin duets by Messrs. Cobbett and Back; harp solo by Madam Fortescue; and songs by Miss Maud Cameron and Bros. Earl and Hook, P.M., all of which were highly appreciated. The W.M., acting I.P.M., officers, brethren, and visitors all seemed to vie with each other in making a successful pleasant evening, and they succeeded beyond expectation.

**KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Horns, Kennington, on Tuesday, the 2nd inst. Bro. G. Stranger, W.M., occupied the chair, and was supported by the following: Bros. J. Plowman, S.W.; R. La Feuillade, J.W.; G. Everett, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; R. Lingby, S.D.; H. F. Foale, J.D.; J. La Feuillade, Org.; H. Cruse, I.G.; H. M. Appleton, P.M.; W. P. Webb, P.M.; J. Cockburn, P.M.; T. Walls, P.M.; H. Higgins, P.M.; C. H. Köhler, P.M.; and many other brethren. The visitors present were Bros. J. Noble, P.M., Sec. 975; J. Miller, P.M. 765; C. Wise, P.M. 1158; S. Lucas, P.M. 192; W. D. Becket, P.M. 780; H. J. Lardner, P.M. 1623; R. Wall, 1744; J. Sims, 861; H. Salter, J.D. 861; G. Rice, 1446; G. Horton, 72; W. Reed, 1922; Egbert Roberts, 1623; J. P. Manly, Abbey Lodge; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The Auditors' report, which showed a substantial balance to the credit of the lodge, was then read and adopted. Bro. G. W. Thompson, 169, was balloted for as a joining member, and declared unanimously elected. The W.M. having passed Bro. Grover to the Second Degree, Bro. John Plowman, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented for installation, and installed into the chair as W.M. for the ensuing year. The appointment of officers then took place, and the following brethren were duly invested with collars: Bros. R. La Feuillade, S.W.; R. Lingby, J.W.; G. Everett, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; H. F. Foale, S.D.; H. Cruse, J.D.; W. W. Westley, I.G.; Ruffe, D. of C.; Dennis and J. T. La Feuillade, Stwds.; Grover, Org.; and Reinhardt, Tyler.

The usual addresses were delivered in a highly creditable manner by Bro. Stranger, I.P.M., the Installing Master. The newly-installed W.M. then presented the I.P.M. with a handsome jewel, and, in doing so, remarked that it was a very great pleasure to him to think that his first duty connected with the chair was to present Bro. Stranger, whom he had known for so many years, with a small token in recognition of his valuable services during the past year. Bro. Stranger, in suitable terms, acknowledged the gift. It was next proposed by Bro. T. C. Walls, P.M., and carried unanimously: That a resolution be recorded on the minutes of the lodge thanking Bro. William Mann, P.M., for his valuable and indefatigable services as Treasurer, and expressing the sympathy of the brethren with him in the causes that necessitated his relinquishing that office, and, further, that a copy of the resolution be engrossed on vellum and presented to Bro. Mann. A vote of thanks was recorded to the Installing Master, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, catered for by the host, Bro. Buxton.

After dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. "The Queen and the Craft" was, as usual, the first toast, the Worshipful Master observing that no more loyal body of men would be found in the kingdom than Freemasons. "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," was next given, and received with enthusiasm. The Worshipful Master, in proposing this toast, remarked that it needed very few words from him to commend it their notice, as H.R.H. was deservedly popular, and was always welcomed in the same hearty manner.

"The Grand Officers, Present and Past," was then proposed by Bro. Plowman, W.M., who remarked that as numerous engagements prevented H.R.H. the Prince of Wales from presiding at Grand Lodge, his place was very ably taken by the Earl of Carnarvon or Lord Lathom. With respect to the other Grand Officers, they worthily carried out the duties connected with the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Stranger, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said he had no doubt the brethren would give the toast a cordial welcome, and unite with him in

wishing their W.M. a happy and prosperous year of office, and health and strength to enable him to satisfactorily perform the duties of the chair.

Bro. J. Plowman, W.M., tendered his sincere thanks to the brethren for the hearty reception accorded the toast, and assured them that he would always do his best to promote the welfare of the lodge and ensure the happiness and comfort of the members. It was now his pleasant duty to propose "The Health of the Installing Master," and the brethren would agree with him that no brother who had gone before could do more in honesty of purpose than Bro. Stranger, who had just vacated the chair. Their I.P.M. had for many years worked hard in Freemasonry, and had during his term of office faithfully discharged the onerous duties of Master of the lodge.

Bro. Stranger, I.P.M., returned thanks for the manner in which the toast of his health had been proposed and received, and expressed the hope that he might be with them for many years to come.

"The Visitors" was then proposed by the W.M., who said that visitors were always welcome in the Kennington Lodge, and trusted that the reception they had met with would give them courage to visit again.

Bro. Lardner, P.M., responded, and said that it seemed to him as though he was in his own lodge, as his visits had been so frequent. He congratulated the lodge on its Master, and thought that it augured well for the coming year. He trusted that he should have the opportunity of visiting again during that period, and hear the W.M. work the various ceremonies.

Bro. Wise, P.M., observed that the ceremony of installation was one of the most impressive, especially when rendered in the manner they had seen it performed that evening by the I.P.M. He hoped that at the end of the year the lodge would not regret its choice of Master, nor the W.M. regret appointing the officers he had.

Bro. J. Noble, P.M., also responded, and remarked that the present occasion was the fifth time he had been present at the installation meeting of that lodge. It had afforded him very great pleasure to see his esteemed friend, Bro. Plowman, installed into the chair. He was certain they had placed the right man in the right place. He heartily thanked the lodge for the hearty welcome the visitors had received.

Bro. T. C. Walls, P.M., replying on behalf of the toast of "The Past Masters," said that, as one of the oldest P.M.'s, he was pleased to congratulate the lodge on the progress it had made. He regretted the absence of Bro. Mann, P.M., through illness, and assured the brethren that he should always revere Bro. Mann's name, for he (Bro. Walls) was initiated by him just 12 years ago.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Treasurer and Secretary," and while regretting the reasons that made Bro. Mann, their late Treasurer, relinquish office, congratulated the lodge on its choice of Bro. Everett, an esteemed P.M., to fill the vacancy. They were all so well acquainted with the abilities of Bro. Stuart, P.M., their Secretary, that it would be needless for him to dwell on them.

Bro. Everett, P.M., Treas., in returning thanks, said that the duties of Treasurer were not new to him, as he had been for 27 years in the Craft, and had therefore a considerable amount of experience. He had not contemplated accepting office again; but he had such an affectionate regard for the lodge, that when it had unanimously elected him Treasurer he could not say no. He would endeavour to promote the happiness and comfort of the brethren.

Bro. Stuart, P.M., Sec., said that he had responded so many times on behalf of this toast, that he would refer the brethren to his previous remarks on the subject.

"The Officers" having been duly responded to, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

The musical arrangements were under the able management of Bro. Egbert Roberts, who was assisted by Bro. W. Reed, Miss E. Chapuy, Miss M. Elliott, and Madame E. Saunders.

**IVY LODGE (No. 1441).**—The regular January meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 26th ult., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, when the following officers and brethren were present: Bros. John Williams, W.M.; Cooper, S.W.; Taylor, J.W.; Skegg, P.M., Sec.; Mattock, P.M., Treas.; Shaw, S.D.; D. H. Ashford, J.D.; Dr. James, I.G.; Edle, D.C.; Cadbury Jones, Stwd.; Cattle, P.M.; Knight Smith, P.M.; Reynolds, P.M.; C. Fitch, Cray, Inwood, Allsworth, and others. Bro. Smith was a visitor.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Inwood was passed to the Degree of F.C., the ceremony being ably performed by the W.M. This being election night, the bye-laws were read, after which Bro. Cooper, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Mattock, P.M., was re-elected Treas.; and Bro. Lee, Tyler; Bros. C. Fitch and Cray, Auditors.

All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in ancient form and adjourned till March. After this lodge is closed the brethren never separate without singing a beautiful anthem composed for the lodge by Bro. Knight Smith, P.M., Org. This lodge has been long noted for its happy meetings, the brethren work well and in perfect harmony, indeed it is a pleasure for any brother to visit the Ivy Lodge to witness the good working, and partake of their hospitality and entertainment, for the lodge is full of talent—players, singers, and reciters.

The brethren of this lodge are generous; they do not keep all these good things to themselves, for they had a "Ladies' banquet," dispensing with all Masonic toasts; they invited their wives, sisters, and daughters to dine with them, and right merrily they enjoyed themselves. During the working of the lodge the ladies assembled were received in the entrance hall by the two Stewards, Bros. Edle and Cadbury Jones, and conducted to a private room down stairs. After the lodge was closed, and working tools, &c., put away, they were conducted by the Stewards to the lodge room, where they were received by the brethren, when introductions took place. This room they viewed with evident curiosity. One lady took possession of the Master's chair, and another asked to see the wonderful poker and gridiron.

The ladies and gentlemen then adjourned to the banqueting room, where a splendid dinner and dessert awaited them, to which ample justice was done, after which the musical programme was commenced. The Chairman having proposed "The Health of the Queen," the National Anthem was sung in solo and chorus. Mrs. D. H. Ashford sustained the solo part in a charming manner.

To the toast of "The Prince and Princess of Wales,"

Bro. Cattle sang in his usual fine style "The Schooner on the Sands."

To "The Success of the Ivy Lodge," Bro. Reynolds gave a capital recitation called "Kissing Cup's Race."

To the toast of the evening—"The Ladies"—Bro. Knight Smith admirably sang "Tell me, Mary, how to woo thee," followed by Mrs. D. H. Ashford beautifully rendering the song "Lord Mayor Whittington," after which Bro. Cadbury Jones returned thanks on behalf of the ladies in a very appropriate speech.

"The Health of the Chairman" having been proposed and drunk, Bro. Smith played a selection on the pianoforte. Mrs. D. H. Ashford and Bro. I. Cattle then added to the enjoyment of the evening by singing in good style a duet, "Syren and Friar," which was well received.

The Chairman, in his reply, expressed the great pleasure he felt at seeing the ladies present.

The Chairman then proposed "The Health of the highly-esteemed Secretary, Bro. Skegg, P.M.," and after a song, "Never More," prettily sang by Mrs. G. Mattock, Bro. Skegg replied in a few well chosen sentences.

Bro. Cooper then caused much amusement in his recitation of the "Bashful Man;" Miss Annie Burke well executed a pianoforte solo; Bro. Reynolds, with good effect, recited "Rubinstein's Piano." The duet "Excelsior," sung by Bro. Knight Smith and Bro. I. Cattle, brought to the close one of the most happy and successful evenings within the walls of the Ivy Lodge.

**SKELMERDALE LODGE (No. 1658).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New road, on Thursday, the 28th ult. Present: Bro. John Darwin Smith, W.M.; J. Hill, S.W.; W. J. Richardson, J.W.; C. C. Gibby, S.D.; W. S. Harvey, J.D.; E. A. Francis, D.C.; H. Cohen, I.G.; R. Walden and A. B. Norman, Stwds.; J. Perry, Org.; H. Thomas, Tyler; Boys, I.P.M.; Cox, P.M.; H. Buckridge, C. Pigeon, R. Carter, R. Rowlands, J. George, F. Tull, E. Side, A. Side, G. Richardson, J. Letchford, W. Burringier, S. F. Bygrave, E. Gibson, E. Swan, B. Cohen, T. Williams, L. Sible, E. A. Francis, C. Pinnock, A. B. Norman, E. Eaton, S. Zucker, C. J. Smith, A. J. Shore, and F. Whitlock. The visitors were Bros. T. Brady, 1158; J. Hose, 1595; T. Finch, 217; A. Bannister, J.W. 1632; T. Apsey, J.D. 534; J. Coe, P.M. 1339; W. Douglas, 1457; and W. Boyce, J.W. 30.

The lodge was opened and the minutes were read and confirmed, after which Bros. J. George, A. O. Side, E. D. Side, and M. Syers were made Master Masons in a very effective manner. Bro. Burringier was passed to the Second Degree, and Mr. Frank Abbot Whitlock was initiated according to ancient custom. This being election night, the bye-laws were read, and the brethren unanimously elected Bro. James Hill, S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year. They also re-elected in the same manner Bro. G. J. Earney, P.M., as the Treasurer, and Bro. H. Thomas, as Tyler.

The Treasurer proposed, and Bro. W. H. Boys, I.P.M., seconded, that the P.M. jewel of ten guineas be given to Bro. J. D. Smith, W.M., as a token of recognition of the valuable services and his devotedness during to the duties the past year, the Audit Committee was appointed to audit the accounts.

Bro. Hill, W.M. elect, proposed, and Bro. S. Bygrave seconded, that the Charity box be placed on and allowed to go round the table, the proceeds to be placed to the Benevolent Fund.

The brethren accompanied the W.M. to a good refreshment. The loyal toasts were given and "God save the Queen," and "God bless the Prince of Wales" were sung.

The toast of "The W.M." being given, he responded by informing the brethren that £1 13s. was found in the "benevolent box." He stated that that evening being the last on which he would preside over them, he desired to express his thanks for the kindness, good feeling, and brotherly love evinced to him during his year of office. He should be succeeded by a good, true, and worthy brother, as he had succeeded several who were of the same character. It had been noted that the W.M.'s of that lodge had been good workers, and that they had been well supported by the officers and brethren. He was exceedingly proud that they had voted him a mark of their recognition of his work. He had done his best, and he was pleased and satisfied to find they appreciated his efforts.

The toast of "The Initiate" being given, he responded in a few words, showing his appreciation of his admission among them, and he hoped to prove worthy of the lodge.

Bro. H. Cohen gave a splendid recitation.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the W.M. Elect."

Bro. J. Hill thanked the members of the lodge for the trust they had reposed in him. He would faithfully, zealously, and impartially perform the duties of the high office they had given to him. He then spoke upon the management of a lodge, and said it was the Master's duty to see the brethren provided in as comfortable manner as possible, but that the funds of the lodge should never be allowed to come below the expenses to be incurred. He then explained his views of the essentials required in every brother seeking office. In his opinion, the first was seniority; the second, whether the brother had paid all his dues; thirdly, that he had attended regularly and punctually—except in sickness or more pressing emergency—to the lodge work; fourthly, that he was able and willing to perform the duties of his office, or willing to learn to do them; fifthly, that as far as his time and circumstances would allow, he attend lodges of instruction visited by his fellow officers, and show he was able to do the work; and, lastly, that he was willing to make sacrifices to attend punctually and discharge the duties of his office. He did not make these remarks from any desire to hurt any brother's feeling; but to enlighten the younger or more recently admitted members as to the essentials required in an officer. He thanked them for their kind attention, and hoped they would have a happy and prosperous year.

"The Visitors" toast was given, and they responded, praising the bountiful board spread before them and the good, hearty feeling evinced by the members of the lodge towards all their visitors.

"The P.M.'s, Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers" were given as one toast, because the time was getting on.

The Treasurer gave them to understand that the funds were in a most satisfactory state; that Bro. Hill had arranged everything so well that he had little to do but keep their money.

The Tyler's toast closed the evening of pleasure and harmony.



**BRIXTON LODGE (No. 1949).**—The fifth installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton, on Saturday last. Bro. Henry Baldwin, P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx., the W.M., opened the lodge at the appointed hour, the following officers being present: Bros. C. J. Kipling, S.W.; W. Poore, J.W.; W. E. Farrington, I.P.M.; H. Lovegrove, P.M., P.P.G. S.W. Middx., Sec.; W. Day, Treas.; C. J. Axford, P.P.G. A.D.C. Middx., S.D.; E. Newby, J.D.; A. E. Albert, I.G.; R. Evans, D.C.; W. Kirkland and A. Jones, Stwds.; and R. Potter, Tyler. There was a tolerably good attendance of members, amongst whom may be especially mentioned Bro. T. Poore, P.M. 720, &c., the father of the W.M. elect. Amongst the numerous visitors who signed the register of attendance were Bros. A. R. Powles, W.M. 1901; W. Lucas, W.M. 1669; J. Stevens, P.M. 720, 1216, 1426, &c.; J. W. Watts, P.M. 502; A. R. Cranch, P.M. 1669; C. H. Phillips, P.M. 1986; G. Moss, P.M. 1201; John Guest, Royal Hanover Lodge; W. Butler, 243 (I.C.); T. Wallis, 901; S. R. J. Smith, 857; C. Lee, Eccleston Lodge; J. D. E. Tarr, Burdett Lodge; H. Vernon, 101; W. J. Mayer, 1690; and others.

Apologies for absence were received from Bros. Horace B. Marshall, P.M., P.C. Treas.; John Read, P.M., Org., and several other brethren. The previous meeting having been confirmed, ballots were taken for the admission of Mr. J. Bott and Mr. I. White into the Order, and approval having been given, those gentlemen were introduced and initiated in due course. The report of the Audit Committee having been received and adopted, Bro. R. Poore was presented to the outgoing Master by Bro. James Stevens, who, at the W.M.'s request, acted as D.C. during the installation. The necessary Board having been constituted, Bro. Baldwin very ably installed his successor into the chair of K.S. The customary salutations in the respective degrees were then given, and the following were appointed and, where present, invested as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. W. Day, S.W.; C. J. Axford, J.W.; W. Kirkland, Treas.; H. Lovegrove, P.M., &c., Sec.; E. Newby, S.D.; A. Albert, J.D.; John Read, P.M., Org.; R. Evans, I.G.; A. Jones, D.C.; C. J. Dore, J. D. Sprague, and W. R. Palmer, Stwds.; and Robert Potter, Tyler. The addresses to W.M., Wardens, and brethren were admirably delivered by Bro. T. Poore, P.M., with all that perfect diction and expression for which that veteran Preceptor is so eminently distinguished. A handsome P.M.'s jewel and collar having been presented to Bro. Baldwin, I.P.M., by the W.M. in earnest terms of praise and satisfaction with his services during the past year, and which were suitably acknowledged by the recipient, the lodge was closed, and the meeting adjourned to banquet.

An admirable menu was provided by the caterer, Mr. Ingles, of Bell Yard, Temple Bar, and ample justice was done by the company in appreciation of the quality of the viands and wines set before them. The service was somewhat lengthy, but considering surrounding circumstances not altogether unavoidable. The time at the disposal of the W.M. for the effectual carrying out of the toast list was consequently considerably shortened, and necessitated brevity in speech, both in proposition and response. Of the principal toasts, that of "The Worshipful Master," proposed by Bro. Baldwin, I.P.M., met with a cordial reception, the proposer being most happy in his remarks on the Masonic progress and qualities of Bro. Poore, attributing, very truly, much of that progress to his being a lewis of so able a teacher and director as his father, Bro. Thos. Poore. He (Bro. Baldwin) might look upon himself as Bro. Poore's Masonic father, having initiated him into Freemasonry, but no efforts of his could have had the result to which the able tuition of the W.M.'s natural father had so materially contributed.

In brief terms the Worshipful Master responded, and expressed the hope that his ruling of the lodge during the ensuing year would justify the kind expression of feeling which his introduction into the pleasures and obligations of Mastership had elicited. Bros. John Bott and Isaac White, as the Initiates of the evening, were complimented by the W.M. on the attention they had respectively paid to the ceremony of their introduction into Freemasonry, and the Entered Apprentice song having been rendered by Bro. James Stevens, they severally acknowledged their gratification at becoming members of the Order, and promised loyalty and devotion to its tenets.

The visitors were one and all named, and each received a token of welcome.

Bros. Powles, W.M. Selwyn Lodge, Lucas, W.M. Royal Leopold Lodge, James Stevens, P.M., and J. W. Watts, P.M., acknowledged for themselves and the non-speakers amongst the guests their appreciation of the entire proceedings of the evening, and the two latter more especially expressed the pleasure with which they had observed the presence of the W.M.'s father at his installation.

This reference was very feelingly acknowledged by Bro. Thos. Poore, and his remarks were sympathetically received.

Bro. Henry Lovegrove, on rising to respond for "The Past Masters," and also in his official capacity as Secretary, was greeted with earnest marks of approval, and his observations on the progress and present prospects of the lodge gave considerable satisfaction.

In the course of the evening some excellent pianoforte and vocal music added to the general entertainment of the company, Bros. Cranch, Wallis, Lee, Stevens, and others taking part therein; and at a somewhat late hour, yet still before the "witching hour of night," the call to remember the "poor and distressed" was sounded, and amidst general congratulations on the success of this installation meeting the brethren separated.

**DRURY LANE LODGE (No. 2127).**—The first regular meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Drury Lane Theatre, on Tuesday, the 9th inst. The lodge was opened by Bro. Lord Lonsborough, P.G.W., W.M., assisted by Bros. Augustus Harris, S.W.; Sir John Gorst, J.W.; Fleming, Treas.; A. M. Broadley, P.D.D.G.M. Malta, Sec.; Admiral Sir E. Inglefield, C.B., S.D.; Henry Pettitt, J.D.; Charles Warner, I.G.; and others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and verified, and the bye-laws, which had been agreed to by the founders, were read, and ordered to be received and adopted. The ballot, which proved unanimous in every case, was then taken for a long list of distinguished brethren as joining members, and also for those candidates proposed at the consecration meeting. The chair was then taken by Bro. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D., and the following candidates were admitted to the light of Freemasonry:—Messrs.

C. Harris, O. Barrett, J. K. Edward, and H. Nicholls. Bro. Thos. Fenn, President Board of General Purposes, acted as Deacon, assisted by Bros. Col. Peters, P.G.S.B.; C. F. Matter, P.G.W. Greece; Robert Berridge, P.G. Stwd.; and C. Martin, P.G. Stwd. Another lengthy list of candidates, both for joining and initiation, was read out by the energetic Secretary, Bro. A. M. Broadley, and the lodge was closed.

By the kind and courteous invitation of the S.W., Bro. Augustus Harris, the members, visitors, and newly-initiated dined at the Freemasons' Tavern. Among the company, besides those already mentioned, we noticed Bros. Sir R. Hanson, Lord Cantelupe, Dr. E. M. Lott, J. H. Clynds, and others.

**CHICHESTER.—Union Lodge (No. 38).**—The installation meeting of this old lodge—the senior lodge on the provincial roll of Sussex—was held on Thursday, 4th inst., at the Council Chamber. In the absence of the retiring W.M., Bro. Lord Algernon Gordon Lennox, through domestic affliction, the chair was occupied by Bro. Olive, P.M., Prov. G.S.B. Present: Bros. W. H. Barrett, S.W.; H. E. Breach, J.W.; Rev. H. M. Davey, P.P.G.C. Chap.; St. Clair, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., Treas.; J. H. Hawes, Sec.; Inkpen, S.D.; Doman, J.D.; G. Smith, P.M., P.P.G.D., D.C.; Charge, I.G.; Budden [and Fielder, Stwds.; and Beatson, Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. G. Molesworth, P.P.G.D.; Sir Robt. Raper, P.P.G.J.W.; G. Gatehouse, P.P.G.D.; W. Adams, J. M. Percival, F. W. Gruggen, P.P.G. Stwd.; also Bros. Partington, Marsden, F. J. Adams, H. H. Moore, J. Lillywhite, H. Heather, G. Turner, and others. Visitors: Bros. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec.; Collings, W.M. 56; Herbert Langton, W.M. 271; J. H. Every, W.M. 311; W. Ardley, P.G.O., W.M. 811; H. H. Jordan, W.M. 851; E. Bowles, W.M. 1056; C. H. Haine, P.G. Stwd., W.M. 1110; Benham, 1273; Charpentier, 1903; Law, 608; and others.

The minutes of the last meeting having been approved, the acting W.M. moved a vote of condolence with the Dowager Lady Burrell, Sir C. R. Burrell, and the other members of the family of the late popular Provincial Grand Master, which, it need hardly be added, was carried unanimously. A ballot was then taken for the admission of Mr. Charlie Howard and the Rev. J. C. Ballett Fletcher, and this being satisfactory, those gentlemen were admitted in due form, and initiated into Masonry. Subsequently Bro. Lloyd vacated the chair, which was filled by Bro. St. Clair, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., who proceeded to instal Bro. W. H. Barrett as W.M. for the ensuing year, he having been elected to that position by the unanimous vote of the brethren. The ceremony was most efficiently performed by the Installing Master. Bro. Barrett appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. H. E. Breach, S.W.; J. H. Hawes, J.W.; Rev. H. M. Davey, P.P.G.C., Chap.; O. N. Wyatt, P.P.G. Supt. of W., Treasurer; C. F. Charge, Secretary; G. C. Inkpen, S.D.; W. Doman, J.D.; George Smith, P.P.G.D., D.C.; J. C. Budden, I.G.; J. Fielden, Stwd.; and W. A. Beatson, Tyler. Bro. Lambert, P.P.G.O. Lincolnshire, and Bro. Gower, who had accepted the collars of Organist and Junior Steward respectively, were unable to be present. A handsome jewel, suitably engraved, was presented to Bro. St. Clair in recognition of his services during sixteen years as Treasurer to the lodge. A Past Master's jewel had also been voted to Bro. Lord Algernon Gordon Lennox, for his services as W.M. during the past year, and this will be presented at a future meeting. At the conclusion of the lodge business, the brethren sat down to a banquet in the Assembly Room, under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and during the evening many excellent songs were sung. Mr. C. E. Pillow's services had been engaged, and his singing was received with demonstrations of delight. It should be added that the Stewards, Bros. Budden and Fielden, were complimented upon the perfection of their arrangements; that Mr. Hardham placed a splendid repast before the brethren; and that Bro. Purchase's wines left nothing to be desired.

**WIGAN.—Antiquity Lodge (No. 178).**—What is described as the "centenary year" celebration of the above lodge took place on Tuesday, 26th ult., at the Public Hall, the proceedings being of an exceedingly interesting nature. The installation of Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, LL.D., F.R.S., R.W. P.G.M. of West Aberdeenshire, as the W.M. of the lodge, gave especial eclat to the historically attractive gathering. The chiefs of the Antiquity present besides his lordship were Bros. W. Dean, W.M.; G. Airey, S.W.; T. Hunter, J.W.; T. Bullock, S.D.; R. Layland, J.D.; R. Knowles, I.G.; A. Riddlesworth and G. Makinson, Stwds.; and a great number of other members of the lodge. The P.M.'s included Bros. J. Pickering, J. Phillips, J. R. Cook, J. M. Ashurst, J. Gaskell, W. Hardy, L. R. Rowbottom, J. Parker, C. B. Holmes, T. Milligan, M. W. Peace, T. Milner, and J. Preston. The visitors were Bros. G. P. Brockbank, G. Std. Br.; John Heald, 730 and 1032; W. Johnson, W.M. 1335; James Platt, P.P.G.S.D.; Richd. Betley, P.M. 1335; A. H. Crossley, P.M. 1335; R. C. Snape, P.M. 1335; G. L. Campbell, P.M., D.C. 1335; T. H. Leeson, 751; H. H. Royle, 322; C. D. Mortimer, P.P.G.O. Berks and Bucks; Thomas Hesketh, 1403; J. W. Foster, 1403; F. Richards, 1380; J. Browne, J.W. 1335; H. Riddlesworth, S.D. 1335; W. Gillibrand, 37; J. C. Langly, 1380; James Darby, 1380; and others.

The ceremony of installation was performed in a most impressive manner by Bro. C. B. Holmes, P.M., P.Z., P.G.P., assisted by Bro. T. Milligan, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G. J.D.; Bro. C. D. Mortimer, P.P.G.O. Berks and Bucks, presiding at the organ. The following appointments were made: Bros. Thos. Hunter, S.W.; James Holmes, J.W.; William Dean, I.P.M.; Thomas Milner, P.M., Treas.; Robert Layland, Sec.; C. B. Holmes, P.M., P.Z., P.G.P., D.C.; G. L. Campbell, P.M., P.Z., Org.; Thos. Bullock, S.D.; Richard Knowles, J.D.; George Makinson, I.G.; James Wilson and Edwin Seddon, Stwds.; and William A. Patterson, Tyler. Bro. W. Dean, I.P.M., was presented by the brethren with a beautiful P.M. jewel.

The banquet was afterwards served by Miss Cooper in the lecture room at the Public Hall, at which about 65 brethren were present, Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, LL.D., F.R.S., R.W. Prov. G.M. of West Aberdeenshire, presiding. The vocal music was contributed by Bros. W. Johnson, Bullock, E. Seddon, James Gaskell, Bouchier, W. Holt, and J. Browne, Bro. C. D. Mortimer again presiding at the piano.

**NORWICH.—Perseverance Lodge (No. 213).**—The most successful meeting held for some time in the Province of Norfolk, took place at the Masonic Club, 47, St. Giles'-street, on Tuesday evening, the 19th ult., the occasion being the installation of Bro. C. W. Bacon, P.P.G.S., as W.M. of the lodge. Many invitations were issued to the Craft, and a large number of those invited responded. Among those present were Bros. W. J. Butler, the retiring W.M., P.G.D.C.; J. W. Hyde, P.G.S.; W. J. Pond, G. Rock, James Dunsford, P.M., P.P.G.P.; George Kersey, P.M., P.P.G.P.; George Baxter, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., P.P.G.D.C.; John Boyce, P.M., P.P.G. S.D.; Charles Sexton, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; Robert Baxter, T. Smith, R. A. Madge, C. Fendick, P.M.; J. Stanley, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; C. Rust, J. A. Poock, James E. H. Watson, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; R. M. Canova, S. Cole, W. Wainwright, Walter Land, A. E. Le Good, W. C. Bexfield, T. C. R. King, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; J. F. Offord, P.M.; G. D. Deuchar, G. W. Durdell, and Samuel Matthews. Among the visitors were Bros. H. Bullard, M.P., I.P.M.; Colonel C. E. Bignold, P.M., P.P.G.R.; C. A. B. Bignold, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; A. Santy, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; H. G. Barwell, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., P.P.G. Sec., P.P.G.S.W.; J. B. Aldis, P.M., P.P.G. J.D., P.G. Sec.; and S. M. Mills, of Union Lodge, No. 52; Charles Cunnell, W.M.; R. F. Ladell, I.P.M.; R. Gunn, P.M., P.G. Tyler; George Jewson, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; J. B. Bridgman, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; J. J. Commins, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. L. N. Barnard, J. Womersley, H. Blake, P.P.G. Stwd.; J. H. Brockbank, P.P.G. Stwd.; and C. Holden, of Social Lodge, No. 93; J. W. French, W.M., P.G.R., of Friendship Lodge, No. 100; J. W. Browne, W.M., P.P.G. Stwd.; Henry Rosling, I.P.M., P.P.G.P.; C. Payne, A. J. Berry, P.M., P.P.G.P.; T. Winter, W.M. elect; E. Pankhurst, P.M., P.G.P.; T. Campling, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. J. Hunt, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. N. Cooper, R. Baldrey, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; R. Jeary, and A. Siddell, of Cabbell Lodge, No. 807; Edwin Baldwin, I.P.M.; W. R. Spowart, W.M. elect; R. J. Mills, P.M., P.P.G.R.; S. Linay, E. Orams, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; H. Hooper, G. W. G. Barnard, P.M., P.P.G.R.; L. A. Hotblack, and Burrage, of Sincerity Lodge, No. 943; G. T. Pich, of Lodge 950; C. E. Stevens, W.M.; M. J. Bailey, I.P.M., P.G.S.B.; G. Brittain, P.M., P.P.G.O.; T. Lord, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; Daniel Mannings, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; A. N. Mann, G. Wood, T. J. Mackley, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. Weyer, W. J. Farrow, W. W. Warner, John Cox, G. Sidney Smith, Quartermaster F. Mill, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; and S. N. Matthews, of Walpole Lodge, No. 150; Edmund Bacon of Lodge 1607; N. B. Webster, W.M.; D. G. F. Gaul, P.M.; R. J. Woolbright, P.M.; Rev. George Sharley, W. R. Anthony, F. Baillie Quinton, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., P.P.G.R.; H. Milton, E. Sturgess, and W. Toulson, of Suffield Lodge, No. 1808; B. Rennie, of Lodge 1891; J. L. Mather, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Herts, of Lodge 1910; A. E. Smith, P.M. 388 and 1983, P.P.G.J.D. Suffolk; F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; James Berry, 838; F. Barkinshaw, Poulter, P.M. 602, Yorks; and others.

The lodge was opened at about five o'clock by the retiring W.M., who was assisted by his officers, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read over and confirmed. Bro. W. J. Butler then proceeded to instal Bro. C. W. Bacon into the chair, which ceremony he performed in a most excellent and efficient manner. Bro. Bacon being duly installed invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. J. Butler, I.P.M.; G. Baxter, S.W.; T. Smith, J.W.; T. C. R. King, Treas.; G. Kersey, Sec.; Jas. Dunsford, D.C.; R. A. Madge, Org.; W. J. Pond, S.D.; G. Rock, J.D.; S. Cole, I.G.; George Durdell and C. H. Rust, Stwds.; and Joshua Morse, Tyler. Several letters from distinguished Masons in Norfolk were read, regretting their inability to attend. After some desultory business in connection with the lodge, "Hearty good wishes" were given by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was then duly closed.

The brethren then adjourned to a splendid banquet, which bore high testimony to the skill and ability of the Steward of the Masonic Club, Bro. Pretty, in catering for the lodges located there.

The menu card was printed at the *Freemason* office, and was quite a work of art.

At the conclusion of the banquet the usual loyal, Masonic, and general toasts were given and duly acknowledged.

The Worshipful Master, in giving the toast of "The W.D.P.G.M., Major Penrice, and the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past," coupled the names of Bros. Col. Bignold and Quartermaster F. Mills.

Bro. Col. Bignold, in a lengthy speech, responded, and dilated upon the excellences of Freemasonry, and the value of their grand Institution, characterising its non-religious and non-political element adding to its strength and beauty. He observed that whilst these elements were absent from the tenets of the Order, Masonry would stand firm, and exist until time should be no more.

Bro. Quartermaster Mills duly acknowledged the toast, urging that it should be the desire of every Mason to exert himself to be numbered among those who were entitled to wear the "purple."

The Worshipful Master, in giving the toast of "The Health of the Visitors," coupled the names of Bros. J. L. Mather and Harry Bullard, which was received with great cordiality.

Bro. Mather, in responding, thanked the brethren for their kind reception of the toast, and said that if he had done as their W.M. had stated, viz., helped them to obtain admission for their candidates into the different Charities, he had only done an act which was to him a pleasure. It was quite true that for the purpose stated he had obtained the assistance of the M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales, and H.R.H. the Princess, and who readily responded to his appeal. He feelingly referred to a visit made by him to the Province of Norfolk many years ago, and for the kindness then received he had the Province of Norfolk and their claims to the Masonic Charities much at heart. He would ever be ready at any future time they required his services to render what assistance was in his power. He congratulated the W.M. upon his present position, and the brethren upon having such a brother at their head, and concluded by thanking the lodge for the hospitality shown to him and his brother visitors.

Bro. Harry Bullard, who was received with a perfect ovation, spoke highly of his experience in Masonry. He congratulated himself that the past year would be the most memorable in his life for several reasons—the first being

his appointment as W.M. of Lodge Union, No. 52; his journey to America; his election for the sixteenth time as representative of the 2nd Ward in the Norwich Town Council; and, lastly, his election as Member of the House of Commons for this his native city. He assured the brethren that in whatever position he was placed his utmost endeavours should be to carry out the duties with the utmost zeal and fidelity.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the P.G. Secretary."

Bro. J. B. Aldis responded in his usual humorous style.

The I.P.M. then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," in eulogistic terms, which was heartily received by the brethren.

The W.M., who on rising to respond was received with immense enthusiasm, said that he felt if there was one task harder than another for any brother to do it was that of responding to the toast of his own health, and that was a difficulty he now felt himself placed in; he would therefore ask them for their kind indulgence. But first he desired to thank the I.P.M. for the kind expressions of good feeling made by him in giving the toast of his health, and the brethren in so heartily responding. Having only just been placed in the highest position the lodge could give him, he felt lost to express his feelings so fully as he hoped to do on a future occasion. However, he heartily thanked the lodge for the honour conferred upon him, and promised that his best and earnest endeavours should be devoted to the working of the lodge, and the comfort and pleasure of the brethren and visitors attending their meeting during his year of office, and would try, with the help of T.G.A.O.T.U., to leave the lodge in a better position than it was at the present time.

The W.M. then proposed a toast, which he characterised as the toast of the evening—it was "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. W. J. Butler"—in doing which he said no brother who had in any way been connected with the lodge, or who had visited it, could have failed to see that Bro. Butler was one of the best Masters then in the province. Bro. Butler had evinced proficiency in his work, and the perfectness with which he had performed the ceremony of the evening, namely, installing him (the W.M.), called forth their admiration of his skill and ability. Before sitting down the W.M. said he had a pleasing duty to perform, which was, in the name of himself and the lodge, to present to Bro. Butler a very handsome P.M.'s jewel, subscribed for by the officers and brethren, which he pinned upon Bro. Butler's breast.

The jewel, which is of the locket shape and of 18-carat gold, was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, of London, and bears the following inscription on the back:—"Presented to Bro. W. J. Butler, I.P.M. 213, by the officers and brethren of the lodge as a mark of their esteem upon his retiring from the chair. January 19th, 1886."

Bro. W. J. Butler responded in feeling terms.

The toast of "The P.M.'s" was then given, and duly acknowledged.

"The Officers of the Lodge" was responded to by Bro. G. Baxter.

Bro. Hedges, the Secretary of the Girls' Royal Masonic School, in response to the toast of "The Charities," thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which they had received the toast and for coupling his name therewith, but said he was there as the guest of the lodge and not for the purpose of begging assistance on behalf of the noble Institution he had the honour of being connected with. On the last occasion they required great help, and he was pleased to say that their W.M. had come forward and promised to do his best for the Girls' School. At the festival held 13th May, 1885, at which their W.M. was present as Steward, he (Bro. Hedges) was pleased when Bro. Bacon stated he had a large sum in hand which, before the meeting terminated, amounted to the sum of £204 19s., a sum never before collected by a Norfolk Steward. He urged the brethren to emulate so good an example. He further urged their attention to the Boys' School, which was in great need of Stewards, the expenses of that Institution amounting to something like £13,000 to £14,000 a year. He was pleased to hear that there was a whisper at the other end of the room that their S.W., Bro. Geo. Baxter, intended to represent the lodge at the next Festival. The Masonic Charities, he observed, were never doing more than they were at the present time and were never more efficient; the greatest care and the greatest judgment were exercised in the management, which, coupled with judicious economy, contributed to their success. He urged the brethren to greater exertions, that their province should be second to none in the country. Bro. Hedges concluded by thanking them for their kind reception and for the attention they had paid to his remarks.

Bro. H. G. Barwell also responded to the toast.

The concluding toasts were "The Treasurer, Bro. T. C. R. King," and "The Secretary, Bro. Geo. Kersey," "The Ladies," and the Tyler's.

Several songs and glees were rendered by Bros. J. H. Brockbank, C. Holden (Norwich Cathedral), Robert Balding, J. Berry, A. J. Berry, J. W. Browne, J. S. Offord, E. Sturgess, Rennie, and others. Bro. W. R. Anthony gave a recitation in fine style. Bro. James Dunsford acted very efficiently as Director of Ceremonies throughout the evening. We congratulate the lodge upon the success of the evening, and trust that the W.M. and brethren may have a very pleasant year of office.

**BRENTWOOD.**—Hope and Unity Lodge (No. 214).—On Thursday, the 28th ult., the annual meeting of this lodge was held at the White Hart Hotel, when there was a full attendance of members, and a number of visitors. The principal business was the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Dr. Quennell, S.W., and this ceremony was ably performed jointly by the out-going W.M., Bro. F. W. Imbert-Terry, and Bro. G. Cooper, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. The following were appointed officers for the ensuing year: Bros. F. Landon, S.W.; F. B. Page, J.W.; the Rev. W. J. Skilton, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; Geo. Cooper, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Treas.; Alfred Wright, P.M., P.P.G.D., Sec.; H. G. Hobson, S.D.; J. C. Goode, J.D.; W. W. Brown, P.M., P.P.G.O., D.C. and Org.; H. Wallis, I.G.; and Mallett, Tyler.

A hearty vote of thanks having been passed to Bro. F. W. Imbert-Terry for his great services to the lodge during his year of office, the W.M. rose and remarked that he should commence the duties of the chair with a very pleasing one, viz., to present to Bro. F. W. Imbert-Terry a small token of the esteem and respect in which he was held by

them all. It was but a small token as regarded its intrinsic value; but when he said it was the first time within the memory of the oldest member that a P.M.'s jewel had been given to the retiring W.M., he thought it would bear a special value in the eyes of their I.P.M. The members of the lodge need not be reminded of the eminent services Bro. Imbert-Terry had rendered to the Hope and Unity Lodge; whether as regarded the excellency of his working, his personal courtesy, or his princely hospitality, he had laid such a claim upon their regard as would not soon be effaced from their memories. He trusted that Bro. Imbert-Terry would live many years to wear the jewel he now placed upon his breast, and that the lodge would long have the benefit of his presence and assistance.

Bro. Imbert-Terry said this presentation had taken him quite by surprise. He had taken a great interest in the Hope and Unity Lodge, and the only reward he had looked forward to had been to merit their esteem and regard. His year of office had been to him a most happy one, and he thanked them one and all for the way they had supported him, and for the great kindness and courtesy he had received from them all, without a single exception. He should prize greatly the handsome jewel they had just given to him, and he trusted he should still be able to do something for the benefit of Lodge No. 214.

The brethren afterwards dined together, a sumptuous banquet being well served by Mrs. Mason, the hostess. Among the brethren present at the meeting, besides those already mentioned, were Bros. C. F. Matier, Asst. G. Sec. Mark G. Lodge; T. J. Ralling, P.M., Sec. 51, P.G. Sec.; Rev. E. H. Crate, P.M. 697, P.P.G.C.; G. Cobb, P.M. 51, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. P. Lewin, W.M. 1543, P.M. 276, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Grimes, W.M. 51; F. P. Sutherly, P.M. 276, P.G.D.; Col. Newton; Rev. F. Stewart; F. H. Meggy, 276; F. J. Eve; Rev. W. Quennell; and others; and the following members of 214: Bros. J. Earle, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; J. C. Earle, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; C. M. Tebbut, P.M.; Col. Burgess, P.M.; A. W. Wallis, P.M.; B. Morice; G. C. Morant; H. G. Hobson; H. Wallis, R. J. Hendrie; and others.

**DUDLEY.**—Harmonic Lodge (No. 252).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, Stone-street. Present: Bros. James Turner, W.M.; Robert Stevenson, S.W.; S. Bagott, J.W.; W. E. Walker, P.M., Treas.; Saml. Smith, P.M., Sec.; James Warham, S.D.; Wm. Swallow, J.D.; Thos. Chambers, D.C.; M. Smith, I.G.; E. J. Chambers, Stwd.; F. Garner, Tyler; S. Spittle, Asst. Tyler; Geo. T. Owen, I.P.M.; Fras. Holcroft, P.M.; Edwin Turner, P.M.; T. F. Higgs, P.M.; Geo. Bagott, P.M.; E. R. Hartley, P.M.; H. Bagott, Wm. Hanson, Jas. Jones, J. H. Jevons, A. J. Baird, R. Preece, Jos. Sidaway, R. J. Guest, A. J. Collett, C. E. Cole, and James Hutchinson (after initiation). Visitors: Bros. Isaiah Foley, P.M. 504; F. O. Deeley, 564; and G. Brown, 573.

After the confirmation of the minutes, Bros. Alfred James Collett and Charles Edward Cole were duly passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft; Mr. James Hutchinson, who was elected at the previous meeting of the lodge, was brought forward properly prepared and initiated into Freemasonry as an Entered Apprentice; and the brethren present were much gratified by the able and excellent manner in which both ceremonies were performed by the W.M. Notice was given of motion to be proposed at the next meeting, "That ten guineas be given from the lodge funds to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons."

The ordinary business being next disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren assembled at an excellent banquet.

**GLOSSOP.**—Devonshire Lodge (No. 625).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 21st ult., at the Norfolk Hotel, when there were present Bros. Wm. Swire, W.M.; S. Warhurst, S.W.; A. Andrew, J.W.; S. Collier, P.M., Chap.; W. Thorpe, Treas.; C. Wilde, Sec.; A. Walker, S.D.; Wm. Eversden, J.D.; Thomas Dearnaley, D.C.; W. H. Bowden, I.G.; J. Parker and E. Oldham, Stwds.; and George Brown, Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. J. Collier, S. Collier, W. Dawson, W. H. Hodgson, T. Dearnaley, G. E. Cox, and W. Booth; and the following members, Bros. T. S. Bowden and S. Wood.

Bro. Samuel Robinson, P.G.S.D., I.P.M., was then presented with a Past Master's jewel by Bro. Swire, W.M., who referred in eulogistic terms to the labours of Bro. Robinson in the causes of the Boys' and Girls' Schools and Charity generally. A letter of condolence (after his vacation of the lodge) was moved and carried to Bro. W. Swire, W.M., and his wife, on the loss of their only daughter.

**NORWICH.**—Cabbell Lodge (No. 807).—The annual installation meeting of this successful lodge was held at the Masonic Club, No. 47, St. Giles-street, on Thursday, the 28th ult., under very auspicious circumstances. The retiring W.M., Bro. J. W. Browne, P.P.G. Stwd., opened the lodge, assisted by his officers. Among those present were Bros. Hy. Rosling, P.P.G.P.; Thos. Winter, P.G. Stwd., W.M. elect; W. V. Cooper, A. King, P.P.G. Stwd.; J. H. Guyton, W. F. Stratford, Geo. Baxter, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C., P.P.G.D.C.; T. Campling, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; A. J. Berry, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Robt. Baldry, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Edwin Wilson, P.M.; E. Pankhurst, P.M., P.G.P.; H. Samuel, H. J. Howard, G. Hammond, W. P. Wright, R. W. Lemmon, A. H. D. Pashley, A. Sidell, C. Payne, G. Theobald, G. J. Berry, W. Tipping, J. J. Youngs, J. Weyer, P.P.G. Stwd.; W. Murrell, and others.

Among the visitors were Bros. J. Baldi, P.M. 52, P.P.G. J.D., P.G. Sec.; C. Cunnell, W.M.; R. F. Ladell, P.M.; J. Womersley, and J. H. Brockbank, P.G. Stwd., of 93; C. V. Bacon, W.M., P.P.G. Stwd.; W. J. Butler, I.P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; C. E. Sexton, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; J. Dunsford, P.M., P.G.P.; T. C. R. King, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; and C. H. Rush, of 213; W. Riley, 217; J. Berry, 838; W. P. Spowart, W.M.; W. H. Moss, I.P.M.; E. Baldwin, P.M.; G. W. G. Barnard, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; R. Gunn, P.M., P.G. Tyler; and T. Ballard, P.M., of 943; F. J. Lacey, 1193; C. E. Stevens, W.M.; T. J. Mackley, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; T. Lord, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; A. N. Mann, J. Stannard, and C. J. Campling, of 1500; F. B. Quinton, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C., P.P.G.R., and W. R. Anthony, of 1808.

The lodge being duly opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Samuel and

Theobald were afterwards passed to the Second Degree by the W.M. The ceremony of installation then took place, the retiring W.M., Bro. J. W. Browne, performing the first part, and Bro. R. Baldrey the latter part, in a very efficient manner, Bro. Baldrey rendering the charges in his usual grand style. Bro. T. Campling ably performed the duties of D.C. The installed W.M., Bro. Winter, having been placed in the chair of K.S., invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. W. Browne, I.P.M.; W. N. Cooper, S.W.; A. King, J.W.; J. H. Guyton, S.D.; W. F. Stratford, J.D.; H. Howard, I.G.; S. N. Berry, Treas.; G. Baxter, Sec.; T. Campling, D.C.; A. J. Berry, Org.; A. Sidell, J. J. Youngs, and A. H. D. Pashley, Stwds.; and W. Murrell, Tyler. Bro. R. Baldrey was then elected member of the Charities Committee, and Bro. G. J. Berry as a director for the lodge for the Masonic Association. Three gentlemen were then proposed as candidates for initiation. "Hearty good wishes" were given by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was then closed with peace and harmony.

The brethren then adjourned to a most recherché banquet, excellently served by Bro. Pretty, the Steward of the Club, at the conclusion of which the usual loyal, Masonic, and general toasts were given and duly acknowledged.

In the course of the evening the W.M. proposed "The Health of the retiring W.M., Bro. J. W. Browne," in eulogistic terms, and concluded by presenting him, on behalf of the lodge, with a handsome Past Master's jewel, of the locket shape (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, London).

Bro. Browne suitably responded, and returned his grateful thanks for their kind present.

The following is engraved on the back of the jewel: "Presented to Bro. J. W. Browne, I.P.M. 807, by the officers and brethren of the lodge, as a mark of their esteem upon his retiring from the chair. January 28th, 1886."

The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of "The Health of their newly-installed W.M.," expressing his full conviction that under the gavel of Bro. Winter the lodge would maintain its prestige as one of the best and most successful in the province. Bro. Browne expressed a hope that the W.M. would have plenty of work to do during the ensuing twelve months, which would be carried out in a full and complete manner.

The toast was drank with Masonic musical honours.

The Worshipful Master acknowledged the toast, assuring the brethren that he would do all that lay in his power to perform the duties of his high office to their entire satisfaction.

The remaining toasts were "The Past Masters," "The Masonic Charities" (acknowledged by Bro. C. W. Bacon), "The Officers," "The Ladies," and the Tyler's toast.

Several songs and glees were given by Bros. A. J. Berry, G. J. Berry, A. King, Rob. Baldry, J. J. Youngs, C. J. Campling, J. H. Brockbank, Geo. Baxter, J. W. Browne, and others. Bro. W. R. Anthony gave a recitation in his usual style and ability.

We congratulate the lodge and the newly-installed W.M., and trust he may have a very pleasant year of office.

**NORWICH.**—Sincerity Lodge (No. 943).—The installation meeting of this influential lodge was held at the Masonic Club, 47, St. Giles-street, on Tuesday, the 26th ult., which proved to be a great success. The lodge was opened, and among those present being Bros. W. H. Moss, W.M.; W. P. Spowart, W.M. elect; John Francis, Robert Gunn, P.M., P.G. Tyler; Owen Fiske, George Brittain, P.M., P.P.G.O.; G. W. G. Barnard, P.M., P.P.G.R.; Charles Thorn, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. C. Chittock, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; E. Baldwin, P.M.; H. W. Stacey, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; R. E. Thoms, P.M.; T. W. Muskett, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; E. Orams, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; R. J. Mills, P.M.; Frank Healey, J. A. Mills, H. J. Mills, F. H. Gooding, George Arthur Fuller, George May, H. Hooper, Lombe E. Hotblack, R. Bullen, W. F. Stockings, F. A. Hotblack, W. F. Ransome, F. M. Hotblack, and Joshua Morse, Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. A. H. Santy, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; S. M. Mills, 52; Henry Thouless, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; R. F. Ladell, P.M.; Charles Cunnell, W.M.; Robt. Wilkinson, J. H. Brockbank, and C. F. Bond, 93; J. W. French, 100; J. H. Baxter, 194, 1385; C. W. Bacon, W.M., P.P.G. Stwd.; T. C. R. King, P.M.; Robert Thorns, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Joseph Stanley, P.P.G.A.D.C., of 213; A. J. Belemore, 161, 278; J. W. Browne, W.M.; Thos. Winter, W.M. elect; Geo. Baxter, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Robert Baldry, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., of 807; J. E. Payne, 1306; C. E. Stevens, W.M.; C. J. Campling, 1500; D. G. F. Gaul, P.M.; and H. Milton, 1808; and others.

The lodge being duly opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of installing Bro. W. R. Spowart was then proceeded with, which was most ably performed by Bro. E. Baldwin, Bro. Charles Thorn, as D.C., contributing to the success. The newly-installed Master then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. W. H. Moss, I.P.M.; John Francis, S.W.; G. A. Fuller, J.W.; Edward Orams, Treas.; Robert Gunn, Sec.; H. J. Mills, S.D.; Lombe E. Hotblack, J.D.; Charles Thorn, D.C.; Harry Hooper, I.G.; Geo. Brittain, Org.; and J. Morse, Tyler. Some desultory business then took place. "Hearty good wishes" were given by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed in the usual Masonic way.

The brethren then adjourned to a splendid banquet, excellently served by Bro. Pretty, the Steward of the Masonic Club, at the conclusion of which the usual loyal, Masonic, and general toasts were given and duly acknowledged, the evening being spent in a very pleasant manner. We congratulate Bro. Spowart on his elevation, and trust that he may have a successful year of office.

**PENRYN.**—Three Grand Principles (No. 967).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, 5th ult., at the Masonic Rooms. Present: Bros. P. H. Dawe, W.M.; H. Worsdell, S.W.; H. Lavin, J.W.; T. Gill, P.G.A. Sec., Treas.; J. W. Manger, P.M., Sec.; W. M. Willmott, S.D.; W. J. Terrill, J.D.; E. Martin, D.C.; H. Oliver, I.G.; T. H. Dunstan, Stwd.; T. Casey, Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. H. C. Welch, G. W. Treney, P.P.G.S.B.; J. M. Thomas, P.P.G.O.; T. Gill, P.P.G.D.C., P.A. Sec.; N. Gray, T. Rickard, P.G.S. of Wks.; Bros. R. A. Newcombe, and G. Jenkins. Visitors: Bros. E. D. Anderton, P.G. Sec., 331; G. H. B. Read, P.G.S.B., 75;



S. Tresidder, S.W. 75; G. W. Olver, J.W. 75; J. E. Denton, S.D. 75; J. McCarne, W.M. 75; and W. Edney, 75.

Bro. F. H. Dawe was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. G. W. Trenery. Messrs. Robert J. L. Rowley, Harold C. Sara, and W. P. James were nominated as candidates. The Festival of St. John was also held.

A most enjoyable banquet was afterwards held at Bro. Chapman's, King's Arms Hotel.

**NORTH WOOLWICH.**—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—The election meeting of the above popular lodge took place on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at the Three Crowns Hotel, Bro. A. T. Ives, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. C. Lewis, I.P.M.; B. Brayshaw, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Herts; E. West, P.M., P.P.G.J.D. Herts; C. Jolly, S.W.; J. Paul, J.W.; W. J. Vance, P.M., Treas.; J. Ives, P.M., Sec.; C. Canning, J.D., who acted most efficiently both as J.D. and S.D.; W. J. Henry, Org.; C. J. Jones, I.G.; C. Wood, W.S.; W. Rillatt, J. W. Monk, B. Chatterton, S. Sutcliffe, W. J. Clapperton, C. J. Powling, T. Neasby, T. W. Lack, A. Johnson, J. Glading, J. Delo, A. Knight, J. Gowers, G. Richardson, W. McGuinnis, S. Woodland, H. E. Child, and M. Kaul, all of the lodge. The visitors included Bros. A. Bovey, 387; R. Chalmers, 1289; H. Tufnell, 700; and W. Bidgood, 700.

The work consisted of the initiation, after ballot, of Messrs. W. G. Borrett and C. A. Davidson; the passing of Bros. Chatterton and Johnson, and the raising of Bros. Monk and Naseby, all of which were faultlessly done by the W.M. The election of W.M. for the ensuing twelve months was then proceeded with, and Bro. C. Jolly, S.W., was unanimously elected, the result being received with cheers. Bro. Jolly feelingly returned thanks. Bro. Dr. W. Vance, P.M., was then re-elected Treasurer, and returned thanks; and Bro. Gaskell, P.M., late of 1072, was elected Tyler, vice Page, retired. It was unanimously resolved that a jewel, of the value of ten guineas, should be presented to the W.M. as some recognition of his valuable services to the lodge during his year of office, and he returned thanks. Three Auditors were then appointed, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren then sat down to dinner, and afterwards drank the usual loyal and lodge toasts with much harmony and brotherly love. The installation of Bro. Jolly takes place on the first Tuesday in March.

**YORK.**—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—A very full meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening at the Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviour-gate. In the absence of the W.M., through illness, the chair was taken by Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.M., and there were also present Bros. Sir F. Milner, Bart., I.P.M.; C. G. Padel, P.M.; J. T. Seller, P.M.; G. Balmford, P.M. and Treasurer; William Brown, S.W.; G. Chapman, J.W.; J. Kay, Secretary; S. J. Dalton, S.D.; W. Lackenby, J.D.; W. Stephenson, I.G.; P. Pearson, J. Mennell, W. T. Nance, J. E. Wilkinson, and about 20 other brethren.

A ballot was taken for a candidate, and two accepted candidates were initiated by the acting W.M., the charge being given by the S.W. On the motion of Bro. Dyson, the sum of £25 was voted from the lodge funds to the Proprietary Fund. Bro. Padel, P.M., presented to the lodge library the fifth volume of Gould's "History of Freemasonry," and Bro. Whythead also presented six other Masonic works, and for these votes of thanks were accorded. The name of a candidate was proposed and seconded, and the lodge was closed.

A smoking concert was afterwards held in the smoke room, when songs and recitations were given by Bros. Mennell, Thackray, Sir F. Milner, T. B. Whythead, and others, and a thoroughly friendly evening was enjoyed by the members and their numerous visitors.

**MANCHESTER.**—Avon Lodge (No. 1633).—The installation of Bro. Wm. Craven took place, and the St. John's Festival celebrated, at the Denmark Hotel, Greenhays, on Wednesday, the 27th ult. The name Avon naturally suggests some connection with the immortal Bard, and we opine that, if not already the case, the lodge will sooner or later be looked upon as the Dramatic Lodge of Manchester, as in our experience several well-known members of the profession have been initiated therein, amongst whom were Bros. J. C. Emerson (Curtis), Joseph Bracewell, Tom Squire (one of the two Macs), S. H. Austin Robson (scenic artist), E. J. G. Taylor, and others, and quite recently Bro. George Davies, manager of "In the Ranks" Company, who, by the way, journeyed from "the little village" the same day to take his Second Degree, and returned the same night, being due at the Adelphi 11 o'clock a.m. Thursday morning. Whatever may be the case in the outer world respecting the society of our professional brethren, it is an indisputable fact that their presence in the lodge, and particularly at the social board, gives an additional charm and zest to the proceedings, and when also the fact is recognised that the ritual is ably and distinctly expounded in this lodge by such brethren as Bros. W. Bostock, P.M., and A. B. Whittaker, P.M., nothing but the greatest satisfaction can be felt by all those who visit it. On this particular occasion there were fewer members of the profession present than it has been our custom to see; at the same time, the number of visitors was quite up to the average, and the banquet room, when the brethren had seated themselves at the table, presented a very brilliant appearance.

The lodge having been opened, there were present Bros. A. T. Forrest, W.M.; Wm. Craven, S.W.; W. Lyon, J.W.; A. B. Whittaker, P.M., Treas.; E. G. Simpson, Sec.; W. F. Allitt, S.D.; James Boylan, J.D.; Chas. Swinn, I.G.; Wm. Bostock, P.M., D.C.; Wm. Byway, I.P.M.; Thos. Cavanah, P.M.; G. Macfarlane, P.M.; Wm. Brown, P.M.; S. Ashcroft, G. Vincent, G. Sutherland, J. G. Driver, W. F. Farrington, R. E. Green, Thos. Smethurst, G. Davies, and G. Burrows, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. C. Everatt, I.G. 1009; R. Goddard, S.D. 993; F. Williams, 993; W. D. A. Reeman, J.W. 317; W. Sturm, P.M. 1161; W. L. Norton, P.M. 1161; J. R. Wilson, P.M. 1161; R. Dottie, P.M. 1161; J. D. Calder, P.M. 625; T. Moor, Org. 993; J. Cliffe, W.M. 204; T. Broadbent, 204 and 645; W. H. Hacking, P.M. 1213 and 1814; J. Dawber, 999; Packman, 191; A. L. Pearce, W.M. 1357; J. Roberts, P.P.G.A.D.C., 204; R. Lussey, 1730; W. A. Husband, 1633; T. J. Hooper, P.P.G. Treas., 1009; B. Taylor, 204; T. Utley, 307; Wm. Jaffrey, P.P.G.

J.D., 152; Joseph Hill, P.M. 1403 and 204; H. Ison, P.M. 1140; and R. P. Lisenden, W.M. 317.

After the minutes of the last regular meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. George Davies was passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., Bro. A. T. Forrest. The installation ceremony was next proceeded with, and, according to previous arrangement, our well-known Bro. Wm. Bostock, P.M., occupied his old post as Installing Master, and, with his customary care and ability, assisted by the P.M.'s, installed Bro. Wm. Craven into the chair of K.S., after which the new W.M. was proclaimed to, and saluted by, the M.M.'s on their re-entrance to the lodge. The W.M. next appointed his officers, and they were invested by Bro. A. B. Whittaker, P.M., as follows: Bros. E. G. Simpson, S.W.; W. T. Allitt, J.W.; A. B. Whittaker, P.M., Treas.; W. Brown, P.M., Sec.; J. Boylan, S.D.; C. Swinn, J.D.; W. Bostock, P.M., D.C.; W. T. Farrington, I.G.; J. Driver and Jaeggli, Stwds.; and Geo. Burrows, Tyler. The address to the W.M. was delivered by Bro. T. Cavanah, P.M., to the Wardens by Bro. G. Macfarlane, P.M., and to the brethren by Bro. W. Bostock, P.M., who declared the ceremony over.

Prior to the lodge closing, the sum of five guineas was voted to the East Lancashire Systematic Institution, and, there being no further business, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the numerous visitors, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren afterwards celebrated the Festival of St. John, and here we pause to remark that since the accession of Mr. Alexander Fulton (we should like to have written Bro. Fulton), the hotel has undergone a complete transformation. Every room is beautifully furnished, and the greatest pains are taken by the worthy host and his charitable sister to ensure comfort and enjoyment to their customers. There are many who can recall the dissatisfaction often expressed at the bad, not to say the slovenly, catering of the former management, but now, as Mr. Fulton would say, "nous avons changé tout cela," and I, and those about me, do our best to make every one comfortable.

When the banquet was over, the Worshipful Master proposed the preliminary loyal toasts, which were duly honoured.

Bro. Thomas Cavanah, P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said it would be both invidious and superfluous for him to make a long speech in favour of Bro. Craven. He (Bro. Cavanah) thought a great deal of their W.M., who was at once lighthearted and kindhearted, and had always met them in that truly Masonic spirit that should at all times characterise Masons. In conclusion, Bro. Cavanah said he felt sure the lodge would never regret electing Bro. Craven to the chair, and that he would leave it as pure and unsullied as he had found it.

The toast was received with every manifestation of pleasure by the brethren, after which Bro. Smith sang "Here's to his Health."

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said he was much obliged to Bro. Cavanah for his kind remarks, which, however, he (the W.M.) did not consider he was worthy of. He would simply content himself with the idea that the brethren must have been satisfied with his working and his conduct, or they would never have elected him to the honorable and proud position he now occupied, as no unworthy brother ought to be placed in that position. He assured them he had Freemasonry at heart, and although every W.M. could not be the brightest of lights, still he hoped the brethren would look upon his shortcomings with a charitable and Masonic spirit; and he trusted he should fulfil his duties creditably to the lodge and satisfactorily to himself.

Bro. Macfarlane, P.M., proposed "The Visiting Brethren," and said he was very pleased to see so many old and welcome faces amongst them that day, to whom they extended the right hand of fellowship, and gave them as hearty a welcome as it was possible to give.

Bros. A. H. Jefferis, W.M. 1161, and R. R. Lisenden, 317, responded.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of Bro. A. T. Forrest, I.P.M.," remarked that he felt very pleased in so doing, inasmuch as the I.P.M. and himself had been very happy together, and had worked harmoniously during the past year. Bro. Forrest's working had been most efficient, and few could excel the manner in which he had performed the various duties that had devolved upon him. It was these reasons which created the extreme pleasure which he (the W.M.) felt in proposing the health of their I.P.M., and he also felt additional pleasure in presenting him, on behalf of the members, with a very handsome P.M.'s gold jewel, trusting the G.A.O.T.U. would long spare him to wear it amongst them.

The health of Bro. Forrest was heartily drunk, after which he returned thanks for the jewel in suitable terms.

Bro. Simpson, S.W., proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," and coupled with it the name of Bro. A. B. Whittaker, P.M., who had been Treasurer to the lodge for three years, and was now entering the fourth year of office.

Bro. Wm. Bostock, P.M., here stepped forward, and, after dilating upon the many excellent qualities of Bro. Whittaker, his ability in performing the various ceremonies, the care and correctness with which he had fulfilled the duties of his office of Treasurer, said that a few of the members, to mark their appreciation of his conduct and zeal for the welfare of the lodge, had subscribed towards purchasing a jewel, which he (Bro. Bostock) had the greatest possible pleasure in presenting him with, trusting he might live many years to wear it amongst them.

The jewel, which was most elegant in design, having a pair of keys crossed suspended from a square and problem, was specially manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester, who also supplied the P.M.'s jewel presented to Bro. Forrest.

Bro. Whittaker, who was quite overcome by this unexpected token of the brethren's esteem, replied in suitable terms.

Several other toasts were proposed, and songs were sung by Bros. Frank Hollins, J. D. Smith, S. Jupp, Owles, and others.

**HAMPTON WICK.**—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—This lodge met at the Rose and Crown Hotel on the 8th inst. Among those present were Bros. Pillar, W.M.; Walls, S.W.; Chandler, J.W.; the Rev. C. D'Crespigny, P.P.G. Chap., Treasurer; Ockenden, P.P.G.D., Secretary; Jobbins, S.D.; H. T. Smith, Sapsworth, Gerhold, Dare, Peat, J. Smith, Masters, Bonell, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the bye-laws were read, and the Audit Committee appointed to meet on the 5th prox. The election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler resulted in favour of Bros. Chandler, D'Crespigny, and Gilbert, respectively. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. A few toasts followed.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Antient Briton Lodge (No. 1675).—At the meeting, on Tuesday evening, the 26th ult., a presentation was made by the W.M., Bro. Walker, on behalf of the members, to Bro. Bottomley, P.M., Treas., who has acted for many years as Preceptor at the lodge rehearsals.

After the regular business, the W.M., in proposing "The Health of Bro. Bottomley," referred to the valuable services rendered to the officers by the assistance of Bro. Bottomley for several years. He had much pleasure in asking Mrs. Bottomley's acceptance of a silver tea and coffee service, and to request Bro. Bottomley to carry them to Mrs. Bottomley, with the best wishes of the subscribers, as a token of their esteem and affection for her husband.

Bro. Bottomley suitably responded.

The articles comprising the presentation were a handsome and richly chased silver teapot, coffee pot, cream jug, and sugar basin. The teapot bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Mrs. J. R. Bottomley, in recognition of the valuable assistance rendered by her husband at the Committee and rehearsal meetings of the Antient Briton Lodge, No. 1675. January, 1886."

**SHANKLIN.**—Chine Lodge (No. 1884).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 28th ult. It was one of the largest gatherings ever seen at an installation in the island. Bro. F. Newman, P.M., the Installing Master, giving it his opinion that there were more Past Masters present when Bro. Alfred Greenham was installed than he ever saw in the Isle of Wight at an installation. The following officers and members of the lodge were present: Bros. John Bailey, W.M.; Francis Cooper, I.P.M.; Alfred Greenham, S.W.; William Judd, J.W.; Charles Scott, Sec.; F. Rayner, S.D.; Charles Henry Moorman, J.D.; George Humby, D.C.; J. W. Cantlow, I.G.; Wm. J. Mew, Tyler; F. Newman, P.P.G.S.W.; Dr. G. H. R. Dabbs, P.M.; Arthur Holbrook, P.M. 309; Rev. G. Avery, J. B. Middleton, W. Deeks, Lewis Colenutt, W. Thompson, A. H. Brown, W. H. Collings, W. Kinsey, 964; A. F. Swayne, and M. Gregory. Among the visitors were R.W. Bro. Hon. Gen. Somerset Calthorpe, P.G.W. England; Bros. John H. McQueen, W.M. Enoch; H. C. Manners, W.M.; J. W. Faulkner, P.P.G.J.W.; J. C. Ains, P.M., D.C.; J. Leftwich, S.D.; R. Cullingford (and "Ecclestone"), I.G.; and T. M. Taylor, Medina; Robt. Caws, St. John's, Scotland; Charles Inman, P.M. Doyle; J. G. Garnham, W.M.; S. Wheeler, P.G.J.D.; D. S. Pring, P.P.G. D.C.; G. R. King, S.W.; J. H. Wavell, S.D.; and G. A. Brannon, I.G. Albany; Henry Durrant, W.M.; James Lowe, P.M.; Ernest Groves, P.M.; Charles Carter, J.W.; J. Ellery, Org.; W. H. Long, I.G.; and Gurney Davis, East Medina; Mark Linfield, P.M., Treas.; Alfred Scott, P.M.; A. Houston, P.P.G.A.D.C.; Fred. P. Ansle, J.D.; Riddick, and P. Tolman, Yarrowburgh; Captain W. Menzies, R.N., P.M., S.W.; Alfred Dashwood, J.W.; and W. H. Riddett, J.D. Ryde; A. Lee, St. Oswald; F. J. Ash, St. Hubert; R. Kearns, Metropolitan; John Bunt, jun., P.M., Treas.; James Conner, P.M., Sec.; J. B. Boucher, P.M.; H. C. Rembridge, S.D.; G. W. S. Withers, J.D.; and T. E. Porter, Sandown; John Livesay, S.O. Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar; W. D. Fryer, High Peak.

Letters regretting inability to be present were read from Bros. Le Feuvre, D.P.G.M.; Lord John Tylour, W.M. 698; Rev. J. N. Palmer, P.P.G.S.W.; F. White-Popham, Dudley Watkins, Firth, Whateley, Quickfall, Theo. Saunders, George Kenning, P.G.D. Middx.; Salt, and others.

After the transaction of formal business, the W.M. surrendered the chair to Bro. Francis Newman, who, after passing a member of the lodge to the Second Degree, proceeded to install Bro. Greenham as the W.M., carrying out the ceremony in his most impressive style. In investing his officers, the W.M., in a most able manner, gave them the address detailing the whole of their duties.

The following are the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Alfred Greenham, W.M.; John Bailey, I.P.M.; William Judd, S.W.; Frank Rayner, J.W.; Rev. George Avery, Chap.; Francis Cooper, P.M., P.G.S., Treas.; Lewis Colenutt, Sec.; Charles H. Moorman, S.D.; Arthur F. Swayne, J.D.; William Deeks, D. of Cers.; John W. Cantelow, I.G.; John B. Middleton, Org.; Francis Cooper, P.M., S.S.; Wm. Thompson, J.S.; and Wm. J. Mew, Tyler.

The W.M., Bro. A. Greenham, then rose to present Bro. F. Newman, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., as a token of regard and esteem, with a handsome clock in the form of a lighthouse, with an aneroid barometer and two thermometers, revolving. The inscription was: "Presented with the hearty good wishes of the Chine Lodge of Freemasons to Bro. Francis Newman, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., in recognition of his services, and as a token of fraternal regard and esteem." Brethren, I have now to perform a duty at your unanimous request which fills me with pleasure, and which I consider is the greatest honour that has fallen to my lot in life. Even the contemplation of it has been for some time a source of pardonable pride, which all of you have shared with me. The future history of Chine Lodge will ever be associated with the name of Bro. Francis Newman, for before the foundations were laid he had spent many an hour in designing the building of which we are all so justly proud, and which will ever be a memento of his Masonic generosity. Let me direct your attention to the early days of Chine Lodge when it was struggling for existence, for those are the days to my mind which brought out the noblest qualities of Bro. Newman's noble heart. When the aid on which the founders of Chine Lodge relied was withdrawn from them, from circumstances beyond their control, Bro. Newman generously stepped into the breach and has since stood faithfully by Chine Lodge to this day. Brethren, that was a time when the future of this lodge looked gloomy, and required a sacrifice of time and of labour that few other Masons in the Isle of Wight, I venture to assert, would so ungrudgingly have given to us. To initiate, to pass, and to raise 12 candidates into Masonry required a lodge of emergency every two



weeks, yet all through a summer, with a heat that was unprecedented, and in a small room in the High-street, from the time when the sun was at its meridian until sunset, Bro. Newman plodded on with his task with only the new-born zeal for Masonry glimmering in the hearts of the few members of that day as an encouragement in the work. The sum of time and labour occupied in this work, those who are responsible for the active supervision of a profession or business will alone be able to estimate at its full value. It was in these early days of the history of this lodge that Bro. Newman endeared himself to us by his kind and genial manner. Ever remembering that we were new to administrative work, he stimulated us without reproof, and encouraged us by kind words and kinder actions. The admiration of Bro. Newman's qualities has produced an influence that will live on long after I have left this chair; it has filled us all with such a splendid conception of Masonry, that I shall never forget it as long as I live; and in times of depression and Masonic difficulties, it has stood out like a fingerpost and pointed us onwards. I know it is not in my power to-day to give an adequate expression of your feelings, or to convey to him your full appreciation of his great services, among which must be mentioned his occupation of this chair for two years, at a great sacrifice to himself, for it was not in our power to honour him, he honoured us by being our Master, the duties of which office you well know how thoroughly he carried out, guiding with a gentle hand the development of our Masonic ideas. Never in any single instance has his advice been departed from, and that, to me, is a monument of his influence, and conveys far more than can any words of mine. We shall never forget those services, which have been rendered continuously until now, and which bind him to us by a tie I trust no circumstances will ever sunder. We all know he is honoured in the province; you know he is esteemed in the Island; but I know he is beloved in Chine Lodge, and, therefore, the brethren feel to-day the time has come for us to offer him a humble tribute of our esteem and regard. We do not proffer a jewel to-day, his breast already carries one from us, for when it was in our heart to present him with one, Bro. Dr. Dabbs, P.M., on being appealed to for his part, with his usual and characteristic generosity, insisted on defraying the expense, as some recognition and appreciation of the services rendered by Bro. Newman during his year of office, when the services which Bro. Dabbs had covenanted for, unfortunately failed him. As Secretary under him I gained my first insight into Masonry, and was able early to appreciate what it really is; and whatever enthusiasm I have to-day for the Craft, I drew, as it were, from him. I do hope, brethren and members of Chine Lodge, that through such humble instruments as we are will Bro. Newman's influence preserve its continuity, transmitted though it be by feeble mediums, and through successive stages. The ascendancy, which is the fruit of esteem, maintained by Bro. Newman, will ever go hand in hand in my memory with the services he has rendered to us. When I look around and see the universality of Bro. Newman's Masonic self-sacrifices, I dive deep, as it were, into the innermost recesses of Masonry, and I see that rivulet of benevolence, with a spring deep down in a heart, that flows on for the benefit of all Island Masonry, and if a few years back we drew heavily and continually from that spring, I can assure the visiting brethren we never once drew in vain. The splendid example of Bro. Newman has moulded the actions of our lodge, and given it an impetus onward. You old lodges of the Island, especially the old Medina, have a past history to encourage you; a halo of glory sheds its lustre round your old lodge; we have no such ancient or glorious traditions; ours is a future to make; yet, if those who are members to-day, and those who shall follow us, emulate the good example of Bro. Newman, I have no fear for the future of Chine Lodge, and when its annals shall be written in the distant future, I feel assured many brilliant episodes will be recorded. Yet I make bold to predict that, among the Masters who shall fill this chair, none will shine with a brighter Masonic lustre, and no one be more deservedly loved than Bro. Francis Newman.

Bros. John Bailey, I.P.M., and F. Cooper, P.M., bore testimony to the services rendered during their year of office, and how much in various ways Bro. Newman had done for them.

The Senior Warden, Bro. Judd, begged to be allowed to express as one who had served under Bro. Newman as Secretary his high regard for him, and for his unfailing kindness and courtesy always extended to him.

Bro. Newman, who appeared to be deeply moved with the warmth and heartiness exhibited, said he could not find words to adequately express his feelings, or to thank the W.M. and brethren of Chine Lodge for their splendid present. He must compliment them on the success with which they had practised one of the first teachings of Masonry, and must confess that he was taken completely by surprise. He could only say that whatever he had done in the lodge and for the lodge had been an unmitigated pleasure to him, and he should treasure the kind words they had said, and the handsome token of their regard to the last day of his life.

In the evening 55 of the brethren partook of a banquet at Daish's Hotel, served in excellent style by Mrs. Tizard, widow of one of the founders of Chine Lodge. Side tables had to be erected, and many members of the Chine Lodge were then unable to be present.

"The Queen and the Craft" having been duly honoured,

The Worshipful Master proposed "H.R.H. Prince of Wales, K.G., Grand Master of England; the Pro Grand Master, Earl of Carnarvon; and the Deputy Grand Master, Earl of Lathom." He said: Right Worshipful Bro. Gen. Calthorpe and Brethren—In giving this toast, I feel it scarcely necessary to say much, being received as it is always with so much enthusiasm. You all are aware how well the Grand Master of England attends to his duties, and how deep is his interest in Masonry, and the same can be said of the Pro and Deputy Grand Masters, the Earls of Carnarvon and Lathom, and Grand Officers. There is no doubt whatever since the Prince of Wales became Grand Master Freemasonry has made rapid strides in England, and many of the prejudices, which undoubtedly existed, have been removed. More than 20,000 members have enlisted under our banner, and several hundreds of lodges added to the roll. Brethren, I have on this occasion the honour to couple with that toast the name of the R.W. Bro. the Hon. Gen. Somerset Calthorpe, P.G. Warden of England. I feel sure every member of Chine Lodge is deeply sensible of having so distinguished a visitor here to-day.

Brethren, there are times in one's life, there are positions one is placed in, which render it difficult, and even impossible, to express all you would desire; such a position am I placed in now; but if my words are few, they shall be sincere. If I am spared to the aftertime of life to look back upon my installation, there will be many pleasing incidents I shall remember; but my proudest recollection which I shall love to recall will be that I had a Past Grand Warden of England to witness it.

The toast was received with loud applause. In the course of his reply to the toast, Gen. Calthorpe spoke in high praise of the lodge building, which he said was one of the most conveniently constructed and arranged he had ever inspected, and the skill and generosity Bro. Newman had evinced in its erection were most commendable. It has given me much pleasure to be present at your installation, Worshipful Sir, which has been so impressively performed by Bro. Newman, and to witness the admirable way in which you carried out your duties, not only in investing your officers, but the eloquent manner in which the presentation to Bro. Newman was given. It is my first visit to the Chine Lodge, which I shall always remember, and I congratulate the members in having so many visitors present to-day at the installation, and on the success which has attended their efforts.

Bro. Holbrook appropriately introduced "The R.W. the P.G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.; the W.D.P.G.M., Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre; and the Officers and Past Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge."

Song—Bro. McQueen—"The Flying Dutchman."

Bros. Faulkner, Newman, and Cooper each made an appropriate reply.

Bro. Dr. Dabbs said that, as the first W.M. of the Chine Lodge, he had been allowed the privilege of proposing "The Health of their Newly-installed Worshipful Master." In a humorous speech he somewhat depreciated the services he had himself rendered to the lodge, and said that, from his knowledge of Bro. Greenham, he was sure the duties of the office would be performed even in a more thorough manner than heretofore. In looking through Shanklin he could see no one who was so fit for the position as the subject of their toast, whom he thought they might well call their "grand young man."

The W.M., Bro. Alfred Greenham, then rose, and said, Brethren, I thank you very sincerely for the kind appreciation bestowed upon this toast and to our P.M., Dr. Dabbs, for the flattering terms in which he proposed it. As I listened to his speech I could not but feel that I hoped I deserved all he said. Perhaps I might say, from a Masonic point of view, no one has been brought more into contact with him than I have. I can assure the brethren that the services rendered by him are not only of substantial value, but unique in character. I have often trespassed on him for all sorts of Masonic services, and I have always had them cheerfully granted. To one who has earned for himself a name in the paths of literature and science an universal, and welcome reception, wherever the offspring of his brilliant and fertile imagination is read, must be to the members of Chine Lodge a proud fact to remember he was our first Master, and brethren, if the reduction of our debt is to be attempted this year, as I hope it will be, it is to him that I should look to lead projects, which, with his co-operation, are sure to be successful. You all know my interest in Chine Lodge is very deep, and that I am for using the splendid advantages which this lodge possesses in having a P.M. who has been not only willing to help us in the past, but to help us now in the immediate future, and as my year of office is a part of that future you may rest assured brethren I shall not forget that Bro. Dr. Dabbs is a member of Chine Lodge. I feel to-day that you have conferred a great honour on me, and a great responsibility, which I trust I may fill to the satisfaction of the brethren and to the advantage of the lodge. As each W.M. passes the chair a higher standard of diversified excellence is before him, which will make it difficult to equal and scarcely possible to surpass; yet, if I can but reflect with a subdued light a little of their radiance it is as much as I can reasonably hope for, if not as much as I could wish. I shall endeavour to rule the lodge with persuasive firmness, and I hope that whatever I do the brethren will at least consider that I honestly think it is for the lodge's welfare. The past year, under Bro. Bailey, has been very successful, and we have all felt proud to contribute to that success, which I trust will still go on during my year of office, and the debt still go downwards. Let us all be animated with one spirit; let unity be our motto; let the difficulties we have to surmount this year be the summits of triumph from which we look down on them next year.

Bro. Judd proposed "The Health of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. John Bailey," referring to the great amount of time he had devoted to the duties of his office, and to the progress the lodge had made under his vigorous sway.

Song—Bro. Kearns—"A fig for to-morrow."

Bro. Bailey appropriately expressed his thanks, and said he was glad to be able to leave the chair with the lodge in so prosperous a condition, and to have had the pleasure of reducing the debt by £100 during his year of office.

Recitation—Bro. Dr. Dabbs—"What Rubenstein did with the piano" was given in splendid form, and was received with loud applause, the greater number of the brethren not having heard Bro. Dabbs before.

Song—Bro. Ains—"The men of merry England."

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Masonic Charities," suggested that they should adopt the idea of Bro. Menzies, and that whatever sum they obtained that evening should be set aside as the nucleus of a special charitable fund of the lodge. He concluded by an expression of thanks to Messrs. Fardell and Dashwood and Bro. Raynes for their generous action in connection with the mortgage on the lodge.

[The collection realised £3 7s. 9d., which included £1 1s. forwarded by Bro. Salt.]

Bro. Menzies replied to the toast, and explained his views on Charity questions at some length. He concluded with an expression of dissatisfaction with the treatment of local cases by the Provincial Charity Committee.

Recitation—given by Bro. Inman—"Daniel W. Dish-clout," which provoked much laughter.

"The Visitors," who were cordially welcomed by Bro. Newman, was the next toast, which was responded to by Bro. John McQueen, Enoch Lodge, who generously promised to start the new Charity Fund of Chine Lodge with a contribution of 10 guineas.

Replies were also given by Bros. Ains, Medina Lodge;

Inman, Doyle's Lodge; Brannon, Albany Lodge; Lowe, E. Medina Lodge; Linfield, Yarborough Lodge; Dashwood, Ryde Lodge; Connor, Sandown Lodge; Caws, St. John Lodge (S.C.); and Kearns, Metropolitan Lodge.

Song—Bro. Riddick—"The Midshipmite."

Bro. F. Rayner, J.W., said: a very pleasing duty devolves on me in having the next and important toast to propose, and which you, Worshipful Sir, have, in the exercise of your discretion, intrusted to me. The pleasure I feel is greatly enhanced as it refers to a brother whom, I feel assured, is held in the highest possible esteem and regard by every one present, and I am confident it will meet with a hearty and cordial reception at your hands. All who were present in the lodge that afternoon must have been deeply impressed with the sublime and perfect rendering of the installation ceremony by Bro. F. Newman. It is not the first time Bro. Newman has been the Installing Master in the Chine Lodge, but I am certain he felt it an especial pleasure and privilege in installing into the Worshipful Master's chair one for whom he entertained the greatest personal esteem and fraternal regard. At all times it is a pleasure and a treat to listen to Bro. Newman, in whatever ceremony he is engaged in, but that day he greatly excelled himself, leaving nothing wanting to make it as near perfection as possible, and proving himself the master hand. The many and valuable services he had rendered to their lodge met with a recognition that afternoon in the presentation so eloquently made by our Worshipful Master, but the intrinsic value of the present is small compared to the sacrifices Bro. Newman has so generously made to serve the interests of the Chine Lodge, but I am sure he accepts it as a token of sincere regard and esteem. Our Worshipful Master will relieve him of many of the duties he has hitherto so willingly and cheerfully performed, but I believe, Worshipful Sir, it is your ambition to add a Royal Arch chapter to the lodge, and in doing that we should have to seek the guidance of Bro. Newman, and hope to receive his valuable assistance in that for many years to come. Brethren, I feel we can only regard Bro. Newman in the past as having been our "guiding star;" so shall we have in our present Worshipful Master a bright and shining light, and I look forward with pleasurable anticipation to a happy and prosperous future. I submit to you the toast of "The Installing Master, Bro. Francis Newman, P.M., P.P.G.S.W."

Recitation by Bro. Dabbs, "The Revenge." The W.M. begged Bro. Dabbs to give this, as his last was so well received. This stirring ballad was listened to with rapt attention by the brethren.

When Bro. Newman rose to respond, he said I endeavoured to make up a few remarks in the interval, but I found myself compelled to listen to the splendid recitation given by our Bro. Dr. Dabbs, which riveted my attention, preventing me from preparing one single sentence. I cannot however but thank Bro. Rayner for his kind remarks on myself, and for the way in which he spoke of my services to Chine Lodge, which has always been a pleasure to me, and I hope I shall always remain a member of the lodge, which has more than appreciated whatever I have done for it, I shall always remember this day, not only for the presentation, which I am unable adequately to express my thanks for, but it marks the 30th anniversary of my connection with Masonry.

The R.W. Bro. the Hon. Gen. Somerset Calthorpe said he had been asked by the W.M. to propose the next toast, that of "The Past Masters of Chine Lodge," and he had great pleasure in giving effect to the kind wish expressed by him, because he wished to say how glad he was that his first acquaintance with their first Worshipful Master, Bro. Dr. Dabbs, had been at a Masonic gathering like this. He had often heard of Bro. Dr. Dabbs, but had never before had an opportunity of meeting him, and he could only compliment the lodge on having had as a P.M. one whose geniality and urbanity it was impossible to resist, and the contagion of one whose gaiety led him to almost wish he might have the privilege of being ill, to be cured by their worthy brother. Addressing the W.M., he said, while, sir, I do not think from the excellent way you carried out your duties to-day, that you will require much assistance, yet there may be times when you may desire such. I feel assured in such Past Masters as you have, all advice and help will be readily and cheerfully given to meet any emergency that may arise during your year of office. From the candidates proposed to-day I feel certain it will prove to be a successful one, and a lodge which has done so much since its formation deserves success. It has given me much pleasure to be present to-day, and I shall remember my visit to Chine Lodge.

Bro. Dr. Dabbs replied, and alluded to the old and early struggles and doubts of the first founders in their endeavour to open a Masonic lodge at Shanklin. He spoke most gratefully of all help accorded them in the past, and agreed with a previous remark of the W.M. as to the desirability of clearing off their debt, as a private debt could be no more real benefit than the National Debt or—for the matter of that—any other debt. He hoped that a repetition of a theatrical performance given last summer would soon add to their exchequer a fresh accession of surplus, however small, in the same direction.

Bro. Inman, P.M., said the W.M. had entrusted the gavel to him to propose the next toast, "The Officers of Chine Lodge." He remarked that however perfect the W.M. might be, without the cordial co-operation and assistance of his officers, the duties of the lodge could not be carried out in an efficient and satisfactory manner. In the selection the W.M. had made he was sure he would receive a ready and willing support from all his officers.

Bro. W. Judd, S.W., said there is no doubt whatever that Chine Lodge is making rapid strides. The past year has been very successful, not only in having new members, but the debt has been reduced £100, and he quite believed the W.M. would endeavour to still further reduce it. He had reluctantly taken Senior Warden's office, but having done so, he hoped to come from Manchester four or five times during the year, and assist them all he could. He had the interest of Chine Lodge at heart, and he was proud to see so many, and so distinguished visitors amongst them to-day, and he hoped they were as pleased with their visit as Chine Lodge was proud to see and welcome them.

Bro. F. Rayner, J.W., said I thank you very much for the kind words you have spoken in proposing the toast of the officers, and you, worshipful sir and brethren, for the cordial reception you have given it. It is a great pleasure to me in being placed in the important position I occupy to-day. I feel it a high honour to be the second officer of Chine Lodge, and a great privilege of serving in that office, under such a

genuine and good Mason as our W.M., and one for whom I entertain the greatest personal esteem and fraternal regard. It will afford me great pleasure during the ensuing year to assist you, worshipful sir, to the best of my ability in the good government of the lodge, and in promoting harmony and happiness amongst its members. There are several things of great importance you contemplate doing for to benefit the financial position of the lodge during your year of office, in all, you will find me a ready and willing supporter. The one great thing on which you, worshipful sir, have set your heart will, I feel assured, if brought to a successful issue during the coming season, mark this as one of the most eventful years in the history of Chine Lodge, will redound to your credit, shed fresh lustre on the lodge, and bring us higher honours and increased prosperity.

Bro. Swayne, J.D., said: Worshipful Master and brethren, as the junior officer of the lodge I feel that I have very little to say and much to learn, but I will take this opportunity to thank the W.M. for the very able and impressive manner in which he told us all our duties, and for my own part (and I think I may include my brother officers), I hope he will be strict with us and see that we carry out these duties to the letter, as I feel that the prosperity and good name of this lodge depends mainly on the smartness and integrity of its officers. I thank you for the kind way in which my name has been coupled with the toast, and I trust when my year of office has expired you will say I have done my duty, at any rate I shall try to do so, as I hope to see Chine Lodge, No. 1884, second to none in Hampshire for proficiency.

We will add that the menu showed excellent taste on the part of the purveyor. It was a solid and substantial, as well as a recherché, banquet, and the lodge bore grateful testimony to the efforts of the hostess—who, by the way is the widow of a founder of the lodge—for their comfort. There were also on the table in the course of the evening four double Magnums of Moigneaux's Père et Fils 1880 Champagne—a novelty not often seen at the banquet table.

## INSTRUCTION.

**DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).**—The weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Tuesday, the 2nd inst. There were present Bros. T. Brady, W.M.; Bannister, S.W.; Hosc, J.W.; R. Rowlands, S.D.; Tull, J.D.; Buckridge, I.G.; Walden, Sec.; J. Hill, Preceptor; G. Stokes, J. D. Smith, E. M. Gibson, Eldmans, and others.

The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. E. M. Gibson being the candidate. Bro. R. Rowlands gave the charge, and assisted the Preceptor to work the 4th Section of the First Lecture. The Audit Committee having audited the accounts, they reported that there was a good balance to forward for the ensuing year. Thus the lodge is now clear of debt, and in a flourishing condition. The lodge being in the First Degree, Bro. Bannister was proposed as W.M. for the ensuing week, the work being the Second ceremony, tracing board, charge, and 3rd and 4th Sections of the Second Lecture. Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**FRIARS LODGE (No. 1349).**—The annual banquet of this lodge took place at the Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, E., on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., and was attended by a goodly number of the brethren, under the Mastership of Bro. W. Musto, P.M., with Bros. Vinnicombe and Wagstaff as Senior and Junior Wardens respectively. After ample justice had been done to the good things provided in Bro. Pavitt's usual excellent style, the W.M. proposed the usual Masonic toasts, which were responded to with zeal, after which Bro. Pavitt, in a most telling and effective speech, proposed the toast of "The W.M.," at the same time presenting him with a handsome silver frame cruet, which had been subscribed for by the brethren, for the efficient and valuable services which the W.M. as Preceptor of the lodge of instruction had rendered almost since its formation. Bro. Musto, in acknowledging the kindness shown him, said he could hardly find words with which to express his feelings, he felt so overcome at the honour conferred on him. He would ever look upon it with pride, and when the Great Master saw fit to remove him from among them, it would be handed down as an heirloom, and an incentive to children to follow in those good steps which the Craft had taught them. The rest of the evening was spent in harmony.

Among those present were Bros. Winterton, Hon. Sec.; McGeorge, Byford, Norman, Vinnicombe, Crampthorn, Berry, Musto, jun., Hammond, Wagstaff, Burstow, Lee, Sutton, Bennett, Wehausen, Keable, Adamson, Ansley, Dan, Drew, Kidd, Taylor, Riches, Woods, Pavitt, Carter, Levy, and others. The cruet-stand bore the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. Musto, P.M., by the members of the Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349, as a token of their esteem and appreciation of his valued services as Preceptor. 2nd February, 1886."

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent-Garden, W.C., on the 4th inst., when there were present Bros. H. G. Marsden, W.M.; W. Fowles, S.W.; D. Stroud, J.W.; H. Isaacs, S.D.; R. J. Harnell, J.D.; B. Solomon, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Secretary and Treasurer; A. Clark, P.M.; J. B. Cumming, E. L. P. Valeriane, Frank Gulliford, C. Grassi, L. Cohen, R. Hunt, C. H. McQueen, B. Holyman, W. M. Meggitt, Woodward, and T. E. Weeks.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Bro. Cohen having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony. Bro. Frank Gulliford offering himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, the usual questions leading to that Degree were put, well answered, and Bro. Frank Gulliford retired. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 1st Section of the Second Lecture. Lodge closed in the Second Degree. On rising for the first time, the following brethren were unanimously elected joining members of this lodge of instruction: Bro. R. Hunt, 11, proposed by Bro. H. G. Marsden, W.M., seconded by Bro. D. Stroud; Bros. C. H. McQueen, 11, H. Isaacs, 1349, and L. Cohen 1614, proposed by Bro. G. Reynolds, Secretary, seconded by Bro. Frank Gulliford; and Bro. B. Holyman, proposed by Bro. H. G. Marsden, seconded by Bro. D. Stroud. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. W. Fowles be W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W. The W.M. was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

A meeting of the Charitable Association, in connection with the lodge of instruction, then took place. Bro. W. Fowles having been elected President, and Bros. A. Clark, P.M., and R. J. Harnell, tellers, ballots were taken for six Life Subscriptions of £5 5s. each, to either of the Royal Masonic Institutions, which were declared to be in favour of Bros. W. Roats, H. W. Kedgley, S. Jacobs, G. Reynolds, G. Coleman, and H. Robinson. A vote of thanks to Bro. W. Fowles, the President, closed the meeting.

**UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1780).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 4th inst., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Hume, W.M.; Gilbert, S.W.; Hayes, J.W.; Boulton, P.M. Preceptor; Gibson, Treas.; Coughlan, Sec.; Harvey, S.D.; Mann, J.D.; Musson, I.G.; Green, jun., Coleman, Taylor, Hawksford, Mason, Stevenson, Cope, Atkinson, Vogt, Clarkson, Nice, and Brindley, P.M.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last

meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Gibson being the candidate. Bro. Taylor, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The W.M. vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. Gibson, who opened the lodge in the Second Degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Taylor being the candidate. Bro. Gibson vacated the chair, which was taken by the W.M., who resumed the lodge to the First Degree. The Preceptor, assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st Section of this lecture. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bros. Adams, 181, Vogt, 144, and Atkinson, 144, were unanimously elected joining members. These brethren having replied, Bro. Gilbert was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

A meeting of the Charitable Association was afterwards held, and proved favourable to Bro. Gilbert.

**PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida-hill. Present: Bros. H. W. Davie, W.M.; C. R. Wickens, S.W.; S. J. Humphress, J.W.; F. G. Baker, Treas. and Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; H. Conolly, S.D.; A. E. Hubert, J.D.; J. W. Stratton, I.G.; C. Stallibrain, Stwd.; W. Williams, P.M.; C. Hunt, P.M.; James Stephens, C. Coleman, C. J. Biorn, A. Barroddell, C. J. Grove, and L. M. Green.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Biorn was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Biorn candidate. Bro. Biorn answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was duly entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Biorn candidate. The 2nd Section of this lecture was worked by Bro. Baker, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Grove, Barroddell, and Green were elected joining members. Bro. Wickens was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

## Royal Arch.

**KENNINGTON CHAPTER (No. 1381).**—This prosperous chapter met at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 4th inst. Among those present were Comps. H. Köhler, M.E.Z.; Appleton, H.; T. C. Walls, P.G. Prin. Soj. Middx., acting J.; Webb, I.P.Z.; H. Higgins, S.E.; H. J. Lardner, S.N.; Gardner, P.S.; G. Everett, P.Z.; Treas.; Cruse, 1st Asst.; Dowling, 2nd Asst.; Salter, Sims, Saunders, and others. The visitors were Comps. Wesley, 186; Walden, 842; Grianzeroli, 862; and the Rev. R. Hill, 862.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Comp. W. Wesley, 2nd Asst. Soj. 186, as a joining member, which proved to be unanimous. The ballot was then taken on behalf of Bro. S. Hewitt, 1614, and, it proving to be unanimous, he was ably exalted into the R.A. Degree by Comp. Webb in a manner that left but little to be desired. The election of Principals and officers for the year ensuing then took place, with the following result: Comps. Appleton, M.E.Z.; Ayling, H.; Lardner, J.; H. Higgins, S.E.; Gardner, S.N.; Cruse, P.S.; G. Everett, Treas.; and Reinardt, Janitor. The Audit Committee having been appointed, a vote of sympathy was passed to Ex. Comp. W. Mann, P.Z., who is seriously ill, and a Past Principal's jewel voted to the M.E.Z.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet. The usual toasts followed, and a most agreeable evening was spent, under the genial presidency of the M.E.Z.

**WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Chapter (No. 13).**—The installation meeting of the above ancient chapter took place on the 27th ult., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, and was well attended. The chapter was opened by Comp. J. Wilkins, M.E.Z., and after the minutes and cash account had been confirmed, M.E. Comp. A. Penfold, P.Z. 913, P.P.G. 2nd A.S. Kent, assumed the chair of Z. as Installing Officer, and in due succession the M.E.Z. elect, Comp. G. Kennedy, was installed in the chair of Z.; T. Ovenden, H.; and G. Spinks, J. Comps. E. West, P.Z., was invested as Treas.; W. Rickey, as S.N.; R. Gooding, as S.E.; A. C. Woodley, P.S.; R. J. Warren, 1st A.S.; and G. King, 2nd A.S. A handsome P.P.'s jewel was then presented to Comp. Wilkins, and a vote of thanks to Comp. Penfold was ordered to be inscribed on the minutes of the chapter.

These companions having severally returned thanks, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to Comp. De Gray's Hotel, the Freemason, Dockyard Station, where a sumptuously served banquet awaited them, and to which full justice was done.

Among the other companions present were Comp. J. H. Gamble, P.Z.; J. Scott-Mutch, P.Z.; C. Wood, C. A. Canning, R. Hodgkinson, and J. Robinson, all of the chapter. The visitors included Comps. Coupland, P.Z. 913, P.P.G. J. Kent; F. A. White, P.Z. 907; H. Mason, P.Z. 913; R. Edmonds, Z. 913; J. Aillud, 829; R. Cowell, 192; A. Willmott, 552; G. Frost, 913; J. Hooton, 913; and C. Jolly, 913. The usual loyal and Royal Arch Chapter toasts having been duly honoured, M.E. Comp. Wilkins proposed the toast of "The M.E.Z.," and in so doing said the name of Geo. Kennedy was proverbial for good Masonry. Comp. Kennedy had served the chapter for many years with zeal and fidelity as S.E., but his ambition led him onward, and now they were all delighted to see him in the chair of First Principal of the lodge. As he (Bro. Wilkins) now saw something in the eye of Comp. Coupland that told him that he (Comp. Coupland) knew more, and would tell them more of Comp. Kennedy presently, he would conclude by asking them to drink the toast with a good fire.

The M.E.Z., in response, assured them that he appreciated their encomiums, and when he thought that he was one of the oldest members of the chapter, he congratulated himself on the tenacity with which he had held on to the good old ship for so many years. It was over 20 years ago since he first joined it, and he could fairly say, and those present who knew it could as fairly say, that he had not only been constant in his attachment, but in his attendance during the whole of that time. He assured them that it would be his best endeavour to emulate the work of those gone before him; and among the visitors that night there was one who had held a most important position in the Grand Chapter of Kent, and who could tell them how he had endeavoured to do his duty in the past. He alluded to Comp. Coupland. After complimenting Comps. Penfold, Mason, and Edmonds, upon the splendid working he had seen them do in the Pattison Chapter he assured them that he should try so to work with the same zeal in the Union Waterloo Chapter. He was exalted in the old Adams Chapter, at Sheerness; and now he had arrived at

the height of his ambition, he should leave not a stone unturned to sustain it with credit to himself and honour to the chapter.

"The Past Principals" were then toasted, and

Comp. Wilkins said it was the prerogative of the I.P.P. to say the first word in response. He felt it a great honour to be one amongst them, and could only thank them for the appreciation in which they held his services, humble as they were.

Comp. Gamble said it was with profound gratitude that he returned thanks for the toast. He complimented the M.E.Z. upon the manner in which he had always carried out his duties, and felt sure the prestige of the chapter was safe in his hands.

Comp. West thanked them for the toast, and regretted that some of the Past Principals did not show up. It seemed to him that as soon as they had received the highest honours, they left the chapter to get on as it could. He thought they should stick to it, as he had, and meant to stick.

Comp. Mutch had received the greatest kindness at their hands, and felt that a return was due at the hands of the Past Principals. After paying Comp. Penfold a high compliment, he said he hoped to be able to bring the M.E.Z. one or two good Masons to swell the number of the lodges, and hoped he would have a good and prosperous year of office.

The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of "The Installing Officer." He said it was impossible for any but Past Principals, or those in the first chair of a chapter to know, or appreciate the valuable services Comp. Penfold had rendered the chapter that day. That was not the first, or even the second occasion upon which he had done splendid service for the chapter, by installing its Principals, as also in many other ways. He asked them to drink the toast with all enthusiasm.

Comp. Penfold, who was received with cheers, said he hardly knew how sufficiently to thank them. Comp. Mutch had by his remarks made him feel rather warm, but now he had been toasted to such a degree, that he felt he was "done brown" right through. He was always pleased to do anything for Masonry in any lodge, or any chapter with which he was connected, or in which he felt an interest, but more especially in the Union Waterloo, because it was his mother chapter, and consequently had special claims on him, and he on the chapter. He was one of the founders of the Pattison Chapter, and he felt that chapter had also claims on him, and had perhaps a little more of his attention, the claims of the two though similar, were not just alike, the one was that of the parent, the other that of the offspring. Years ago, when he was exalted in No. 13 chapter, the names of Cook, Henderson, and Graydon, were familiar names, those worthy companions had all done good service in their time, in ritual, in management, and in installings, they are not with us now, but their names bring back old memories to some of the companions seated at the board. For several years he had had the honour and privilege of installing the Principals in this chapter, and it almost appeared as if by some occult process the mantle of installing officer had descended from those distinguished companions on himself, he hoped he was endued with a portion of their Masonic spirit. On no occasion had he felt greater pleasure, than the present, in placing his esteemed friend, Comp. Kennedy, in the chair of Z. The M.E.Z. had distinguished himself in "another place," he had also made his mark in "another place," it was a labour of love, and he was sure, knowing as they all did the merits and capabilities of their 1st Principal, at the expiration of his year of office they would all say it had not been "love's labour lost." He cordially thanked them for the toast, and resumed his seat amid a round of cheers.

The other toasts were "The Visitors," several of whom responded. "The 2nd and 3rd Principals," "The Officers," and the Janitor's toast.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Comp. De Grey for his excellent catering, and the proceedings which had been most harmonious, terminated.

**LIVERPOOL.—Friendship Chapter (No. 241).**—The annual installation in connection with this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Monday, 25th ult. The retiring M.E.Z., Comp. W. Longbottom, opened the chapter, after which Comp. T. K. Hughes, P.Z., Treas., assisted by Comp. T. Salter, P.P.G.S.N., performed the ceremony of installing Comp. S. Chapman as M.E.Z.; W. Savage, H.; and J. Brotherton, J., in a very effective manner. The other officers appointed were Comps. C. A. Luker, S.E.; Lieut. MacNab, S.N.; R. White, P.S.; G. Hulse and T. Connell, A.S.'s; and P. Bale, Janitor. A valuable P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. W. Longbottom, the retiring M.E.Z., for the very effective manner in which he had performed his duties.

An excellent banquet was supplied by Bro. Casey, the House Steward.

**YORK.—Zetland Chapter (No. 236).**—The annual election meeting of this strong chapter was held in Freemasons' Hall, Duncombe-street, on the 27th ult. Amongst those present were Comps. T. B. Whythead, P.Z., M.E.Z.; M. Rake, H.; J. Sykes Rymer, J.; J. Todd, P.Z., Treas.; E. W. Purnell, as S.E.; H. Foster, S.N.; Geo. Kirby, P.S.; Geo. Simpson, Z. 1611; and about 25 other companions and visitors. Bro. Atkinson, an accepted candidate, was exalted by the M.E.Z., after which the election of officers took place with the following result: Comp. Mark Rooke, M.E.Z.; J. Sykes Rymer, H.; George Kirby, J.; J. Todd, P.Z., Treas.; George Garbutt, S.E.; S. Border, S.N.; and J. Fairburn, P.S.

After the close of the chapter the companions met at supper under the presidency of the M.E.Z., when the usual toast were honoured, "The Health of the Newly Elected Officers" were drank, and some excellent songs were given.

**LIVERPOOL.—Downshire Chapter (No. 594).**—The annual installation in connection with this chapter took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Wednesday, the 27th ult. The retiring M.E.Z., Comp. Morris Davies, opened the chapter, after which Comp. J. L. Houghton, P.Z., Treas., assisted by Comp. J. Hayes, P.Z., performed the ceremony of installing Comps. Thos. Boswell as M.E.Z.; D. W. Cangle, as H.; and W. H. Vevers, as J., in an effective manner. The other officers appointed were Comps. W. Miller, S.E.; R. Shacklady, S.N.; C. J. Sparr, P.S.; and H. F. Neale, A.S.



The companions sat down to an excellent banquet, supplied by Bro. Casey, the House Steward, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

**YORK.—Eboracum Chapter (No. 1611).**—On the 2nd inst. the installation meeting of this chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviour-gate, when the Principals for the year were installed in their chairs, the ceremonies being performed by Comps. T. B. Whytehead, P.Z., Prov. G.H. The following are the present officers: Comps. G. Simpson, P.Z., M.E.Z.; M. Millington, H.; J. Blenkin, J.; J. Kay, S.E.; G. Chapman, S.N.; Rev. R. Blakeney, Treas.; W. Brown, P.S.; T. B. Whytehead, P.Z., D.C.; and P. Pearson, Janitor. There were also present Comps. C. G. Padel, P.Z.; J. T. Seller, P.Z.; and several other members and visitors.

There were three names of candidates on the summons; but none were able to be present, and therefore, after an explanation of the pedestal, &c., by Comp. T. B. Whytehead, and the report of the Auditors, which showed a handsome balance in hand, the chapter was closed, and the members retired to supper, and spent a pleasant evening under the presidency of the M.E.Z.

### Allied Masonic Degrees.

**METROPOLITAN COUNCIL.**—An emergency meeting of this council was held at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, on the 5th inst. Among those present were Bros. Roy, W.M.; T. C. Walls, S.D., acting S.W.; Godson, acting J.W.; Powell, Treas.; C. F. Matier, P.D.G.M., Sec.; Baron de Ferrières, Browne, Kidder, U. Spence, Brittain, and others. A report of the Committee appointed to revise the bye-laws was received and adopted.

A vote of thanks having been passed to them for their services, the council was closed, and the brethren adjourned to dine at the Holborn Restaurant.

### Ancient and Accepted Rite.

**YORK.—Hilda Chapter (No. 23).**—A meeting was held on the 6th inst., when, in the absence of Bro. A. T. B. Turner, M.W.S., through illness, and at the unanimous wish and request of the Ex. and Perfect Princes, Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, and I.G. North-Eastern District, occupied the throne, and opened the chapter, assisted by the officers of the chapter. The minutes of the last chapter were read and confirmed. Bro. Donald Grant was unanimously elected, and, being present, was perfected into this beautiful Christian Degree by Ill. Bro. Chas. Jas. Banister, 33°, in his usual impressive manner, and proclaimed in due form.

This being the installation meeting, the M.W.S. elect, Bro. G. Simpson, was presented by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M.W.S., to Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, who installed him into the chair in due form. Bro. Simpson then appointed the following officers: Bros. M. M. Reynard, High Prelate; W. Brown, 1st Gen.; McClachen, 2nd Gen.; T. B. Whytehead, Treasurer and Recorder; Waddington, G. Marshal; Fraser, Raphael; and Chadwick, C. of G. Letters of apology were read from several brethren for non-attendance. The chapter was visited by Ill. Bro. Voight, 30°, P.M.W.S. of the Talbot Chapter, Sheffield. The third point was given by the M.W.S., Bro. G. Simpson, and the chapter was closed.

Ill. Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, 30°, was unable to stay for supper, which was presided over by the M.W.S., at which there was a fair attendance. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed from the chair, and duly responded to. Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, being an invalid, had to leave very early.

**HULL.—Antient York Chapter of Redemption (No. 68).**—This chapter was opened, in the absence of the M.W.S., Bro. R. Huntley, by Ill. Bro. F. A. Hopwood, 30°, P.M.W.S., assisted by the officers of the chapter. Ill. Bro. Charles James Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, and I.G., North-Eastern District, was received under an arch of steel and saluted in due form.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Three candidates viz., Bros. S. W. Fisher, H. Toozes, and M. P. Hockley, being in attendance, were perfected, the first part by Ill. Bro. W. Reynolds, 32°, P.M.W.S., the second part by Ill. Bro. F. A. Hopwood, 30°, P.M.W.S., and perfected by Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, 33°. The Auditors reported that they had examined the Treasurer's accounts, and found a very satisfactory balance to the credit of the chapter. The M.W.S. elect, Ill. Bro. Col. R. G. Smith, 31°, was presented by Ill. Bro. W. Reynolds, 32°, to Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, who installed him into the chair with his usual care. The M.W.S. appointed the following officers, viz.: Bros. R. Huntley, P.M.W.S.; F. A. Hopwood, High Prelate; W. H. Wellstead, 1st General; J. C. Thompson, 2nd General; M. C. Peck, 30°, P.M.W.S., Treas. and Recorder; M. C. Whiteside, Grand Marshal; Lieut.-Col. H. F. Pudsey, Raphael; W. Reynolds, 32°, P.M.W.S., D. of C.; T. Oates, Org.; R. W. Mo'll, C. of G.; and W. Clayton, Equerry. The chapter was then closed in due form.

The banquet was held in the dining hall, and was served up in excellent style, presided over by the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. Col. R. G. Smith, 31°, having on his right Ill. Bros. C. J. Banister, 33°; W. Reynolds, 32°; and on his left F. A. Hopwood, 30°; G. Wilkinson, 30°; M. C. Peck, 30°; and Bros. Logan, Clarke, Oates, Wellstead, Pudsey, Thompson, Whiteside, and others. After grace the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly and efficiently proposed and responded to, and some most excellent songs rendered, and a most happy and enjoyable evening was spent, which is always the case in this well-worked chapter.

### Turkey.

**CONSTANTINOPLE.—Bulwer Lodge (No. 891).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 12th ult. Present: Bros. B. H. Hanly, P.M., acting W.M.; Blair, P.M., S.W.; Nissen, P.M., J.W.; C. J. Reppen, Treas.; Frederick Jorgensen, P.M., Sec.; M. Polyak, S.D.; Petrocchino, J.D.; Vinnicomb, P.M., D.C.; Atkinson, P.M., I.G.; Gingell, Tyler; Woods, P.M.; Wills, P.M.;

Werndel, Ratcliff, Mooney, Streater, Flam, Maynani, and Wallenberg. Visitors: Bros. Birrulf and Snell.

The W.M. elect, Bro. Admiral H. F. Woods, was installed in the chair of K.S. Bros. Polyak was invested as S.W.; Petrocchino, J.W.; Wallenberg, S.D.; and Werndel, J.D. The Past Master's jewel voted by the lodge to the Secretary, Bro. Jorgensen, was presented to that brother as a token of merit for distinguished work from 1875 to 1886 as W.M., P.M., and Secretary.

### Gibraltar.

#### CONSECRATION OF A NEW MASONIC HALL AT GIBRALTAR.

The consecration of the Masonic Hall in the new Assembly Room Buildings, on the Alameda, was carried out on Saturday, the 30th ult., with the usual imposing ceremonies, and with the very greatest success, the size and beautiful appointments of the magnificent lodge room giving additional lustre to what it is, at all times, a most impressive ceremony. The occasion will long remain a memorable event in the annals of Freemasonry in general, not only on account of its being the first time the brethren have solely possessed suitable premises for their accommodation, but on account of the very large gathering of brethren, and the extreme accuracy and beauty which characterised the different details of the ceremony. The consecrating officer was the District Grand Master, Bro. Sir H. Burford Hancock, who opened D.G. Lodge at 7 o'clock, in the smaller lodge room, being assisted by the Provincial Grand Master, (S.C.), Bro. T. Haynes, the officers of both the Grand Lodges, and representatives also of the Irish Constitution. Bros. Franceri, P.M., and Clemente, P.M., occupied the chairs of the D.G. Wardens. The lodge being adjourned, the rest of the brethren, supplemented by many visitors from Linea, Algeciras, and Tangier, marshalled by Bro. P. Lyons, P.M., D.G.D. of Cers., who was ably assisted by Bro. W. F. Cottrell, P.M. 278, and P.D.G. S.W., marched in imposing procession to the great Hall, where they were ranged in order, being followed by the members of the two Grand Lodges, the procession being closed by the Dist. G.M., the Prov. G.M. (S.C.), attended by their Deputies, Bros. Lieut.-Col. Gilhard and Bryant, preceded by their banners and Sword Bearers, and Bro. G. F. Cornwell, Past Dist. G.M. for Gibraltar. These distinguished brethren having taken their seats on the dais, which was occupied also by the Senior P.M.'s of the three Constitutions, the ceremonies were immediately commenced, Bro. Rev. D. Nickerson officiating as D.G. Chaplain.

The Hall at this moment presented a really magnificent sight, the powerful sunlight in the centre bringing out into strong relief the beautiful decorations of white and gold and the crimson and azure draperies of the seats of the officers, and shedding its brilliant lustre on the large number of brethren of the different Constitutions, with their handsome Masonic clothing of divers colours and jewels, who to the number of nearly 300, stood in serried array, in some places five or six deep, round the Hall, leaving a clear space in the centre for the different pedestals, on which were placed the vessels of gold and silver containing the elements of consecration, covered with fair linen cloths.

The acting D.G. Chaplain, Bro. D. Nickerson, offered up the preliminary prayer, and the D.D.G.M., Bro. Lieut.-Col. G. J. Gilhard, having requested the D.G.M., in the name of the brethren, that the consecration of the building might be proceeded with, Bro. H. Cavana, P.M., member of the Building Sub-Committee, as representing the architect, Bro. C. H. Driver, P.M., delivered up to the D.G.M. the square, level, and plumb rule, with the usual address, after which the lodge rooms and appointments having been reported on by the D.G.S. of W., the dedication was proceeded with, the D.G. Chaplain offering up the first portion of the dedication prayer in the most impressive manner. The "Sanctus" having been sang, a procession was formed by the D.G.D.C., Bro. P. Lyons, and Bro. W. F. Cottrell, P.M., the several lights being borne by P.M.'s Bros. Henry Cunningham and Gomez; and the elements of consecration by Past Masters Bros. J. Holliday, W. Roberts, J. Bryant, Deputy Prov. G.M. (S.C.), and Lieut.-Col. Gilhard, D.D.G.M., the cushion, with Holy Bible, square, and compasses, being carried by Bro. H. Cavana, P.M., the procession being closed by the R.W.D. G.M., Bro. Sir Henry Burford Burford-Hancock, with the R.W. Bro. T. J. Haynes, P.G.M. (S.C.), on his right, and Bro. G. Cornwell, Q.C., P.D.G.M. for Gibraltar, on his left. The several invocations to Freemasonry, to virtue, and to universal benevolence were very impressively given by the Consecrating Officer, and the beautiful accompanying music, admirably performed, added an extra grace to the different points of this part of the ceremony.

The music was under the direction of Bro. J. Sproat, P.M., who had kindly undertaken the difficult task, and the execution of the several odes and Masonic hymns by the carefully trained choir, under his leadership, was excellent in the extreme.

The censer was then taken round the lodge by the D.G. Chaplain, who followed with the second portion of the dedication prayer, and the dedication and consecration of the lodge being declared by the Consecrating Officer in the usual form, a very interesting oration was then delivered by him, and after the circulation of the Charity box, District Grand Lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

At the banquet which followed, to which over 220 brethren sat down, and which was provided bountifully by Bro. W. Lequich of the Royal Hotel, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were received in the most enthusiastic manner, and with the usual Masonic honours, and several able and interesting speeches followed, especially from

Bro. H. Cavana, P.M. 115, who possesses an unusual gift of eloquence. He spoke in Spanish, and rendered a worthy tribute to officers of private lodges, District, Provincial, and Grand Lodges, to His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, tracing in this way the support and encouragement given to Freemasonry by these links from the lowest to the highest.

Bros. Discombe, W.M. 153, and Stevens, W.M. 278, also spoke with great feeling, advocating the constant exercise of Masonic principles in all the details of private life.

Space does not allow us to enlarge on other excellent speeches which were made, but we will add that the D.G.

Master, in proposing "The Health of the Members of the Committee of Arrangement," paid a warm and well deserved tribute to the zealous and energetic way in which they had worked to get the rooms and their beautiful apartments ready for the ceremony, particularly to Bro. W. F. Cottrell, P.M., P.D.G.S.W., who had spared neither time nor labour in the work before him. It was a difficult matter, but his extraordinary energy made light of all obstacles, and was fully appreciated by all the brethren present; also to Bro. Sproat, P.M., for the excellent way in which the music had been performed, and to Bro. P. Lyons, D.G.D.C., for the perfection of his arrangements in the different processions, &c., and for accommodating the large number of brethren in the lodge rooms. We will end by saying advisedly that never before have the Freemasons in Gibraltar witnessed a ceremony so imposing in its details and carried out in a manner so thoroughly complete and satisfactory.

The new lodge rooms just opened occupy the east wing of the Assembly Rooms and Masonic Hall on the Alameda, the whole building being now nearly completed. It has been erected by the firm of Messrs. Lascelles, and Co., Bunhill-row, London, from designs of Bro. C. H. Driver, Victoria-street, Westminster, who, to the general regret, was not able to leave London in time to take his part in the ceremony. The building is admirably adapted for the purposes for which it is required, and will doubtless prove a great benefit to Gibraltar.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday last, Bro. W. Roebuck, P.G. Stwd., Vice-Patron and Trustee, presided as Chairman, and among those present were Bros. C. F. Hogard, L. Ruff, Stephen Richardson, George Cooper, Geo. P. Gillard, Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; G. Haldane, Controller S. G. Bake, J. L. Mather, James Moon, Rev. Richard Morris, M.A., LL.D., F. Adlard, J. G. Stevens, T. Hastings Miller, A. F. Gladwell, T. Cubitt, P.G.P.; Charles Belton, W. Maple, A. F. Godson, Richard Eve, and F. Binckes, P.G. Stwd. (Sec.).

The minutes of the previous Committee having been read and verified, and those of the House Committee and Quarterly Court read for information, the reports of the Audit and Finance Committee were submitted and accepted.

The Committee having approved of one of the boys elected in October last being educated out of the School, and agreed that the usual allowance should be paid on his behalf, took into their consideration the petitions of four boys, whose names were directed to be placed on the list of candidates for the October election.

The proceedings terminated with the customary vote of thanks to the Chairman.

#### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management held their regular meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, Bro. Edgar Bowyer, Trustee and Patron, P.G. Std. Br., occupied the chair, and among those present were Bros. W. J. Murli, C. F. Hogard, S. B. Wilson, J. Newton, G. Bolton, J. Bulmer, W. J. Daniell, Joseph Freeman, C. H. Webb, Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; John E. Dawson, Jas. Willing, jun., and James Terry, Secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Secretary reported the deaths of two male annuitants, and also of one of the female candidates (Mrs. Scott). The Warden's report was read.

The Committee next considered the vacancies to be filled at the election in May next, when it was shown that there were 12 male and six female annuitants available; which, with the three deferred candidates on each fund, would make the numbers to be elected 15 men and nine widows, from approved lists of 58 of the former, and 71 of the latter.

The proofs of the balloting papers having been passed, a vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman, and the Committee rose.

#### NORWICH MASONIC ASSOCIATION, LIMITED.

The sixth annual meeting of this Association was held on Monday, 1st inst., at their rooms, 47, St. Giles-street, Norwich, Bro. E. Orams presiding. This Association, which was incorporated on the 9th June, 1880, has now reached a period of success, which must not only be gratifying to the directors and to the shareholders, but to Masons generally. The Committee report that the revenue account for the past year shows a balance in favour of the Association of £14 10s. 5d., which, considering the large outlay for permanent improvements and necessary repairs made during the year, promises fair to be augmented at the end of next year. There is every accommodation for holding Masonic meetings, and four out of the five lodges are located there; two R.A. chapters, one Mark Mason's lodge, and one Knight Templar's Priory also hold their meetings. In the reception room is a capital billiard table. There is also an excellent card room, and during the past year a bowling-green has been laid down at the back, which will attract brethren in the summer time to spend their time at the Masonic home.

The catering, thanks to the care and attention of Bro. Pretty and his wife, gives every satisfaction. During the past year their excellent Secretary, Bro. H. A. Pepper, was obliged to resign, but his place has been admirably filled by Bro. G. Kersey. The number of shares at £1 each amount to 2241, and those brethren who first started the concern must now be agreeably astonished at its success.

At the meeting the retiring directors and the officers were again unanimously re-elected. We wish the Institution every success.

Bros. the Lord Mayor, Sheriff Clarke, and Alderman De Keyser were among the guests who supported the French Ambassador at the banquet held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on Saturday last, in aid of the French Hospital and Dispensary, Leicester-place. The subscriptions during the evening amounted to £2400.





Bro. Major Hymen Aaron Joseph, C.C. (Burlington Lodge, No. 96), has been unanimously elected Master of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company, for the third year.

The Corporation of the City of London has voted 50 guineas towards the Homes of the Aged Poor.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Carnarvon, with their family, are expected to leave England shortly for their newly-erected residence in Italy.

To-morrow (Saturday) evening, Bro. the Lord Mayor will entertain at dinner at the Mansion House the Duke of Edinburgh, and the Elder Brethren of the Trinity House.

Bro. the Duke of Hamilton presided, and Bro. Lord Ernest Hamilton, M.P., was present at a meeting on the 5th inst., at Hull, of the Irish Loyal and Patriotic Union.

Comps. C. Croydon, A. W. White, and W. Ollis are the recently installed Principals of the Sincerity Chapter, No. 189, Plymouth. The installing officer was Comp. Rae, P. Prov. G.J.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen has kindly accepted the presidency of the Field Lane Refuges, Ragged Schools, &c., &c., Vine-street, Clerkenwell-road, E.C., and Hampstead, N.W.

"The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket Book," now in its sixteenth year of publication, contains a mass of information for Freemasons, especially those travelling.—G. Kenning. 2s.—*Christian World*.

Bro. W. R. Spowart, of Norwich, was on Tuesday, the 26th ult., duly installed as W.M. of the Sincerity Lodge, No. 943, Norwich, upon the retirement of Bro. W. H. Moss, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. E. Baldwin, P.M.

Bro. Thomas Winter was on Thursday, the 28th ult., duly installed as W.M. of the Cabbell Lodge, No. 807, Norwich, upon the retirement of Bro. J. W. Browne, Bros. Browne and Robert Baldry performing the ceremony between them.

The Prince of Wales has presented to the British Museum the six hundred Chinese books which were exhibited at the Exhibition, South Kensington, last year by the Chinese Government. The books are translations of European works.

The Queen has been pleased to confer the distinction of a Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath (Civil Division) upon Bro. Colonel Stanley, late Secretary of State for the Colonies, and Bro. Sir E. B. Malet, our Ambassador at Berlin.

Bro. W. Shone is the present W.M. of the Cestrian Lodge, No. 425, Chester, Bros. C. W. Seller and A. Parkes being his Senior and Junior Wardens respectively. There was a large gathering present at the installation, and a very excellent banquet followed.

The stained glass window placed by Bro. the Duke of Connaught in St. Anne's Church, Bagshot, to the memory of his brother, the late Bro. the Duke of Albany, was formally unveiled on Saturday last, in the presence of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, the Duchess of Albany, Prince Albert Victor of Wales, and other members of the Royal family.

Bro. Richard Poore was installed W.M. of the Brixton Lodge, No. 1949, on the 6th inst., by Bro. Henry Baldwin, P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx., the retiring W.M.—the Installing Master—graciously giving way for the veteran and highly esteemed exponent of Masonic ritual, Bro. Thomas Poore, P.M., father of the newly-installed W.M., who delivered the last three charges in a most impressive and feeling manner.

About 60 brethren were present at the installation meeting of the St. James Lodge, No. 448, Halifax, on Tuesday, the 26th ult., when Bro. J. Taylor Simpson was installed W.M. by Bro. H. S. Holdsworth, P.P.G.D.D.C., assisted by Bro. C. T. Rhodes, P.P.G.P. The retiring W.M., Bro. John Drake, was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel in recognition of his services in the chair.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at the Court of Common Council on the 4th inst., when a considerable amount of business was done. At the instance of Bro. Alderman De Keyser, acting for Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., unavoidably absent, 100 guineas was voted to the Volunteer Forces Benevolent Association. The salary of the City Marshalship, vacant by the death of Bro. Major Campbell, was fixed at £350.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at a meeting of the rate-payers, &c., of London, held at the Mansion House, on Friday, the 5th inst., for the purpose of taking into consideration the proposed improvements at the east-end of St. Paul's Churchyard. In the result it was agreed to form a Committee, with Bro. the Lord Mayor as Chairman, and including among others Bros. G. Shaw, S. Da Costa Andrade, and Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P.

Doric Kilwinning Lodge, No. 68, Port Glasgow, celebrated its 129th anniversary on Friday, the 29th ult. Bro. D. J. Dunlop, R.W.M., presided, and was well supported by his office-bearers and the members, as well as by a numerous gathering of visitors, including a deputation from Cumberland Kilwinning Lodge, No. 217, Port Glasgow, under its R.W.M., Bro. Thomas Duncan; Bro. Alex. Smith, R.W.M., Greenock Kilwinning; Bro. J. Dunlop, R.W.M., Greenock St. John, No. 175; and a deputation from St. Mirrin Lodge, No. 129, Paisley, under Bro. Caldwell, R.W.M.

MORTGAGES.—Messrs. JAMES are in a position to Supply Money to ANY EXTENT on the following Securities:—Landed Estates, Houses, Shops, and Offices, Warehouses and Wharves, Life Interests, &c., Reversions, Borough Rates, &c., at the lowest current rates of interest. Prompt Settlement. 11, Staple Inn, London, W.C.—[ADVT.]

Bro. the Earl and Countess Cowper have arrived in London from West Park, Beds.

Bro. Major-General Sir Charles Warren, G.C. M.G., arrived at Suakin on Monday, and at once set about inspecting the garrison, fortifications, &c.

Bro. Earl Granville, as Secretary of State for the Colonies, received the Agents-General in London for different colonies at the Colonial Office in London.

Bro. C. Jolly, so well known in Masonic circles in the Woolwich District, has been elected W.M. of the Henley Lodge, No. 1472, and will be installed at the next meeting on the 2nd prox.

Bro. the Right Hon. Hugh C. E. Childers was re-elected without opposition, on Tuesday, for South Edinburgh, he having had to vacate his seat on appointment as Home Secretary.

Comps. J. Boswell, M.E.Z., D. Cangle, H., and W. H. Veivers, have been recently installed as the Principals of the Downshire Chapter, No. 594, Liverpool. Comp. Goodacre, P.G. Scribe E., was present among the visitors.

The ninth annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Quebec was arranged to be held on Tuesday, the 26th January last, and the meeting of the Grand Lodge the day following. The two meetings were to take place in Montreal.

Bro. D. J. Dutton, P.P.G.D.C., was installed W.M. of the Royal Lodge of Faith and Friendship, No. 270, Berkeley, at the Berkeley Arms Hotel, on the 25th ult., the ceremony being very ably carried out by Bro. Vassar-Smith.

Bro. C. W. Bacon, P.P.G. Std., was on Tuesday, the 19th ult., duly installed as W.M. of the Perseverance Lodge, No. 213, Norwich, upon the retirement of Bro. W. J. Butler, who ably performed the ceremony. The meeting was a grand success.

Bro. T. G. Williams was installed W.M. of the Lodge Unanimity and Sincerity, No. 261, Crewkerne, by his predecessor in office, Bro. W. Bidgood, at the annual meeting on the 27th ult. The new Wardens are Bros. the Rev. W. Aveling, S.W., and H. Allen, J.W.

There was a numerous gathering of brethren at the annual meeting, at the Farley Hotel, on the 25th ult., of the St. John's Lodge, No. 1247, Plymouth, the chair being occupied by Bro. John Elliott, who was very ably supported by his Wardens, Bros. T. R. Olver and W. H. Hamblyn.

At the recent annual installation meeting of the Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, No. 20, Chatham, Bro. Funnell was duly installed W.M. for the year, and afterwards appointed his officers; Bro. S. Field being the S.W., and Bro. G. Church, J.W. Bros. Eastes, D.P.G.M., and Spencer, P.G. Sec., were among the visitors.

The dinner of St. Mark's Lodge, No. 102, Glasgow, is fixed for Thursday, the 25th inst., when it is expected that Bros. Sheriff Clarke, Captain Allan, and Pearce, M.P., will be present. This lodge has recently remitted £29 11s. 6d. to the Benevolent Fund of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

The Caledonian St. John's Royal Arch Lodge, No. 195, Lennoxtown, N.B., had a grand supper at the Lennox Arms Inn, Lennoxtown, on Monday, the 25th ult., in honour of the anniversary of the late Bro. Robert Burns's birthday. "The Memory of Burns," the toast of the evening, was drunk in solemn silence.

Bro. H. C. Quennell was installed W.M. of the Hope and Unity Lodge, No. 214, Brentwood, on Wednesday, the 27th ult., in the presence of a large gathering of officers, members, and visitors, the ceremony being very impressively carried out by Bro. F. W. Imbert-Terry. The meeting place was the White Hart Hotel, and an excellent banquet, well served by the hostess, Mrs. Mason, followed.

Bro. W. Kuhe, P.G. Organist, having arranged to give two Winter Subscription Concerts, the first was to be held in the Dome, Brighton, on Thursday, the 11th inst., while the second is fixed for Monday, the 1st prox. Bros. Sims Reeves and Santley were engaged for yesterday (Thursday) evening, while Bros. Maybrick, W. G. Cusins, P.G.O., and Kuhe, P.G.O., will take part in the next concert.

Bro. Sir Farrer Herschell took his seat as Lord Chancellor at the brief sitting of the House of Lords on Monday, and Bro. Earl Granville having announced that Her Majesty had been pleased to create his lordship a peer by the style and title of Baron Herschell, of the City of Durham, the noble lord left the House, and re-appearing shortly afterwards in his peer's robes took the oaths and his seat, first on the Barons' bench, and then on the Wool-sack. Their lordships shortly afterwards adjourned.

At the regular meeting on Monday, the 8th inst., of the United Friends Lodge, No. 313, Great Yarmouth, an address, handsomely engraved on vellum, and suitably framed, was presented to Bro. J. C. Smith, P.M., in commemoration of his having celebrated the anniversary of his golden wedding. The address was signed by Bros. H. Harvey-George, W.M.; Walter Brown, I.P.M.; John Hall, S.W.; J. Taylor, J.W.; O. Diver, P.M.; C. Diver, P.M.; T. M. Baker, P.M.; F. Danby-Palmer, P.M.; and E. P. Youell, P.M. Bro. Smith was initiated in the lodge in 1840, and has thrice occupied the W.M.'s chair, viz., in 1845, 1862, and 1883. We trust our worthy brother may live many years, and retain that respect and esteem of which this memorial is the outward and visible token.

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

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Though it is impossible, in this climate of changing temperature, to prevent ill-health altogether, yet its form and frequency may be much mitigated by the early adoption of remedial measures. When hoarseness, cough, thick breathing, and the attending slight fever indicate irritation of the throat or chest, Holloway's Ointment should be rubbed upon those parts without delay, and his Pills taken in appropriate doses to promote its curative action. No catarrhs or sore throats can resist these remedies. Printed directions envelope every package of Holloway's medicaments, which are suited to all ages and conditions, and to every ordinary disease to which humanity is liable.—[ADVT.]

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Egmont arrived in town last week, from Cowdray Park, Sussex.

Bro. Sir Edward Reed, K.C.B., M.P., has been appointed one of the Junior Lords of the Treasury.

Bro. E. Clarke, Q.C., M.P., has subscribed an additional 75 guineas to the Stevens Memorial Fund, thus raising his contributions to 100 guineas.

Bro. the Lord Mayor opened the new Commission of Sewers at the Guildhall on Tuesday, there being a full court on the occasion.

Bro. F. Seager Hunt, M.P., was among those present at the Oxford on Thursday, the 4th inst., on the occasion of the annual benefit in aid of the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage.

In the course of the summer, when Mr. Wilson Barrett leaves England on his American tour, the Princess's Theatre will pass into the hands of Bro. Charles Warner, who will open with an entirely new romantic drama.

It has been arranged that Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., shall deliver an address at Ulster Hall, Belfast, on the 22nd inst., and it is believed that his lordship will be accompanied by Bro. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P.

A general meeting of the Logic Club Masonic Charities Association was held on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at the Cavendish Rooms, Mortimer-street, when a new Association, in place of the one just concluded, was formed, and a large number of members at once joined.

The members of the St. George's Lodge, Doncaster, held their annual ball on Thursday, the 28th ult., at the Mansion House, which had been kindly placed at their disposal for the purpose by his Worship, the Mayor. The company mustered about 180, ladies included, and dancing was kept up with great spirit till the small hours of the morning.

Miss Helen Hopekirk, niece of Bro. Walter Hopekirk, has had a most successful tour through the United States. This talented lady will be remembered as a brilliant pianist at some of the leading concerts in London and the provinces, and her performances at Chicago, where she is now fulfilling an engagement, are much appreciated by the musical people of that city, and are drawing large houses.

Bro. Wm. Peach was installed as W.M. of the Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, at the Masonic Hall, Bath, on Thursday, the 4th inst. The meeting being one of the most brilliant and successful this lodge ever held. Bro. Peach was a Masonic pupil and intimate friend of the late Dr. Hy. Hopkins, who almost up to the time of his death worked assiduously in the interests of this very ancient lodge.

We have much pleasure in announcing that Bro. A. W. Fenner, who for the last 26 years has been the sole manager of the well-known firm of Lillywhite, 10, Seymour-street, Euston-square, has just taken the premises, and will carry on the same business, as usual. Bro. Fenner hopes to have a continuance of the patronage which had been so generously bestowed on the late firm and will spare no efforts to make himself worthy of it.

Bro. the Duke of Connaught and the Earl of Cork were among those present at the Council held by the Queen at Osborne, on Wednesday. Previous to which Bros. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, the Earl of Lathom, and Lord Arthur Hill, M.P., attended and delivered up respectively the insignia of their several offices in the Household or of State under the late Ministry. Bro. the Duke of Connaught afterwards left Osborne.

At the regular meeting on Tuesday, the 26th ult., of the Ancient Briton Lodge, No. 1675, Liverpool, a handsome tea and coffee service was presented to Bro. Bottomley, P.M. and Treasurer, for Mrs. Bottomley, in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered to the lodge, Bro. Bottomley himself being constituted a Life Governor of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution and the Hamer Benevolent. The presentation was courteously acknowledged by Bro. Bottomley.

The Prince of Wales gave a dinner party at Marlborough House on Wednesday, on the occasion of the Duke of Edinburgh being about to leave England to assume command of our Fleet in Mediterranean waters. Among the guests were Bros. the Duke of Connaught and Prince Albert Victor of Wales, Prince George of Wales, the Duke of Cambridge, and Bros. the Earl of Fife, the Earl of Kilmorey, the Earl of Lathom, Lord Charles Beresford, Lord Alfred Paget, Lord Hothfield, Lord Alcester, Admiral the Hon. Sir H. Keppel, and F. Knollys, C.B.

The funeral of Bro. W. T. Lever, P.M., Sec. 1178, and P.M. Sampson Lodge, 1668, who died suddenly on the 29th ult., took place at Brockley Cemetery on Thursday, the 4th inst. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. Mitcheson, of Christ Church, Rotherhithe, while a numerous body of brethren was present, among them being Bros. Stamp, W.M.; Elsworth, P.M.; Hams-worth, P.M.; Avery, P.M.; Quincey, P.M.; Clark, P.M., of 1178; and Bros. Cuspard, W.M.; Field, J.W.; Ochre, P.M.; Miller, S.D.; Lancaster, I.G.; and Levey, I.G. 1668.

Since the days of Raleigh and Queen Elizabeth, the once considered "pernicious habit" of smoking has so grown upon the English race that it has become not only a luxury, but a component part of our existence. But perhaps in no country has the preference for the cigarette form of tobacco so rapidly developed of late years as in our own, and in consequence there have been so many brands thrust upon the market that it is difficult to choose which is the best. We have lately, however, tested some produced by the Alexandria Cigarette Company (Limited), who have established themselves at 63 and 64, New Broad-street, upon which we can express a pronounced and favourable opinion. Their Nourmahls for instance, are *par excellence* for delicacy of flavour and aroma, whilst their Houris and Peris are most happily named; all the Company's brands are, "to put it short," admirable smoking. There is an old adage that "good wine needs no bush," and as ardent lovers of the fragrant we are guilty of no puff in recommending the really palatable specialities presented to the public by the Alexandria Cigarette Company (Limited), of New Broad-street.

# METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, February 20, 1886.

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

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13.

- Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.  
 " 1446, Mount Edgcombe, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.  
 " 1584, Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.  
 " 1607, Loyalty, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.  
 " 1612, West Middlesex, Lyric Hall, Ealing.  
 " 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 1743, Perseverance, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.  
 " 1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1928, Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton.  
 " 1964, Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hot.  
 Chap. 1297, West Kent, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
 " 1706, Orpheus, Freemasons' Hot.  
 Mark 234, Brixton, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.  
 Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hot., King-st., Hammersmith, 7.30.  
 Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, Pimlico, at 7.  
 King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.  
 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.  
 Hornsey Chapter, Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-sq., W., at 8.

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

- Lodge 1, Grand Masters, Freemasons' Tav.  
 " 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 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.  
 " 907, Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1506, White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hot.  
 " 1537, St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly.  
 " 1657, Aldersgate, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.  
 Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.  
 Mark 294, Royal Naval College, Ship Tav., Greenwich.  
 K.T. 128, Oxford & Cambridge University, 33, Golden-sq.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16.

- Board of General Purposes, at 4.  
 Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 " 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.  
 " 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 162, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-st. Hot.  
 " 435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1339, Stockwell, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.  
 " 1695, New Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury.  
 " 2021, Queen's Westminster, SA, Red Lion-sq.  
 " 2022, Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing.  
 " 2045, Wharton, Willesden, Middx.  
 Chap. 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 26, Castle Chapter of Harmony, S, Air-st., Regent-st.  
 " 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.  
 " 255, Iris, Greyhound, Richmond.  
 " 1348, Ebury, Freemasons' Hall.  
 Mark 226, Excelsior, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.  
 " 238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 Rose Croix 45, Oxford and Cambridge University, 33, Golden-square.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.  
 Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.  
 Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bds., at 7.  
 Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.  
 Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 7.  
 Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.  
 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.  
 Duke of Albany, Rock Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8.  
 Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.  
 Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.  
 Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-st., Edmonton, at 8.  
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.

- Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., at 8.  
 Finsbury, King's Head Tavern, 42, Threadneedle-st., at 7.  
 Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.  
 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.  
 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.  
 Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 7.  
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.  
 Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.  
 Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.  
 Kensington, Courtfield Hot., Earl's Court Station, at 8.  
 Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.  
 Mount Edgcombe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.  
 New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.  
 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.  
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.  
 Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.  
 Ravensbourne, George Inn, Rushey Green, Lewisham, 7.30.  
 Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.  
 South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, 7.30.  
 St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.  
 Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.  
 West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30.  
 Warborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.  
 Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.  
 Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.  
 Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon-street, 6.30.

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17.

- Board of Benevolence, at 6.  
 Lodge 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 " 190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot.  
 " 1044, Wandsworth, Town Hall, Wandsworth.  
 " 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar.  
 " 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 1624, Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly.  
 " 1673, Langton, Holborn Viaduct Hot.  
 " 1677, Crusaders, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.  
 " 1716, All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar.  
 " 1803, Cornhill, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.  
 Chap. 1598, Ley Spring, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 Rose Croix 44, Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-sq.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7.  
 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.  
 Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.  
 Earl of Lathom, Station Hot., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.  
 Fidelity, Alfred Hot., Roman-rd., Barnsbury, at 8.  
 Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.30.  
 Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Bishopsgate-st., 8.  
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.  
 La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Gt. Portland-st., W., at 8.  
 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.  
 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.  
 Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark-bridge-road, 8.  
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.  
 Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.  
 Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.  
 Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.  
 Royal Jubilee, Haunch of Venison, 1, Bell-yd., Fleet-st., at 8.  
 Temperance in the East, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.  
 United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.  
 United Strength, Hope Tav., Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.  
 Vitruvian, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge, at 8.  
 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st. S.W.  
 West Smithfield, Red Lion, Red Lion-court, Fleet-st., at 7.  
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18.

- House Committee Girls' School, at 4.  
 Lodge 23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 " 63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.  
 " 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 181, Universal, Freemason's Hall.  
 " 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
 " 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 " 1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.  
 " 1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1475, Peckham, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.  
 " 1512, Hemming, Red Lion Hot., Hampton.  
 " 1613, Cripplelegate, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 1681, Londesborough, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.  
 " 1728, Temple Bar, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 1804, Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow.  
 " 1901, Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich.  
 Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
 " 507, United Pilgrims, Freemasons' Hall.  
 Mark Bon Accord, 8A, Red Lion-sq.  
 " 7, Carnarvon, Café Royal, Regent-st.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.  
 Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.  
 City of London, Tiptree Tavern, 6, Leadenhall-st., at 6.  
 Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hot., Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C., 8.  
 Creation, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.  
 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.  
 Duke of Edinburgh, Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-st., Limehouse, at 7.  
 Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.  
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.  
 Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.  
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.  
 Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.  
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.  
 Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.  
 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., 5.30.  
 Leopold, Old White Hart, Borough High-st., at 7.30.  
 Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct.-road, at 8.  
 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.  
 Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.  
 Rose, Sterling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.  
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tav., Liverpool-rd., at 8.  
 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-rd., at 8.  
 Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st. Kennington.  
 Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.

- The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, 6.30.  
 Fredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-rd., Bow-rd., 7.30.  
 Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
 Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, 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, FEBRUARY 19.

- House Committee Boys' School, at 4.  
 Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
 " 143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1704, Anchor, Cannon-st., Hot.  
 " 1962, London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 2005, Brooke, Forest Hot., Chingford, Essex.  
 Chap. 92, Moira, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 Rose Croix 10, Invicta, 33, Golden-sq.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Albion, Crown Hot., Essex-st., Strand.  
 All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.  
 Beacontree, Bell Tavern, Leytonstone, at 8.  
 Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.  
 Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 8.  
 Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.  
 Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.  
 Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.  
 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-st., Hammersmith, W., at 8.  
 Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hot., 40, Gt. Portland-st., W.C.  
 Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.  
 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.  
 Stability, Masons' Hall Tav., at 6.  
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.  
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.  
 St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at 8.  
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.  
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
 Temperance, Duke of York Tav., Evelyn-st., Deptford, 8.  
 Ubique, 79, Ebury-st., Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30.  
 United Emulation (for M.M.s.), F.M.H., at 7.  
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.  
 Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.  
 Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tav., George-st., Baker-st., W.  
 Kintore Mark, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, 9.  
 Lily Chapter, Greyhound Hot., at 8.  
 Panmure Chapter, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 7.30.  
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.  
 Royal Savoy Mark, The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury-pavement, 7.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20.

- Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon-st. Hot.  
 " 1364, Earl of Zealand, Old Town Hall, Hackney.  
 " 1614, Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly.  
 Mark 251, Tenterden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

## WHY AM I SO MISERABLE,

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.

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