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It is imperative we should again remind our readers that the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will take place at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday next, the 24th inst. We pointed out last week that the prospects, so far as it was possible at the time to form an opinion, were by no means encouraging, and that the Board of Stewards, the strength of which is a tolerably safe criterion as to the total of the subscriptions and donations which will be announced during the celebration, was very much below what it was at the corresponding period of 1885. We regret to say the position has become still less hopeful, and that Bro. TERRY'S prospects for Wednesday are more clouded than they were when we wrote last week. Then, at all events, a comparison of the relative numerical strength of this and last year's Board of Stewards showed the latter had the advantage over the former by between 50 and 60 members. Now the figures are still more unfavourable, as the Stewards for Wednesday next muster only 260 brethren, as against 350 in 1885; and, to make matters still less encouraging, the noble Chairman who has kindly undertaken to preside is not, as the Chairman for last year was, the Grand Master of a province, and consequently has no nucleus, as it were, of a list on which he can specially rely. We must therefore urge upon our readers the necessity there is, even during the few days that remain, that further exertions should be made in order to minimise the falling off from last year's total, which seems inevitable. It were too much to expect that, with only so brief an interval available, the 1885 Board of Stewards could now be equalled in point of numbers by that of Wednesday next, the difference between the two being almost enough to constitute a small Board of itself. But this need not deter some among the hundreds and thousands of brethren who are not pledged already to act as Stewards for one or other of our Institutions during the current year from volunteering their services. They may not be able to do much in the way of canvassing for subscriptions, but if they do nothing more than contribute personally of their means, they will be rendering help where help is sorely needed. It must be borne in mind that the close on £14,000 required for the year's annuities must be forthcoming, whatever the result of the Festival may be, and that the payment of the further sum required for expenses of management, maintenance, &c., will still have to be met under any circumstances. Yet so large a falling off in the number of Stewards—from 350 to 260—implies a corresponding diminution in the amount received, and that, at the average per list of last year, means a decrease of quite £4500. To put the matter differently, and as a mere matter of arithmetic:—If, as we know was the case, the 350 Stewards of 1885 raised a total of £17,700, the 260 Stewards of 1886, even at the same high average of £50 per list, cannot be expected to hand in much above £13,000, or about £1000 less than is required for the annuities alone. We have said nothing as to the 130 poor candidates who are anxiously awaiting election upon one or other of the Funds of the Institution. We fear the majority of them—rather over than under two-thirds—will be compelled to remain with their necessities unrelieved for another twelve-month, and this because the question of the moment is not whether anything can be done to reduce their number by creating more annuities, but whether the Festival will yield enough to maintain the number of annuitants at its present strength.

It is but a short while since we had occasion to announce the death of one of our most popular provincial chiefs, R.W. Bro. Sir W. W. BURRELL, Bart., Prov. G.M. of Sussex, and now another and equally popular ruler has been taken from our midst—R.W. Bro. Lord WAVENEY, Prov. G.M. of Suffolk, during the last quarter of a century. The loss, following, as it has done, so speedily upon that of Sir W. BURRELL, will be felt the more acutely throughout the whole of the English Craft, but those who will have most cause to grieve will be our worthy brethren of Suffolk, who in Lord WAVENEY, had a genial ruler who will not be easily replaced. His lordship's patent as Prov. Grand Master dates from the year 1860, but he was not installed in office till July of the following year, and since then Freemasonry in this part of East Anglia has been steadily and increasingly

prospering. In the 25 years that have since elapsed as many as 11 out of the 21 Suffolk lodges have been constituted, the eldest of the eleven being appropriately named the Waveney, No. 929, and the next in seniority—quite as appropriately—the Adair Lodge, No. 936, Aldeburgh. These two lodges, the one bearing the title conferred upon our deceased brother in 1873, when he was created a peer, and the other the name by which he had previously been known, will constitute the most suitable memorial to his services to Freemasonry in the Province of Suffolk; while the regret that is everywhere felt at his unexpected death bears testimony to the services he has rendered during a long and honourable career to the Craft generally throughout England. We sincerely sympathise with the family and friends of the deceased, as well as with the lodges and brethren throughout Suffolk.

THE Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite did a graceful act on Wednesday, the 10th inst., when they not only conferred the 33° on Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., but likewise presented him with the clothing appropriate to that Degree, as a slight mark of the esteem and respect in which our worthy brother is held by the powers that be in Golden-square. Bro. RICHARDSON, as one of the chief functionaries of the Council, has rendered signal service to this offshoot of Masonry, as, indeed, it is his custom to render signal service to whatever branch or offshoot of Masonry, he may turn his mind to. Bro. RICHARDSON delights in hard work whenever he considers it will benefit the cause of Masonry, and both he and the Supreme Council are to be congratulated on the event of Wednesday week—he as the recipient of a well-merited honour, and the Council on their handsome recognition of the services he has rendered.

It has already been announced in these columns that Bro. JOHN LANE, of Torquay, is engaged on the compilation of a complete set of "Masonic Records," extending from the foundation in 1717 of the Grand Lodge of England to the present time. These "Records" will comprise a list of all the lodges, both at home and abroad, and whether still existent or defunct, which have been constituted by our four English Grand Lodges, together with such brief but well-authenticated particulars as will serve to trace them during the term of their existence. It will be, as we have said before, an invaluable work, and has secured the countenance of the GRAND MASTER, to whom, by his Royal Highness's permission, it will be dedicated, as well as the cordial support and encouragement of Bro. W. J. HUGHAN, P.G.D., who has kindly undertaken to write the Introduction. The work will, of necessity, involve an immense amount of labour on the part of Bro. LANE, who has already devoted several years to its compilation. Only a limited number will be issued, and the price, therefore, has been fixed at Two Guineas (£2 2s.) per copy. It may be as well, however, if we add that Bro. LANE, though he has cheerfully given both his time and labour, is anxious to guard himself from any monetary loss, and that he has resolved, therefore, on not incurring the responsibilities of publication unless a list of 100 subscribers is assured to him beforehand. This, then, is the position in which matters stand. Bro. LANE'S "Masonic Records" will be published if 100 lodges or brethren put down their names as subscribers for that number of copies. There ought to be no difficulty in filling up the required number, for the work, as we have said, will be invaluable and the price is moderate. But should it be found impossible to obtain the 100 subscribers, then it is our duty to point out—these "Masonic Records" will not see the light of day.

BRO. SADLER'S interesting communication in last week's *Freemason*, respecting a "Modern" Masonic certificate of 1767, reminds us of a still earlier one noted by the veteran Mason, R.W. Bro. WILLIAM KELLY, in his "History of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland" (1870). It was issued by the "Ancient" Grand Lodge to a Bro. WILLIAM LICQUORICH, and bears date September 10th, 1764. The document is "in the beautiful handwriting and bears the signature of LAURENCE DERMOTT," as the Grand Secretary, the lodge noted therein being No. 91, Leicester, warranted in 1761. The design of the seal then, was a square and compasses, surmounted by a dagger within a circle, the motto being "Virtue and Silence, Grand Lodge of London."

IN the report of the consecration of the Grand Masters Chapter, No. 1, which was inaugurated under such distinguished auspices a few days ago, it is stated that the "Ancient" Lodge under whose banner the chapter is to work, was originated in 1759. As a matter of fact the lodge existed and was working *some time* before the issue of the Warrant, and consequently

that No. 1 really dates before 1759. It may be as well to correct the impression that the position of this lodge, since the "Union" of 1813, is in any way due to its excellence, or to any special merits of its then members. The fact is, that in balloting for priority, the "Ancients" were successful, and so their number one, became No. 1 on the revised roll of 1814, and the No. 1 of the "Moderns" thus had to be content with No. 2, which it still holds, though the senior lodge in England. We quite agree with Bro. HUGHAN that it says much for the good feeling and zeal for Masonry felt by the members of the Lodge of "Antiquity," to have accepted a secondary position on the roll, and so also of the "Royal Somerset House and Inverness," No. 4, London, another of the "Time Immemorial" lodges.

CONSECRATION OF THE SWAN OF AVON LODGE, No 2133, AT STRATFORD-ON-AVON.

Stratford again numbers among its institutions a lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. Through the zeal and earnestness of two or three of the brethren a movement was made in the autumn of last year to establish a lodge, and, their efforts being well seconded, a warrant was ultimately granted for its formation. It must be gratifying to the members of the new lodge to know that the warrant was signed by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of England. The ceremony of consecration was performed on Friday, the 12th inst., in the presence of a large number of Warwickshire Masons. The lodge room at the Union Club was found to be much too small to accommodate the visitors, and the news-room below had, therefore, to be utilised.

After the lodge had been opened by Bro. Lord Leigh, P.G.M., the consecration was performed by Bro. Col. Machen, D.P.G.M., and among those present were the following:

Bros. the Marquis of Hertford, P.P.G.S.W., G.S.W.; G. King-Patten, P.G.S.W.; Wm. Thomas, P.G.J.W.; George F. Hough, P.G. Chap.; Lord Ernest J. Seymour, P.G. Reg.; G. Beech, P.G.S.; J. Brooks, P.G.S.D.; Chas. Vero, P.G. Supt. of Wks.; D. Rose, P.G. Dir. of Cers.; T. Troman, P.G.O.; P. Howse, P.G. Asst. Purst.; N. Merridew, S.W.; J. M. Monkton, P.P.G.A.P.; A. Lyons, P.P.G.S.B.; S. C. Smith, P.G.A.D.C.; G. Hiron, P.G.S.; W. R. Goate, P.G.D.C.; Edmund Worrall, P.P.G.V.; Jos. Boddington, P.P.G.A.D.C.; Herbert Stanley, P.P.G.S.B.; C. E. Hobbes, P.P.G.S.B.; G. H. Fosbrooke, P.P.G.P.; Frederick H. Haynes, P.P.G.J.W.; David Lavenstein, P.P.G.S.B.; John Grinsell, P.G.J.D.; Felix Jones, P.M. 74; John S. Foster, W.M. 74; S. Lyon, W.M. 43; S. C. Smith, P.M. 284; M. Wilson, P.G.S.W.; Jos. P. Beck, P.M. 305; Fras. C. Shailer, P.M. and Sec. 301; Horace E. Haynes, S.W. 301; E. Burfield, W.M. 567; T. Cox, S.D. 301; H. D. Morin; Frank Glover, J.D. 305; A. Wheel, 305; Caleb Williams, S.W. 284; Bernard Rice, 244; W. T. Taylor, P.M. 1016; L. Grinsell, 1180; M. Glover, W.M. 925; John Bowen, 1031; Jos. W. Martin, W.M. 587; C. Wilson, P.M. 567; Charles J. Collins, J.W. 74; Henry P. Bloomer, S.W. 1016; T. C. Jennings, 2034; E. H. Hartley, P.M. 252; W. F. Tolladay, J.D. 1180; Josiah Collins, S.W. 74; Zech. Evans, 567; E. P. Cole, S.W. 1180; W. G. Halliby, 1163; C. R. Garnett, P.M.; R. M. Bird, P.M.; J. F. Burke, P.M.; W. Hutchings, P.M.; Jas. Callaway, P.M.; W. W. Skinner, S.W. 395; W. Pearce, P.M.; G. F. Jackson; and others.

Bro. Captain Cox was the Director of Ceremonies, and Bro. Thomas Troman presided at the organ. The oration was delivered by Bro. G. F. Hough, the Prov. Grand Chaplain, and was of such an impressive character that it was ordered to be printed and circulated among the lodges of the province. After the ceremony of consecration, the installation of Bro. C. R. Garnett as Worshipful Master of the Swan of Avon Lodge was proceeded with, the Installing Officer being Bro. Dr. F. Haynes, P.M. of Shakespeare Lodge. The W.M. then invested the following officers: Bros. George Boyden, S.W.; T. Hiron, J.W.; C. Justins, Treas.; F. A. Lane, Sec.; J. S. Cranmer, S.D.; E. Birch, J.D.; J. H. Caseley, I.G. and Org.; and W. Butcher, Tyler.

The lodge was then duly closed.

At half-past five o'clock a banquet was served at the Shakespeare Hotel, the repast being of a *recherche* character, and laid out with great taste. The Prov. Grand Master, Lord Leigh, presided, and he was supported by Bros. the Marquis of Hertford, Lord Ernest Seymour, Col. Machen, the Rev. G. F. Hough, and the new W.M., Bro. C. R. Garnett, about 50 other Masons being present. The Senior Warden of the lodge occupied the vice-chair. After the repast the toast list was gone through, the speeches being very brief.

Bro. Lord LEIGH, in proposing the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," referred to the coming jubilee of her Majesty, and felt sure that all Masons, upon whose loyalty her Majesty could always rely, would heartily celebrate the occasion. (Applause.)

In submitting the toast of "The Grand Master of England, the Prince of Wales," Lord LEIGH said it was gratifying to them to learn that his Royal Highness had appointed their brother, the Marquis of Hertford, to be one of his Grand Officers. The noble marquis had always taken a great interest in Masonry, and he well deserved this distinguishing mark of his Royal Highness's favour.

Lord LEIGH then proposed "The Provincial Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters, and the Officers, Present and Past, of the Grand Lodge of England." He coupled with the toast the name of the Marquis of Hertford, and, after speaking of the zeal of his lordship as a Mason, said his noble friend would preside at the forthcoming Masonic Festival, and he hoped the Warwickshire brethren would send up a good subscription with his lordship. They had done well that afternoon, having subscribed £20, and he trusted that many further sums would be forthcoming, so that the Warwickshire brethren might distinguish themselves by their liberality. (Applause.)

Bro. the Marquis of HERTFORD, in replying, said he had taken great interest in the proceedings of that day, and he trusted that the lodge they had consecrated might last for many years. The noble Charities to which Lord Leigh had referred were the means of relieving a great deal of distress, and of making the burdens of life easier for unfortunate Masons. He could only re-echo Lord Leigh's words, that if the Masons of Warwickshire, either individually or collectively, wished to contribute to these Charities it would give him great pleasure to take charge of their subscriptions. He might add, the larger sum Warwickshire sent the prouder and the better pleased he should be. He trusted that not only would that county distinguish itself by its liberality, but that other counties would do

likewise. Before sitting down he would submit to them "The Health of their Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Lord Leigh." He was sure he need not dilate on his lordship's experience in Masonry, the important services he had rendered to the Craft, the great good he had done in the cause, not only in Warwickshire but elsewhere. That was the twentieth time Bro. Lord Leigh had assisted at the consecration of new lodges. There were not many Masons in England who could pride themselves on such important service—on having taken an active part in consecrating twenty lodges. That fact alone showed that not only did Bro. Lord Leigh do his duty, but it further showed that the Masons of Warwickshire were always prepared to back him up, and give him every help they could. (Applause.)

Bro. Lord LEIGH, who was heartily received, thanked the company for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast. His noble friend had said that he had been at the consecration in that province of twenty new lodges. That implied, he thought, that he could not hope to be present at many more such ceremonies—(no, no). He was almost afraid to say that he was the senior Provincial Grand Master of England. That admission seemed to make him rather old, and that little further service could be expected of him. He had great pleasure in meeting that day his old friends, the brethren of Warwickshire, and he had taken great interest in the ceremony performed that afternoon. His lordship then submitted "The Health of Bro. Colonel Machen," and spoke of the great zeal that gallant officer and brother had manifested in Masonry. Bro. Colonel Machen, they would remember, had also rendered great service in connection with the volunteer force of that county, and it mattered not what movement he identified himself with, he always infused into it his own active spirit and energy. (Applause.)

Bro. Col. MACHEN, in responding, said it had afforded him much pleasure to take part in that day's ceremony, and he sincerely hoped that the new lodge would have a long life, and not the brief existence that had attended its predecessor.

Bro. Lord LEIGH, in submitting the toast of "The Worshipful Master," said he heartily echoed the wish of Col. Machen that the new lodge would last for many, many years. It had certainly commenced well, and from what he had observed that afternoon he thought it would be worked well. It was a healthy state of things when a lodge commenced with 27 members.

Bro. CHARLES RANKEN GARNETT, the W.M., in replying, said that when he first entered upon that matter he had not the slightest idea of occupying the distinguished position in which they had placed him. He only consented to take that office when he found that by doing so it would be in the interests of the lodge. Having undertaken the post, it was his intention to do the best he could in promoting the prosperity of the lodge, and he was certain he should be ably supported by the officers. (Hear, hear.) They had set a very high standard before them; they might not, it was true, be able to reach it. They knew that it was not in mortals to command success, but they would do more, they would deserve it. (Applause.) They might not shine as brightly as some of the lodges in Warwickshire, but this he could say, they would so acquit themselves that the province should never have cause to be ashamed of the Swan of Avon Lodge. (Applause.)

Bro. SKIDMORE returned thanks for "The Visitors," and observed that one of the brethren of the newly-formed lodge, Bro. F. A. Lane, was made in Cheshire.

Bro. Lord LEIGH said it gave him great pleasure to meet so many of the brethren in the ancient town of Stratford-on-Avon, and he congratulated the Swan of Avon Lodge on the success which had attended its inauguration.

The last toast was "To all Poor and Distressed Masons the World over."

The proceedings, which had been interspersed with songs, were soon afterwards brought to a close.

CONSECRATION OF THE WILBERFORCE LODGE, No. 2135, HULL.

The constitution and the consecration of the Wilberforce Lodge, No. 2135, took place on the 29th ult., at the lodge-rooms, Charlotte-street. The ceremony was most solemn and impressive, and was performed by Bro. Dr. J. P. Bell, P.G. Senior Deacon, and Deputy Prov. Grand Master North and East Yorkshire, assisted by Bros. C. M. Peck, P.G. Secretary; Walter Reynolds, P.M., P.G. Treasurer; Geo. Wilson, P.P.G. Deacon; and H. Forder, P.M., P.G.D.

There was a large attendance of the brethren of other lodges in Hull and district, among those present being Bros. J. D. O'Donoghue, W.M. 57; H. J. White, W.M. 250; James Robinson, W.M. 1605; J. Bordas, W.M. 1040; M. M. Westoby, W.M. 294; F. Fullerton, D.C., P.P.G.S.; W. D. Keyworth, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works; T. Hewson, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works; S. Chadwick, P.M. 1040; A. King, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; W. Winterbottom, P.M. 734; S. Scott Young, J.D. 2069; R. Wood, P.M. 1682; James Elgey, P.M. 1040; D. Edwards, P.M. 1993; and J. Walton, I.P.M. 57.

On the conclusion of the consecration ceremony Bro. T. T. Davis was installed as the first W.M. of the lodge by Bro. W. Reynolds, P.M., P.G. Treasurer, and afterwards the following brethren were invested as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. P. C. Whitfield, P.M., acting I.P.M.; J. Mackail, S.W.; R. W. Moll, J.W.; W. Gillet, P.M., Treasurer and Lecture Master; F. W. Maggarr, Secretary; W. Hakes, Chaplain; F. Vivian, S.D.; G. W. Greenwood, J.D.; Vessey King, Organist; J. Charlesworth, D.C.; J. W. Sewell, Stwd.; W. Hickling, I.G.; and J. Burdall, Tyler.

About 70 brethren subsequently sat down to a banquet in the Humber Lodge, No. 57, kindly lent for the occasion by Bro. J. D. O'Donoghue, W.M. Most of the brethren named above were present, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the expressions of good wishes for the success of the lodge being of the most cordial character.

During the evening Miss Empringham and Mrs. Baxter entertained the company with a number of popular songs and duets, the duties of the pianist being kindly undertaken by Bro. Vessey King.

The brethren who promoted the lodge wish it to be understood that it has not been founded in a spirit of antagonism, but solely as a convenience for those brethren who do not desire to partake of alcoholic beverages as refreshment, and they earnestly extend a fraternal welcome to the brethren of other lodges whenever they are pleased to visit them.

CENTENARY FESTIVAL OF THE DOMATIC LODGE, No. 177.

The centenary of the existence of the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, was celebrated on the 12th inst., by a festival at the Criterion, Regent-street, at which Bro. Harry Nelson Price, W.M., presided. Such a large assembly of brethren as that which took part in the celebration has perhaps seldom been witnessed in Freemasonry, there being considerably over 200 brethren present. The list contained the names of the following members of the lodge:—Officers: Bros. Harry Nelson Price, W.M.; A. Simner, S.W.; H. J. Chapman, J.W.; George Everett, P.M., Treas.; T. Morris, Sec.; R. Harvey, S.D.; J. S. Wood, J.D.; N. Salmon, I.G.; J. E. Spurrell, D.C.; and Carl Riechelmann, Org.; P.M.'s: Bros. R. Baker, W. F. Smith, J. R. Foulger, J. E. Walford, W. J. Ferguson, J. Willing, jun., E. White, W. M. Foxcroft, J. Buscall, J. McLean, H. N. Bowman, H. N. B. Spink, W. Herbage, and R. Pierpoint; Bros. G. Plummer, J. Richards, R. E. Clarke, S. Knott, J. L. Edward, J. Anley, W. E. Wilmore, W. H. Woods, J. T. Falshaw, A. Scard, G. Clarke, J. S. Bareham, T. B. Goodfellow, H. Durham, C. Norris, D. Plenderleith, E. A. Brown, T. Holder, G. L. Everett, F. J. Harding, R. Osborne, J. Kent, W. J. Bennett, J. Billingham, W.S.; S. R. Stevens, W. Millen, A. Piper, G. Blakesley, W. Blitz, E. Sans, F. J. Page, W. T. Edwards, D. A. Bail, H. Taylor, G. Kendall, J. H. Page, J. Manning, G. Gardner, J. Perry, J. M. Birch, T. J. Ings, J. W. Robinson, F. Cole, A. H. Wilson, P. B. Harris, C. Torriani, W. Hanes, E. J. Appleyard, G. L. Turner, H. A. Bongers, J. Beales, J. Wilson, E. R. May, H. B. Hardt, H. A. K. Davis, J. Moore, J. H. Selby, J. Barnett, jun., G. A. Weston, A. Grace, J. Tingley, J. Thwaites, H. F. Pardy, C. Mills, T. N. Morris, E. Melson, A. J. White, C. Anderberg, J. Webster, T. W. Trodd, J. Stephens, R. Hewetson, A. F. Peacock, E. A. G. Smith, T. H. Hobbs, R. Williamson, J. Anley, jun., and J. J. Elliott.

Visitors: Bros. Major-General Swinburne Laurie, G.M. Nova Scotia; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; F. A. Philbrick, G. Reg.; A. M. Broadley, P.D.G.M. Malta; F. Binckes, P.G. Stwd., Sec. R.M.I.B.; J. Terry, P.P.G. S.W. Norths and Hunts, Sec. R.M.B.I.; R. R. Harper, P.M. 813; V. Turner, P.M. 72; S. Brooks, P.M. 1608; J. Webster, 1567; L. A. Da Costa, J.D. 1349; C. Ratcliff, 1380; John Oldis, W.M. 1288; R. S. Sly, W.M. 1625; H. Fruen, 2012; H. Curtis, S. 1425; J. R. Duff, 1330; M. J. Rowley, 1507; G. Dickinson, S.D. 1681; G. Hardy, 2045; W. Clowes, 2012; A. J. Cotemar, 1426; W. A. Scurrah, W.M. 2048; R. W. Hunter, S. 1685; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; J. Da Silva, P.M. 205; T. Bates, 1563; W. J. Lane, S.W. 127; W. E. Williams, P.M. 162; G. Ransford, S.D. 1512; J. T. Salmon, S.W. 917; E. F. Crowe, S.D. 1828; F. Hill, J.W. 1563; M. J. Wrangham, P.M. 619; W. Smith, J.W. 228; J. H. Laurie, 2 (Nova Scotia); M. Marks, 185; W. R. Barnett, P.M. 749; D. Rose, P.M. 73; J. L. Hume, J.D. 144; R. H. Blades, 256; S. Walford, 569; W. Kingwell, J.D. 1512; W. Vogt, 55; H. G. Stranger, P.M. 1381; Robert H. Clemow, 1589; W. Cook, W.M. 1597; W. H. Smith, P.M. 108; C. W. Hudson, P.P.G.D.C. Sussex, P.M. 315, 1540, &c.; A. Penett, S34; C. Graham, W.M. 874, G.S.D. Middx.; G. W. Knight, S.W. 1507; John Britton, S.W. 1613; G. T. N. Fannan, 1257; A. J. Potter, S13; F. A. Smith, J.W. 1669; J. B. Reid, 1364; J. Gibbs, W.M. 1613; D. De Pinna, 2030; J. Parsons, P.M. 502; J. C. Whiddington, D.C. 1027; Keller, H. Smith, 1348; G. Bigley, 1298; R. J. Taylor, P.M. 144; A. W. Lane, 167; G. W. Dixon, P.M. 209, 591, 1871, &c., P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks; G. Croxton, P.M. 1769; T. G. Willis, 11; T. Meekham, P.M. 1288; H. E. Pollard, J.D. 4; James Burroughs, P.M. 58; F. S. Lelen, 100; John Lelen, 1636; F. Robinson, 100; H. G. Hill, 2012; R. Barham, P.M. 144; A. Holt, 1744; T. Butt, P.M. 700; W. E. Collett, 1470; W. N. Price, 1816; T. M. Coleman, 192; A. E. Painter, 198; J. W. Chapman, I.P.M. 1922; G. E. Gooding, P.M. 171; W. H. Collbrand, 1567; Alfred Powles, W.M. 1901; G. F. Edwards, J.D. 766; W. F. Packer, I.G. 1571; Henry Ernest Price, 1744; W. A. Dowling, S.D. 2012; G. B. Wood, 1339; G. B. Arnold, 1613; J. Wardley, 1381; F. Clive, 1319; W. Dodson, P.M. 860; John Greenfield, W.M. 795; Capt. Baker, P.M. 180; E. T. Westwood, 193; J. H. Batty, P.M. 22; George Price, 619; C. Cutbush, 1987; W. J. Innes, 1929; W. Hudson, 1 (S.C.); H. Dickey, S.W. 1744; and others.

It may be interesting to record the names of the officers of the lodge as they stood in 1786, and of the present officers of the lodge in 1886. In 1786 the officers were Bros. Jno. Wood, W.M.; Charles Broad, S.W.; J. Perkins, J.W.; W. Veal, S.D.; Richard Hall, J.D.; John Chadwick, Treas.; Joshua Parker, Sec.; and George Crouch, Tyler. In 1886 the officers are Bros. Harry Nelson Price, W.M.; R. Pierpoint, I.P.M.; A. Simner, S.W.; H. J. Chapman, J.W.; George Everett, P.M., Treas.; T. Morris, Sec.; R. Harvey, S.D.; J. Sadler Wood, J.D.; N. Salmon, I.G.; J. E. Spurrell, D.C.; J. Billingham, W.S.; and A. Walkley, Tyler.

After the lodge had been opened the W.M. raised Bro. J. Webster to the Third Degree, and then initiated Messrs. Thos. Henry Hobbs, Richard Williamson, John Anley, jun., and James Jones Elliott.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER afterwards passed Bros. T. W. Trodd, R. Hewetson, A. F. Peacock, E. A. G. Smith, and Laurie, son of the Grand Master of Nova Scotia, who was present to witness the ceremony.

Before the lodge was closed Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S., rose, and said he had the pleasure of presenting to the W.M. the first centenary jewel of the Domatic Lodge. The lodges which were attaining the hundredth year of their existence were now getting more numerous than was formerly the case. Whatever pride and pleasure he had on the present occasion he thought it must be a still greater pride and pleasure to the W.M. to be the recipient of the first centenary jewel, which the lodge, on the completion of its centenary, voted to him. He was instructed to say that this was given as a very slight recognition by the lodge of the services Bro. Nelson Price had already during his tenure of office rendered to the lodge, and to assure him they felt that during the remainder of his term he would give them as much satisfaction as hitherto. The brethren had asked him, in their name, and on their behalf, to present him with this first

centenary jewel, and it was unnecessary for him to say that he accepted the office with very great pleasure indeed, and he congratulated the W.M. on being President of the lodge on such an interesting occasion.

Bro. H. NELSON PRICE, in thanking Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke and the lodge, said he felt it a very high honour to receive this jewel, and the honour was greatly enhanced by the very happy terms with which the Grand Secretary had accompanied the presentation. He trusted that the Grand Secretary's remarks would be verified, and he should certainly do everything he possibly could worthily to hold the high position in which he was placed, and to sustain the lodge in the exalted position it now occupied in the Craft; at the same time studying the harmony and happiness of the brethren.

Bro. SPURRELL then read the Grand Lodge warrant authorising the members of the lodge, so long only as they continued subscribing members of the lodge, to wear the centenary jewel.

Shortly afterwards the lodge was closed, and the brethren assembled in the large dining hall to banquet. When this was disposed of the toasts were proposed, including a special one for the occasion—"Prosperity to the Lodge"—after "The Queen and the Craft" had been duly honoured.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in proposing "The M.W. G.M.," said the Prince of Wales was the most popular man in the world. During the eleven years His Royal Highness had occupied the position of Grand Master Freemasonry had made rapid strides, not only in the number of lodges and the number of members of the Craft, but also in the amount distributed to its charitable Institutions. He was sure that while His Royal Highness was able to devote so much time to Freemasonry it would flourish even more in the future than it had in the past.

Bro. FERGUSON proposed "The Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon; the D.G.M., the Earl of Lathom; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," brethren who had taken so much interest in the welfare of the Craft, and brought it to its present state of perfection. It had the respect of every one living wherever the English language was spoken. Wheresoever Masonry existed the Grand Lodge of England was held in the highest respect. That had arisen, doubtless, from the fact of such distinguished and earnest brethren presiding over it. Both in the past and in the present such brethren had given their careful and anxious thoughts to promoting the interests of Freemasonry. Those who had the privilege of attending Grand Lodge had seen the manner the Earl of Carnarvon presided—that he had set an example to every one who might preside over any great assembly. In coupling the name of the Grand Secretary with this toast, he reminded the brethren that Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke was universally known. He had endeavoured to assist the Craft in every way, and when he was appealed to on any point of difficulty he solved the matter in the most satisfactory manner. It was clear to all the brethren he had Freemasonry at heart.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S., in reply, said he was not in the least prepared to be called upon to return thanks for this toast, because his worthy and distinguished brother on his left (Bro. Philbrick) was his senior, and to him should have fallen the duty to answer for it. But the Grand Registrar was about to speak on another subject. Thanking the brethren for the compliment just paid, he could not but remark that the toast was a most important one, because it comprised such a large number of good and worthy gentlemen of every social position in life. Not to speak of those distinguished noblemen, Lord Carnarvon and Lord Lathom, there was a large array of Present and Past Grand Officers, who were only too grateful for the kind recognition they always received from their brethren in Masonry. They were members who had done their best to promote its interests, and they were fortunate enough to be selected by the M.W.G.M. from time to time to receive distinction at his hands. He could only hope that there were brethren in the room to whom the distinction would come in the fulness of time. The Grand Officers were always happy to receive recognition of their services, and it was a great pleasure to those who were present that night to have visited the lodge. It was certainly a pleasure to him, and he knew it was to the Grand Registrar. The occasion was exceedingly interesting—it was the centenary year of the lodge. At the present day there frequently were such celebrations, because lodges were working up to their one hundredth year. But it was not always that a lodge which dated back 100 years could prove its centenary, because at head-quarters they were not only to be satisfied that a lodge was founded 100 years ago, but also that it had worked continuously 100 years. Many a lodge had been refused its centenary warrant because it could not show its centenary existence. The Domatic Lodge, however, was fortunate, as it was seen at a glance that it had worked continuously for a century. It was therefore entitled to its centenary warrant, and therefore it had received it without delay. The Grand Officers were present that night to congratulate the lodge very heartily indeed, and this he did in the name of the absent as well as in the name of those who were present. They also wished the lodge every success in the future, and hoped the day would come, though none of those present would see it, when the Domatic Lodge would celebrate its second centenary.

Bro. PIERPOINT, I.P.M., rose to exercise the privilege which his position allowed him, and the privilege was a most pleasurable one, to propose "The Health of their worthy and highly esteemed W.M." The W.M. that evening held a position of which he was very proud, he was so well known to the brethren of the Domatic Lodge, if not to the visitors. His genial and cordial manner, both in lodge and out of it, had gained for him the good will and affection of the brethren of the lodge. They had in him a Master that they were all proud of. He could only wish him a most pleasant year of office. From his officers he would receive every support, as well as from every member of the lodge.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in reply, said there were some periods of a man's life-time—in the history of it, at all events—when he could scarcely be coherent; he did not mean after dinner—(laughter)—but where a man had a certain amount of honour placed upon him it was a very difficult matter for him to find words adequate to express his high appreciation of his honour. Now, he had had great honour placed upon him that evening, more especially by the way in which the I.P.M. had proposed this toast, and he could only say that if he was half as

good as Bro. Pierpoint had represented to them he should consider himself a better man than he thought he was. However, he should endeavour to be so. As far as the Domatic Lodge was concerned, he was quite sure it would be his great study to use his best endeavours to keep it in the high position it now stood in, and also to do all in his power to enhance the comfort and happiness of the brethren. While it remained in the same harmonious condition, while the same unanimity of opinion continued in it, it would be as prosperous as it was now. It was a great honour to be the W.M. of the lodge for such an important year. He hoped he should be able to get through it to the satisfaction of the brethren and reflect a little credit on himself.

Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, O.C., G. Reg., said a great honour had been conferred upon him by the W.M., an honour of which he felt duly sensible—to propose "Prosperity to the Lodge," the centenary of which they were met to celebrate. Possibly the W.M., and if not he, certainly some of the brethren whom he had the privilege of addressing, had either said, or heard said, that the toast of the evening was about to be proposed, and he had heard distinguished orators advance many and great reasons why the toast the company was being asked to honour should be esteemed the toast of the evening. He would advance no reason, he would utter no word, to commend to the brethren this as the toast of the evening; it recommended itself in that assembly. They who were met after 100 years of the world's history, of the history of Masonry passed by, to celebrate the anniversary of the inauguration of this lodge at such a distant period, knew well enough that such a meeting must be of rare occurrence in the annals of the Craft, must be singularly noted in the records of Masonry, and must commend itself to all who were present to take part in it. As the Grand Secretary had remarked, the course of the Domatic Lodge had been plain and clear. It had run in an unbroken channel for a century; it began life before the great disturbance which led to the first French Revolution startled the world; it had seen the kingdom of Europe shaken and the map of Europe divided and divided again; it had witnessed the struggle for existence which their kingdom waged against the great conqueror of Europe; it had seen how the powers of Europe rallied to this country; it witnessed the overthrow of 1814; it passed the hundred days; and he had no doubt if they could go back 70 years it took its own part in the rejoicings at Waterloo. He hoped he might be pardoned if he appeared to dilate on topics of ancient history; but when they celebrated 100 years, they meant all that those 100 years contained. When, after that great conflict, this nation emerged with honour to itself, and at the head of the powers of Europe, and all that depended for inward life and for national vigour upon the maintenance and the continuance of the English nation, it revived and flourished afresh; he made no excuse in an assembly of Englishmen for reminding them of that which was dear to their forefathers, which was an object of solicitude to them; but which had placed us in the position we now so proudly possess. And, turning from the history of the nation to the history of the lodge, he congratulated the W.M. and the brethren on the position which at the end of this century the lodge found itself in. It was said by those who understood horticulture that the fruit of an old tree showed all the qualities of the race, and the best qualities in perfection. He congratulated the W.M. and the brethren of the lodge that the old tree could still bear fresh fruit, and he trusted that the motto of horticulture would be realised in the lodge, and that the initiates of that night would bear out the principles that had been inculcated in them, and which were taught in that lodge. It had had a long career, and he was pleased to see that a worthy historian had recorded so much of the annals of the lodge. In the interesting resumé placed in their hands he saw some things which would do honour to the lodge. Some, however, were different to what he had seen in some lodge annals. In such he and Col. Shadwell H. Clerke had sometimes seen how brethren had managed to get warrants and contrived to dispose of one of them, which was utterly opposed to anything now considered right; but he had no doubt perfectly convenient and acceptable to the brethren of the past; he had seen how, in the graphic records of the lodge—and our lodge histories he might say were like our English histories—some brethren present, no doubt, had watched or seen what had been done with regard to the Commission which had been looking at the records and manuscripts in our English families. Some might have noticed how the Commission had found among our English annals and in the records of the country which still remained, some of the most interesting details, not merely of political, but of domestic life, which shed a light on the manners and customs of our ancestors, and which, possibly, explained some of those things which we, as Englishmen, had a difficulty to explain unless we saw their origin. Now, he should be utterly puzzled if going from the lodge that night there was any disturbance. He did not suppose there would be one, or that the riots would have got so far as the sacred precincts of a lodge, but if a brother was to say to somebody else that he was a "snake against the lodge," he did not know that he should attach any particular meaning to it unless he had this book, but here he found, in the interesting and graphic records of nearly a century ago, that a brother, who did not belong to the lodge, had disturbed its harmony and told a brother of the lodge that he was a snake against it: the words as recorded by the Secretary were—"he was a snake agen him,"—and the self-contained dignity of the lodge was sufficient to say that the visitor who had thus committed himself should merely be punished by exclusion from the lodge for the time being. He thought this showed not only great courage and great fidelity in the Secretary of that period to record that which a century afterwards became an interesting event, but it showed that the lodge at that time was sufficiently founded, and felt sufficient strength in its own dignity, to be able to deal with an incident of that kind as it so thoroughly well deserved. Having seen, by the kindness of the lodge's present admirable Secretary, a proof of this history in advance, he was enabled to cast his eye through it before he came to the lodge, and he could say as it began, so it was worthily carried on, and he thought the success it had attained at the present moment was the best guarantee for the usefulness of the lodge, and for the fidelity with which it had adhered to the great traditions. (Cheers.) Apologising for detaining the brethren so long, he hoped the brethren would forgive him for having made remarks upon the interesting records he

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 R.W. Senior Grand Warden,
 Has been pleased to signify his intention of Presiding.

Brethren are earnestly invited to accept the Office of Steward upon this occasion, and they will greatly oblige by forwarding their Names and Masonic Rank, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required, and supply them with all necessary circulars, &c.

It is fraternally hoped that, upon this occasion, owing to the large number of Applicants and the few vacancies, Brethren will use their influence to obtain donations towards the Funds of the Institution, which were never more needed than at the present time.

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THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL
 of the Lodge will take place at
FREEMASONS' HALL,

On *FRIDAY EVENING, 26th February, 1886,*
 ON WHICH OCCASION
 The Most Hon. the **MARQUESS OF HERTFORD,**
 SENIOR GRAND WARDEN,
 Has kindly consented to Preside.

The Lodge will be opened at Six o'clock p.m. precisely.

- THE SECOND LECTURE WILL BE WORKED:
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To Correspondents.
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 BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.
 "Masonic Advocate," "Hull Packet," "Jewish Chronicle," "Sunday Times" (London), "Evening Telegraph," "Citizen," "Fifth Annual Report of the Sanitary Assurance Association," "Pythagoras," "Court Circular," "The Freemason" (Sydney), "Newcastle Daily Journal," "Freemasons' Journal" (New York), "Liverpool Daily Albion," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Keystone," "Masonic World," "The Langport and Somerton Herald," and "Sussex Daily News."

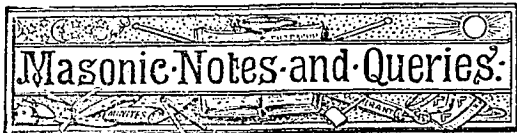


SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1886.
Original Correspondence.

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

RE THE REGALIA OF THE NEW ROYAL ARCH REGULATIONS.

- To the Editor of the "Freemason."
 Dear Sir and Brother,
 For the benefit of some of your numerous readers may I ask you to insert the following questions together with their answers furnished to me by our courteous Grand Scribe E., Col. Shadwell H. Clerke.
- 1.—Is it lawful for officers of Provincial Grand Chapters to wear the *jewel of their office* attached to a tricolour ribbon? Answer, "Yes." See Rule 100 Revised Regulations.
 - 2.—May the P.Z. jewel be suspended on a tricolour ribbon, and if so, by whom? Answer, "The P.Z. jewel must invariably be worn from a crimson ribbon."
 - 3.—Is "the jewel of the Order," when spoken of as such in Grand Chapter, the R.A. jewel presented on exaltation, or the P.Z. jewel? Answer, "Yes; not P.Z. jewel."
 - 4.—If "the jewel of the Order" be the jewel presented on exaltation, may it be worn suspended on tricolour ribbon, and if so by whom? Answer, "Only by Officers of Grand Chapter and Grand Superintendents." See Art. 99.
 - 5.—May the two-inch Provincial tricolour collar be worn in Grand Chapter under the Red office collar, in like manner as the Provincial Purple collar is allowed to be worn under the Light Blue office collar? Answer, "Yes."
 - 6.—May we now understand that all R.A. Provincial Grand Officers are to wear aprons similar to those formerly only worn by members of Grand Chapter (See New Rule 94.) Answer, "Yes; with addition of badge in centre." See Rule 92.
 - 7.—On what coloured ground is the badge of office to be executed? Answer, "the ground should be pierced and open."
 - 8.—Is it in the power of Provincial Grand Lodges to allow by a bye-law, the wearing of the Provincial tricolour collar of the Royal Arch in their respective provinces, at P.G. Lodge meetings, and at meetings of private lodges either by Principals and Past Principals, or by Present and Past P.G. Officers, as might be agreed upon in open P.G. Lodge when any such proposed bye-law was discussed? Answer, "Grand Lodge can alone pass such a Law."
- With reference to my sixth query I see by Regulation 95, officers of Supreme Grand Chapter and Grand Superintendents are distinguished by having a border four inches wide to their aprons.—Believe me, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,
JOHN A. LLOYD,
 February 13. M.E.Z. 357, P.Z. 1533, &c.
 Broad Hinton Vicarage,
 Swindon.



650] PREMIER MASONIC PROVINCE, &c.

I thank Bro. Hughan for his notice of my query about the Carpenters' Arms Lodge. He rarely attempts without some practical result, and in this case his opinion is so far satisfactory to me, that it corroborates (though I admit proof is wanting to some extent) my own researches. It is strange, however, that the house should be known as the Three Compasses (which is, of course, the Carpenters' Arms), and is yet described in an important Masonic pamphlet under the latter designation. But I cannot find any other lodge at which the speech could have been delivered. The Three Compasses appears in Eman Bowen's list, 1723, and Pine's list, 1725, both of which are given in Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges;" but lodges at this early period are very difficult to fix definitely.

J. RAMSDEN RILEY.

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AN OLD GRAND LODGE CERTIFICATE.

Bro. Sadler is doing good service by the publication of such documents as given in No. 649, and he may be sure his zeal is appreciated. I have in my possession a certificate similar; but not quite so old, and, although we ought to discover others even back to the end of 1755, they do not turn up. I agree with Bro. Sadler that this may be the oldest in existence (as I thought mine), and hail its appearance with much satisfaction. Mine differs only in the date and wording of the certificate. It states: "There are to certify that Bro. — was made a Mason, and admitted to the Third Degree of Masonry as appears by the Register *hærento annexed of the Lodge No. —*, regularly constituted," &c., "hereunto annexed," in Bro. Pinna's afterwards, being, of course, omitted. It also reads: "Given under the Seal of the Grand Lodge at London the 15th August, A.L. 5789, A.D. 1789."

Wm. White, Grand Secretary.

At the bottom of the certificate, and in one line across, is: "See the New Edition of the Book of Constitutions, page 265; printed in the year 1784." I have always considered mine remarkable for the absence of "Free and Accepted Masons" in any part of it. I should be extremely grateful if Bro. Pinna would send me his certificate for a day or two that I may patch up mine, which hung up for many years in an old closet, and when I found it was covered with myriads of little brown insects. I took these at first to be brown patches produced by damp and age; but the microscope revealed the fact that very soon the parchment would have been all destroyed. So it must be very different in condition to Bro. Pinna's. The body of the certificate and the seal are perfect.

J. RAMSDEN RILEY.



Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF FIDELITY (No. 3).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 10th inst., the following officers and P.M.'s being present: Bros. A. H. Larcome, W.M.; J. W. Squire, S.W.; G. Low, P.M.; Treas.; J. Squire, P.M., Sec.; J. W. Block, S.D.; S. W. G. Weeks, J.D.; R. S. Hart, Org.; P.M.'s Bros. T. Barratt, W. C. Clark, C. Terry, Berryman, T. Robinson, G. Cordwell, G. Phillip, C. Challen, H. M. Phillips, A. McDougall, T. Kayle, and others. Among the visitors were the following: Bros. J. March Case, P.G.D.; J. G. Green, P.P.G.D. Hunts; W. Douglas Young, I.G. 1072; Amos Wilson, 236; E. Wallace, W.M. 907; H. Jones, 907; J. W. Dixon, 27; J. Wood Ingram, P.M. 373; A. Pain, P.M. 209; Chas. Lee, D.C. 1624; G. S. Bigley, P.M. 1298; W. B. Heagerty, 907; J. O'Connell, Org. 1851; G. Barham, S.D. 256; W. W. Block, I.G. 1158; R. J. Ward, W.M. 1541; J. Large, 771; G. King, P.M., Sec. 172; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee received and adopted. Bro. Harry Birks having been passed to the Second Degree, Bro. Jas. W. Squire, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented for installation. A Board of Masters was then formed, and Bro. Squire impressively installed into the chair of the lodge. He appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers: Bros. J. W. Block, S.W.; S. Weeks, J.W.; Low, P.M.; Treas.; J. Squire, P.M.; Sec.; Cochrane, S.D.; Larkin, J.D.; Dr. Lovell, I.G.; Perryman, P.M., D.C.; Hart, Org.; and Potter, Tyler. The usual addresses were ably rendered by Bro. G. Cordwell, P.M., P.P.G.R. Middx. Bro. R. J. Ward, W.M. 1541, was next elected an honorary member of the lodge, and the sum of five guineas was unanimously voted to the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Ten guineas from the Benevolent Fund was also voted to a distressed brother, and a petition recommended to the Board of Benevolence.

A candidate having been proposed for initiation at the next meeting, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

The cloth having been removed, the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," and "H.R.H. Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," were proposed and most enthusiastically received.

In proposing "The Grand Officers," the Worshipful Master briefly referred to the merits of that distinguished body, and expressed his pleasure in coupling Bro. Case's name with the toast.

Bro. J. March Case, P.G.D., after sincerely thanking the brethren for the flattering reception accorded the toast, said that it gave him great pleasure to respond for the Grand Officers, for they individually rendered good service to the Craft, and always had its best interests at heart. The Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, had lately held an important post in Ireland, but while performing the duties connected with his public position never failed to attend to the duties of Freemasonry. The Deputy

G.M., the Earl of Lathom, was always ready to use his best endeavours for the good of the Craft, and frequently attended Grand Lodge. The Grand Officers were at all times pleased to visit the lodges, for they were always received with hospitality—to which rule the Fidelity Lodge was no exception.

"The Health of the W.M." was next given by Bro. Larcome, who said that, as the I.P.M., it was his honour and privilege to propose this important toast, but as brevity was the order of the evening, his remarks would necessarily be few. Bro. Squire had belonged to the lodge for many years, and by his kind and genial disposition had gained the esteem of the brethren. He had ably performed the duties of the various offices he had held, and with regard to his capabilities for fulfilling the duties of the chair, he was sure the lodge was safe in the W.M. Their newly-installed Master was the son of the oldest Past Master of the lodge, and would, therefore, have the benefit of his advice, both fatherly and brotherly.

Bro. J. W. Squire, W.M., in reply, said that he thanked them from the bottom of his heart for the enthusiastic manner in which they had received the toast of his health. He assured them that his heart and soul were in the lodge, and if he failed to carry out the duties successfully, it would not be for lack of energy. He had looked forward for many years to the time when he should occupy the chair, and now he had attained that position, he would do his best to carry out the ceremonies in an effectual manner.

The toast of "The Visitors" was next proposed by the W.M., who remarked that the Fidelity Lodge usually had a large number of visitors present, and the toast always met with the heartiest approval.

Bro. J. G. Green, P. Prov. G.D. Hunts, tendered his sincere thanks on behalf of the visitors for their hospitable reception. He had always heard that the ritual was performed well in London, and he assured the members of the Fidelity Lodge that he should carry some pleasant recollections back with him to the country, for he had never seen the ceremony of installation performed in an abler manner.

Bro. Ingram, P.M. 373, also responded, and, after thanking the lodge for the hospitality shown to the visitors, said that it was extremely gratifying to see the ceremonies carried out in the excellent way in which they had witnessed them that evening.

"The Past Masters" was next given by the W.M., who said he considered that the P.M.'s were the mainstay of a lodge, and it was only when he arrived at the position he now held that he fully appreciated the support to be relied on. There was always a large muster of Past Masters in that lodge, to all of whom they were deeply indebted. He wished to couple with this toast the name of the Installing Master, Bro. Cordwell. That brother had performed the installation ceremony on at least two previous occasions, and was always ready to assist when required. He (the W.M.) should also call upon Bro. Low, P.M., Treasurer, to respond.

Bro. Cordwell, P.M., P.P.G.R. Middx., replied, and said the W.M. was quite correct when he observed that the Past Masters took a great interest in the lodge, for if they could at any time do anything for the good of the Fidelity Lodge they would only be too pleased to do it.

Bro. Low, P.M., Treas., also replied, and observed that the health of the Past Masters was always given and received in the same hearty manner, and with the greatest amount of good feeling. They were at all times ready to use their best endeavours for the good of the lodge, and were rewarded if they received the sincere and hearty thanks of the brethren.

The next toast proposed was "The Health of the I.P.M." The W.M. in bringing it before the brethren referred to the excellent manner in which Bro. Larcome had performed the duties of the chair during the past year, and said that it afforded him great pleasure to know that he would have such a good Mason on his left in the lodge.

Bro. Larcome returned his hearty thanks for the kind remarks of the W.M., and for the manner in which the brethren had received the toast. During his year of office he had endeavoured to carry out the duties to the best of his ability. He should be only too happy to assist the W.M. if required, and sincerely trusted he would have a successful year.

"The Senior and Junior Wardens and Officers of the Lodge" was next proposed by the W.M., who said that he considered himself very fortunate in having such an efficient staff of officers. He was well acquainted with the excellent manner in which they performed their work, and if the opportunity was afforded them would carry out the duties connected with the various ceremonies to the complete satisfaction of the brethren.

Bros. Block, S.W., and Weeks, J.W., responded in suitable terms, assuring the W.M. that the officers would do their best to deserve the kind remarks of the W.M.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. A pleasant programme of music was carried out under the direction of the Organist, Bro. Hart, who was ably assisted by Bro. R. J. Ward, Mr. Carlyle, Miss B. Colnaghi, and Miss M. Horton.

TEMPLE LODGE (No. 101).—The installation meeting of this old and popular lodge was held at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., when there was a goodly muster of brethren and visitors, under the presidency of the retiring W.M., Bro. E. J. Altman, who was well supported by his officers. Amongst the visitors was Bro. H. Clarke, P.D.G.M. of Columbia. The lodge was opened in form, and after the transaction of some routine business, which included the adoption of a very satisfactory report from the Auditors, Bro. T. A. Bullock was presented for the benefit of installation, the ceremony being very ably performed by the retiring W.M. On the readmission of the brethren, the newly-installed Master was saluted with the customary honours, and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. E. J. Altman, I.P.M.; E. L. Lardner, S.W.; J. Round, J.W.; H. J. Reynolds, P.M., Sec.; J. Bond, P.M., Treas.; J. Beard, S.D.; R. Wilson, J.D.; C. Bagley, I.G.; H. Hastelow, D.C.; F. Williams, W.S.; and R. Potter, Tyler. A handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Altman on his retirement, as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of the valuable services rendered to the lodge.

At the conclusion of the business, the brethren partook of a sumptuous banquet, provided in a style for which Bro. Painter's first-class establishment has long been proverbial.

The W.M., in happy terms, gave "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," these toasts being followed by that of "The Pro Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. H. Clarke, P.D.G.M. of Columbia, in responding, eulogised the Temple Lodge, both for its traditions in the past and its prosperity at the present time. He also spoke highly of the manner in which the work had been carried out in the lodge room by the retiring and newly-installed Masters and the officers generally.

The I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," alluded to the creditable manner in which Bro. Bullock had passed through the minor offices, and expressed his firm conviction that he would discharge the duties of the chair with credit to himself, and with satisfaction to the brethren.

The Worshipful Master, in responding, said he must regard it as a most auspicious occasion for any incoming Master to be supported so well by the officers and brethren generally of the lodge. His convictions were at least equal to his hope that their distinguished visitors would leave them that evening with pleasant impressions formed by the work they had witnessed at the Temple Lodge. For himself he regretted exceedingly that his experience as a Mason, in his own opinion, scarcely fitted him for the exalted position to which it had pleased the brethren to elect him; but he could not but be gratified with the feelings of unanimity with which that honour had been conferred upon him. Their distinguished visitor, Bro. Hyde Clarke, was singularly fitted by his experience to judge of the merits of any lodge which he might visit. He had, in his capacity as Past District G.M., visited the four quarters of the globe, and the complimentary way in which he had spoken of the work of the Temple Lodge was most gratifying to himself, as it must have been to all the officers and brethren present. He hoped he might realise the wish which had been expressed by the proposer of the toast that he might enjoy a happy and prosperous year of office, and promised to do his utmost for the welfare of the Temple Lodge.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, and in doing so he paid a highly deserved compliment to Bro. Altman for the able way in which he had performed the installing ceremony.

The toast was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Altman, I.P.M., and for the hearty welcome extended to the visitors, Bro. Ansell, P.G.D. of the Grand Lodge of Turkey; Bros. Capt. Pash, W.M., and Capt. Durrant, of the Fitzroy Lodge responded. The W.M. coupled the toasts of "The P.M.'s" and "The Sec. and Treas.," for which P.M.'s J. Bond and Flack replied.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Officers of the Lodge," made happy allusion to the admirable way in which the S.W., Bro. P. Lardner, had discharged the duties of his office on all occasions, and he congratulated the lodge in anticipation upon the Mason whom he hoped and trusted would next year succeed him.

Bro. Lardner having responded, the list was appropriately closed by the Tyler.

During the evening there were given some excellent songs and recitations, amongst those who contributed to the enjoyment of the company, being Bros. Frank Williams, H. J. Reynolds, P.M.; E. Lardner, S.W.; A. Beard, L. Temple, Birkett, and others, and a most enjoyable evening was passed.

ST. THOMAS LODGE (No. 142).—The installation meeting of this time-honoured and popular lodge took place on Saturday, the 6th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, when there were present Bros. J. Tullock, P.M.; H. G. Hobson, S.W.; Major P. J. Dunbar, J.W.; H. Reed, S.D.; A. V. Hames, Treas.; G. Powell, P.M., Sec.; J. L. Thomas, P.G.A.D.C., P.M., D.C.; A. T. Meaden, J.D.; T. de Courcy Meade, I.G.; F. G. Bailey, Stwd.; F. T. Dubois, P.M.; M. Hobson, P.M.; H. Battye, P.M.; J. Yorbeny, P.M.; and H. W. Reeves, P.M. Cabbell Lodge. There were also present the following visitors: Bros. Gen. Brownrigg, P.G.J.W., P.G.M. Surrey; F. A. Philbrick, G. Reg.; Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, G. Sec.; B. R. Grey, P.G.D.; E. Letchworth, P.G.D.; Col. Peters, P.G.S.B.; F. T. Rushton, P.G.O. Berks and Bucks, G.S.; F. West, P.G.S.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W. Greece; R. P. Hart, P.G.S.D. Surrey; W. A. Colls, P.M. 1; T. Quennell, W.M. 214; W. Williams, P.M. 19; F. M. Imbert-Terry, I.P.M. 214; W. W. Brown, P.M. 214; D. W. Tengh, W.M. 905; H. T. Freshwater, P.M. 34; L. Reay, P.M. 917; C. Rout, P.M. 187; F. Lemcher, S.W. 214; F. Page, J.W. 214; J. Lateman, 181; P. E. Murphy, P.M. 1424; T. Yeo, P.M. 905; C. C. Gibbes, P.M. 1872; J. W. Hughes, 1827; C. M. Hogg, 1872; C. Coote, 2127; Sir Robert Harley, K.G.M.G., C.B., 477; G. Cooper Eyre, P.M.; and J. Chesters Eyre, P.M.

The lodge was opened in due form, and with the usual formalities. Bro. J. Tullock, well known in the legal profession, installed the incoming Master, Bro. G. Hobson, and performed the ceremony in a most beautiful and impressive manner. It was quite a Masonic treat, and the illustrious brethren present from Grand Lodge were unanimous in their approbation. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. P. J. Dunbar, S.W.; H. Reed, J.W.; A. V. Hames, Treas.; G. Powell, Sec.; J. L. Thomas, P.G.A.D.C., P.M., D.C.; A. T. Meaden, S.D.; T. de C. Meade, J.D.; H. A. W. Reeves, P.M. Cabbell Lodge, I.G.; F. G. Bailey, Stwd.; and A. Walkley, Tyler. The W.M. then presented Bro. Tullock with a P.M.'s jewel, unanimously voted to him by the lodge for his valuable services in 1885.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, where the usual Masonic toasts were duly given and honoured.

The toast of "The Grand Officers" was responded to by Bros. Philbrick, G. Reg., and Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, G. Sec.

Bro. Gen. Brownrigg, C.B., responded to the toast of "The Provincial Grand Master."

The Health of the W.M. was the next toast, and he having replied, Bros. Sir R. Harley, Letchworth, and Gray responded for "The Visitors."

"The I.P.M.," was then proposed, and Bro. J. Tullock acknowledged the same.

The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" followed, being replied to by Bros. Battye, Past Treasurer and father of the lodge; A. V. Hames, Treasurer; and G. Powell, Secretary.

Bros. J. L. Thomas, P.G.A.D.C., P.M., &c., and Major

Dunbar, S.W., having replied for "The Officers," the Tyler's toast was then given, bringing a most enjoyable evening to a close.

It was remarked that the members of the lodge were 14 in number and visitors about 34. This needs no comment; but tells its own tale. St. Thomas Lodge has been noted for over a century for its unbounded hospitality.

The musical arrangements were under the management of Miss Mary Bebal, assisted by Miss Margaret Cockburn, Bro. Alfred Kenningham, Bro. Chaplin Henry, and Bro. J. Kift, and gave very great satisfaction.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—The election meeting of this influential and increasing lodge took place at the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., on Tuesday, the 6th inst., when there were the following officers and brethren present: Bros. Sims, W.M.; Dopson, S.W.; Blake, J.W.; John Tuck, Sec.; Copplesone, S.D.; Doncaster, J.D.; Burton, I.G.; Walkley, Tyler; H. Purdue, I.P.M.; Oliver, P.M.; Shaw, P.M.; Slack, P.M.; Butt, P.M., Treas.; Edwin Lucas, A. Williams, Bird, Wilkins, Kemp, Holworthy, Boyes, Ptchard, Newland, H. Williams, Eason, Water, Chambers, Holland, White, Williams, Hewett, Iredale, Cartwright, Spooner, Cliburn, Icton, Banks, E. Lucas, May, and others. Bro. Windeyer, P.M., P.P.G.R. Kent, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form; the minutes of the last regular and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Messrs. Icton and Wicks, which proved unanimous in each case. This being election night the bye-laws were read. Mr. Icton being in attendance was admitted and duly initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. Shaw was then passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M. in his usual masterly manner. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year proved unanimous in favour of Bro. Dopson, S.W., who thanked the lodge in a few well-chosen words for that mark of their esteem. Bro. Purdue, I.P.M., proposed, and Bro. Slack seconded, Bro. Butt, P.M., as Treasurer, which was also unanimous. Bros. Lucas, Stotworthy, Cliburn, A. Williams, and Doncaster were elected Auditors. The W.M. kindly consented to represent the lodge at the ensuing Festival for the Girls' School, when Bro. Purdue proposed, and Bro. Banks seconded, that the sum of ten guineas should be placed on his list to form a nucleus, which was unanimously carried. Bro. Blake, J.W., also kindly offered to present to the lodge a Charity box, which was unanimously accepted with very many thanks. A letter of resignation was read from Bro. Bean, P.M., father of the lodge, and received by the brethren with very great regret. Bro. Bean has been a long sufferer from asthma, to which is now added an attack of bronchitis, which prevents him from being out these inclement wintry evenings.

There being no further Masonic business the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where, after partaking of one of those excellent banquets so well known to the habitués of the Criterion, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to.

"The Initiate," "The Visitor," and "The Officers" met with the same reception, and the Tyler's toast concluded one of the most enjoyable evenings, where brotherly love and our old adage of being happy ourselves and communicating happiness to others makes it a pleasure for any brother to visit the Ranelagh Lodge.

TEMPERANCE IN THE EAST LODGE (No. 898).—An unusually large attendance of the members of the above prosperous lodge was held at the Assembly Rooms, Newby-place, Poplar. The W.M., Bro. George Sidders, was well supported by his officers, P.M.'s, brethren, and visitors, numbering together over 100 present. There were candidates for the three Degrees; Bros. Butler and Churchman, of 781, were raised, Bros. Hammond and Mant passed, and Messrs. Wm. Wilkins and J. Turpin were initiated, the former candidate by Bro. Graveley, P.M., by permission of the W.M. Ceremonial working being ended, the usual claims which are made at every lodge meeting of 898, were discussed and treated with even a larger degree than usual of liberality. One decayed brother was awarded £15; a widow of a late brother £10; and another applicant £5 from lodge funds. The W.M.'s Stewardship, on behalf of the Aged Freemasons, was then discussed, and a grant—worthy of this lodge—of twenty-five guineas, was munificently made from lodge funds; and even this large sum was scarcely deemed sufficient, for several members were anxious to grant 50 guineas in support of this deserving Institution.

Lodge was closed, and the lodge room was arranged for the banquet, and when it is remembered that the brethren meet in a private establishment, and purvey for themselves, yet credit is due to those in charge of the arrangements for the entire success that attended their labours, and that, too, under such a severe strain as the large number of brethren present caused.

The usual toasts followed the removal of the cloth, and all was enjoyable. Bro. Sherwin, Org., as usual, was efficient at the instrument, both during the ceremonies and at the accompaniment, and a memorable meeting was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast—one particularly applicable in this lodge on account of the large number of its members who follow the profession of navigation, and are thereby constantly travelling to and from their "native land." Among the P.M.'s present we must mention Bros. Pulsford, Graveley, Rogers, Cooper, Carter, Neville, Chapman, and Williams; Bros. Dr. C. W. Smith, Sec.; and J. R. Waller, Treas. Among the visitors were Bros. Cooper, 1783; Mumms, J.W. 1604; Hendy, 12 (S.C.); J. Ives, P.M. 1472; J. H. Brown, 933; Tyler, D.C. 1685; Churchman, 781; Buchan, P.M. 1259; Warner, 1571; R. J. Tucker, P.M. 933; Fox, P.M. 999; Slater, 1076; Brown, P.M. 169; Manley, 177; Mills, D.C. 1765; J. Limm, Org. 1382; G. C. Minchin, 10; and G. H. Stephens, P.M. 1623.

CITY OF LONDON LODGE (No. 901).—A meeting of this flourishing lodge took place at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., on Monday, the 15th inst. Present: Bros. Harbord, W.M.; McClelland, I.P.M.; Dan. Hughes, S.W.; R. P. Stevens, J.W.; J. Hughes, P.M., Treas.; C. Beaumont, P.M., Sec.; Hoddinott, S.D.; Haylock, J.D.; Fimister, Org.; Clinch, D.C.; Prince, I.G.; Whur, W.S.; Gross, E. Venner, Rubardt, Stwds.; Woodstock, Tyler; Lewis, P.M.; Griffith, P.M.; G. A. Cundy, P.M.; Ginger, P.M.; David

Hughes, P.M.; Ford, Gillard, E. W. Cundy, Eade, Clarke, Barwell, Corkhill, Haydens Diamond, Bater, Sheffield, Ross, Reynolds, Linstead, Taylor, H. Smith, and Burnell. Visitors: Bros. Puxty, 1507; G. W. Thompson, 169; and Laurence, P.M., 901.

The lodge opened in due form. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot having proved unanimous in favour of Mr. Robert Reynolds and Mr. George A. Linstead, and both candidates being present, they were then initiated into our ancient Order.

The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Hayden duly passed to the degree of F.C. Messrs. Pratt, Wilkinson, and Tuck were proposed for initiation at the next meeting of the lodge.

The brethren then adjourned to the dinner, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and honoured.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH LODGE (No. 1259).—This lodge met on the 2nd inst., at the Cape of Good Hope, opposite Limehouse Church, E. The lodge was called for seven, and doubtless it was this fact which will account for the paucity of the attendance of brethren—an unusual state of affairs on the opening night of the new year. Bro. Wm. Esmond, W.M., was supported by Bros. Wakefield, S.W.; L. Etting, J.W.; E. Jex, C.C., P.M., Treas.; Bradbrook, P.M., Sec.; I. Charlton, I.P.M.; Buchan, P.M.; Rowe, P.M.; Atkins, P.M.; Rolfe, P.M.; Moore, S.D.; Dixon, J.D.; Steel, I.G.; Parrett, King, Omer, Toombs, G. H. Willetts, R. H. Willetts, W. H. Pearce, and others.

The work upon the agenda comprised conferring the Degree of M.M. upon Bros. G. H. and R. H. Willetts and W. H. Pearce, and the work was really well done. The subject of the W.M., acting as Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was discussed, and £10 10s. was voted in support of his list, the only want of unanimity in this taking the direction of a wish to give a larger sum.

Other matters occupied the attention of the brethren, and at a late hour lodge was closed. Some of the brethren staying, honoured the usual toasts, while a glass of grog and a cigar was discussed, and a pleasant hour was passed. Bro. Seddon, P.M., the obliging Organist, successfully bringing each of the singers up to pitch, despite the excuses on the score of colds. Amongst those who sang were Bros. Parrett, Atkins, P.M.; Dixon, Stephens, P.M.; Buchan, and others.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Thursday, the 11th inst., when there was a large attendance of members and visitors. Among the members were the following: Bros. A. C. Halestrap, W.M.; W. Shurmur, S.W.; T. Hunt, J.W.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G.S.B., Treas.; D. P. Holness, P.M., Sec.; J. H. Thompson, S.D.; J. Petch, J.D.; W. Davies, D.C.; J. M. Scarlet, Org.; H. Hunt, I.G.; S. Napper, Stwd.; H. Cox, P.M.; E. Blinkhorn, P.M.; and J. L. Mather, P.M. Visitors: Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; J. S. Eastes, P.G.D.; F. Binckes, P.G. Stwd., Sec. R.M.I.B.; E. Woodman, W.M. 1959; E. Walker, W.M. 1766; J. Hooke, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, W.M. 463; J. Bayne, Org. 1897; C. W. Eves, Treas. 77; J. M. Buckley, S.D. 1320; G. S. Elliott, P.M. 749; G. Croton, P.M. 1769; R. Garner, W.S. 1602; H. S. Goodall, P.M. 784; J. Roberts, P.M. 65; S. J. Turner, J.D. 1598; A. Tanqueray, J.D. 33; R. P. Forge, S.W. 1693; W. H. Mackney, W.M. 1278; J. E. Terry, S.D. 1064; L. Wall, S.W. 188; J. W. Cluff, S.D. 59; J. A. Burton, P.M. 1924; J. Hughes, P.M. 1816; A. G. Dodson, P.M. 188; J. W. Lee, 1897; and many others.

The lodge having been opened, and the usual routine business disposed of, Mr. A. Snook was balloted for, which proving unanimous in his favour, he was regularly initiated into Freemasonry. The Audit report was then adopted, after which Bro. Wm. Shurmur, W.M. elect, was presented for installation and duly installed into the chair of the lodge by the retiring Master. The following were appointed and invested as officers: Bros. Thomas Hunt, S.W.; John H. Thompson, J.W.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G.S.B., Treas.; D. P. Holness, P.M., Sec.; J. Petch, S.D.; H. Hunt, J.D.; W. Davies, I.G.; S. Napper, D.C.; J. M. Scarlet, Stwd.; and Couchman, Tyler.

The usual addresses having been ably rendered, it was unanimously resolved that the sum of 10 guineas be taken from the lodge funds and placed on the list of the W.M., who intends serving as Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the R.M.I. for Boys. There being no further Masonic business, the lodge was closed in due form.

An excellent banquet followed, and at its conclusion the customary toasts were honoured, "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the M.W.G.M." being both received with the usual enthusiasm.

In proposing "The Health of the Grand Officers," the Worshipful Master observed that those brethren who had attained the privilege of attending Grand Lodge were aware of the admirable example set by the Grand Officers. He was glad to say that they were honoured with the presence of Grand Officers that evening, and it afforded him great pleasure to couple the name of Bro. Eastes, P.G.D., with this toast.

Bro. J. S. Eastes, P.G.D., expressed his grateful thanks to the W.M. and brethren for the reception given to this toast. He felt very proud of being able to respond for the Grand Officers, but sincerely regretted that the Grand Secretary, who had been present during the lodge, was not able to stay. He could assure them that every Grand Officer was animated with the same motive—to do his best for the benefit of the Craft. It was extremely gratifying to him to see the manner in which the Installing Master had performed the ceremony of installation. He again thanked them for the kind reception he had met with, and felt sure that this toast would always be as heartily received while they had such brethren as the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom to uphold the prestige of Grand Lodge.

Bro. Halestrap, I.P.M., then rose, and said for the first time since leaving the chair he had taken possession of the gavel, and they would all know it was for the purpose of proposing "The Health of their esteemed W.M." He was certain it would not require many words of his to obtain for this toast a hearty reception. The brethren had all witnessed the admirable manner in which the W.M. had carried out the duties connected with the other offices he had held in the lodge, and were confident he would

perform the duties of the chair in the same excellent style. The one thing that reconciled him (the I.P.M.) to leaving the chair, was the fact that he was followed by a Master who would do the work in a manner that would meet with the appreciation of the brethren, and maintain the proud position the lodge now held.

Bro. Shurmur, W.M., in response, tendered his most sincere thanks to the I.P.M. for his flattering remarks, and to the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast. He (the W.M.) feared that he did not deserve half the eulogy bestowed upon him by the I.P.M., but assured the brethren that he would try to fulfil his duties to their satisfaction. The next toast it was his privilege to propose was that of "The Initiate." Without initiating Freemasonry would soon come to an end, for they infused new life and blood into the institution. He sincerely trusted that the initiate of that evening would not fail to reach the proud position of Master of the lodge.

Bro. Snook, after returning thanks for the cordial reception he had met with, expressed his pleasure at having been initiated into the Order, and hoped that he would prove a worthy member of it.

"The Health of the Installing Master" was next proposed by the W. Master, who said that he considered the best thanks of the lodge were due to Bro. Halestrap, the I.P.M., for the impressive manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony. He was personally grateful to Bro. Halestrap, for it was entirely owing to his persuasions and advice that he had gone into office, and had at last reached the chair.

Bro. Halestrap, I.P.M., said he was quite unable to find words to express his thanks for the cordial manner in which the toast of his health had been received. It had been a pleasing privilege to him to instal Bro. Shurmur into the chair, and one that he had looked forward to for many years. Their W.M., as the brethren had heard, had at first been inclined to take Freemasonry in a very free and easy manner. He had always supported the Masonic Charities, but had never been disposed to take office until persuaded to do so by himself, and he (the I.P.M.) hoped that at the end of the year the brethren would think that his persuasions had resulted successfully.

"The Visitors" was next given by the W.M., who referred to the beneficial effects resulting from brethren visiting other lodges. It led to an interchange of ideas and experiences, and it put the officers of a lodge on their mettle when visitors were present. He was pleased to say that they were favoured that evening with a large and influential gathering of visitors, to all of whom, in the name of the lodge, he tendered a warm and hearty welcome.

Bro. Eastes, P.G.D., responded, and, after returning thanks, said that he felt sure the W.M. had a happy and prosperous time before him.

Bro. Walker, W.M. 1766, heartily thanked the W.M. and the brethren on behalf of the visitors for the profuse hospitality shown to them. He had personally known the W.M. for many years, and it was, therefore, very gratifying to him to see him in the chair of such a flourishing lodge. He assured the members of the Islington Lodge that they had in their Master a really Operative Mason, who would be able to instruct them in the arts and sciences that have made Masonry famous all over the world.

Bro. A. Tanqueray, J.D. 33, also responded, and said that visiting lodges was associated in his mind with two pleasing thoughts, and had two pleasing results. For, firstly, whenever a Mason visited a lodge it enabled him to renew the friendships commenced in school life, and made them ripen with years into a deep and lasting attachment. And, secondly, it brought a brother in contact with those with whom he was associated in business life. The latter was the case with him that evening, and it was very pleasing to him to have the association of those connected with him in commercial transactions renewed in a Masonic lodge.

"The Past Masters" was the next toast proposed by the W.M., who said that when all were so good it was difficult to particularise. He congratulated the I.P.M., Bro. Halestrap, on his past year's service, and said it was his pleasing duty to attach to his breast the jewel unanimously voted by the lodge, as a token of the high esteem with which he was regarded. He trusted that he would be spared for many years to be with the P.M.'s.

Bro. Halestrap, I.P.M., tendered his sincere thanks for the handsome jewel presented to him. He had always endeavoured to do his duty, and trusted it would be a lesson to those who followed him. He thought it was at all times pleasing to feel that they had done their duty; but that feeling was unbounded when they were rewarded in the handsome manner that he had been that evening.

The W.M. next proposed "The Masonic Charities," and in doing so said that it was not his intention to dilate at any length upon that toast, as he intended to couple with it the name of Bro. Binckes, the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

Bro. F. Binckes, Sec. R.M.I.B., in responding, said that he was assured very few remarks from him were required to obtain for this toast the warmest reception, for there were few lodges that had done more good and honest work for the Masonic Charities than the Islington Lodge. There was no need for him to weary the brethren with many details, for they had a record that any lodge might be proud of, and there were several brethren present that evening who had done much to benefit those Charities. It was very difficult to say which of the Charities should receive the most support; but the Institution he represented was, he maintained, the most needy and most deserving. The Boys' School had but £17,000 funded money, and there was at the present time a deficit of about £3300, which he asked their assistance to collect. About 25 years ago, there were only 70 boys imperfectly provided for; but an increase was being made that would bring the total number to about 240. He relied on their assistance to maintain the sons of those who had sat at the banquet tables of the lodges in their prosperity—some of them perhaps at the table of that very lodge. It was his pleasure, some time ago, to see a young man initiated who had been educated at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and who, in response to the initiate's toast, had the good taste and the modesty to acknowledge the benefits he had received from that Institution. That young man was but one of many who were now proud ornaments of Freemasonry. He (Bro. Binckes) had for 30 years been putting before the brethren the claims of the boys, and he was sure that on the present occasion his appeal, on behalf of those who could not plead for themselves, would not be in vain.

The toasts of "The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers" were proposed by the W.M., and responded to in suitable terms, after which the Tyler's toast brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

The harmony of the evening was greatly enhanced by songs, &c., from several brethren. Bro. J. Bayne presided in a very able manner at the pianoforte.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—

The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on the 9th inst., when there were present Bros. Harry W. Kedgley, W.M.; T. A. Dickson, S.W.; B. Solomon, J.W.; Rev. P. M. Holden, P.M., Chap.; Edw. Jacobs, P.M., Treas.; Wm. Bourne, P.M., Sec.; G. Reynolds, S.D.; W. F. Thorpe, J.D.; Frank Gulliford, D.C.; S. Hewitt, I.G.; G. Coleman, P.M., W.S.; C. Ralph, A.W.S.; R. F. Potter, Tyler; C. Kedgley, P.M.; G. A. Holditch, C. W. Lodge, E. W. Carter, J. Woodward, W. W. Cousins, J. Peat, J. Potter, Turner Wilson, J. W. Balsham, W. Unwin, T. A. Packham, L. Isaacs, E. Mills, J. Napper, A. Willis, W. A. Dowling, A. Freeman, C. Bond, S. H. Foam, L. Cohen, G. H. Reynolds, and G. Howard. Visitors: J. D. Chancellor, P.G.G.S.G.L., P.M. 60, 643, 657; W. Roots, S.W. 1273; J. Rowe, 1559; Wilkie Jones, S.W. 890; E. W. Cox, S.D. 1565; and J. S. Wilson, 733.

The lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the Second Degree, and resumed to the First. A ballot was then taken for Mr. Charles Edward Tomlinson and Mr. Edward Mills, and, proving unanimous, those gentlemen were made acquainted with the fact. Bro. C. W. Lodge, having answered the usual questions leading to the Third Degree, he retired. Lodge opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. C. W. Lodge was raised to the Degree of M.M. Lodge resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Henry Willis, answering the questions leading to the Second Degree, the lodge was resumed to that Degree, and he was passed to the Degree of F.C. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. Mr. Charles Edward Tomlinson and Mr. Edward Mills were duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, the W.M. doing the work of all three Degrees in a clear manner. The Report of the Audit Committee was unanimously approved, the same being proposed by Bro. Edward Jacobs, P.M., Treas., and seconded by Bro. John Jacobs, I.P.M. The W.M. having received the "Hearty good wishes" of the visitors, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where a capital repast was served under the personal superintendence of Bro. G. P. Bertini.

The brethren having done justice to the good things placed before them, the Worshipful Master gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured in a hearty manner.

The I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said it was a pleasure to have the gavel in his hands to do so. That evening the brethren had seen what the W.M. could do. He had worked the three Degrees in a very able manner for the first time, also had carried out the duties of the chair to the satisfaction of all, and the brethren of the Covent Garden Lodge must feel sure that during the W.M.'s year of office they would have a good working Master, and one that would do credit to the lodge. He trusted his health was improving.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had drunk his health, and the kind words that had fallen from his I.P.M. He must say that Bro. John Jacobs had been much too flattering in his remarks as to the way in which he had performed his duties. He appreciated his kind expressions of feeling. They would stimulate him to greater exertion, but, unfortunately, the state of his health that evening had prevented him working so well as he might have done.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the Initiates," said, he was pleased to receive them as brothers, as each new member added to the strength and prosperity of the lodge. He hoped they would not only be a credit to the lodge, but also useful members of the Craft. He regretted that one brother had left who would have explained Masonry in a fuller and more effective manner than he could.

Bro. C. E. Tomlinson thanked the brethren for the kind way he had been received into Masonry. He would give his whole attention to their instruction, and try and become master of his work.

Bro. E. Mills said he felt flattered with the kind manner in which his health had been drunk, and, like his brother initiate, would try and make himself a useful worker.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the Visitors," said although they were not favoured by so many as usual that evening, he hoped those present had spent a profitable and pleasant time, and he would call upon Bros. Roots and J. Rowe to respond.

Bro. W. Roots, in responding, thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which the health of the visitors had been received, and the hospitality accorded them. He had known the W.M. as a personal friend for some time, and also as a hard worker in Masonry, and he felt sure as time went on he would be perfect in his work.

Bro. J. Rowe also thanked the brethren for the hearty way in which the health of the visitors had been drunk, and for signalling him to respond. He had been a constant visitor to the lodge, through the kind invitations of Bro. J. Woodward. He felt quite at home with them, and could assure the brethren of the Covent Garden Lodge he always enjoyed their hospitality, and was happy amongst them.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the P.M.'s." Bro. Ed. Jacobs, as their Treasurer, was a good Mason in heart; Bro. W. Bourne a good Secretary, and he trusted his life would be spared many years to continue his usefulness. Bro. C. Kedgley was his brother in blood, which prevented him speaking so freely of his abilities as he might do. Bro. G. Coleman was the baby of the lodge, and had proved himself a strong and useful member—indeed, no brother could be more appreciated. Bro. John Jacobs, their I.P.M., had worked beside him in Masonry, and they had advanced together. In the outside world he was a thorough good man. He would call upon Bro. W. Bourne to respond.

Bro. W. Bourne, P.M., thanked the W.M. for his kind expression of feeling, and the brethren for their heartiness in drinking his health. He always had at heart the good of Freemasonry in general, and had received the good wishes of the brethren of the lodge, and he trusted the time for the severance of his duties was far distant. He enjoyed himself amongst them, and would do his best for the good

of the lodge. P.M. Edward Jacobs had left them, but he felt sure had he been present he would have thanked them on behalf of the P.M.'s in more fluent language than he was capable of doing.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Officers," said it was impossible to carry on the duties of the lodge without them. Bro. T. A. Dickson, S.W., was initiated with him, and was a good working Mason, also respected, and had the hearty good wishes of all. Bro. B. Solomon, J.W., was endeavouring hard to make himself master of his work. Bro. G. Reynolds, S.D., was energetic, and a persevering Mason, also the excellent Secretary of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction. His genial face was well known in the Craft. Bro. W. F. Thorpe, J.D., was an efficient worker. Bro. S. Hewitt, I.G., was also a good working Mason, and would soon qualify himself for a higher office. Bro. Frank Gulliford, D.C., fulfilled his office well, and was well known as a practical worker in Masonry; and Bro. C. Ralph, the A.W.S., was indefatigable in his attention to his duties, which added considerably to the comfort of the brethren. He would call upon Bros. T. A. Dickson and B. Solomon to reply.

Bro. T. A. Dickson, S.W., in responding, thanked the brethren on behalf of the officer of the lodge for the hearty manner in which their health had been drunk, and assured them he would endeavour to advance the harmony of the lodge and do his best in his work.

Bro. S. Solomons, J.W., re-echoed the words of Bro. T. A. Dickson.

The Tyler's toast brought this agreeable evening to a close, which Bros. W. Unwin, W. Bourne, P.M., C. Ralph, C. E. Tomlinson, Wilkie Jones, G. Howard, and C. W. Lodge had added to by their musical powers.

ECCELESTON LODGE (No. 1624).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion on Wednesday, the 17th inst. Bro. T. Coulthard, W.M., occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance of brethren, including the following officers: Bros. A. Johnston, S.W.; Isaacs, Treas.; Beckham, Sec.; Ray, S.D.; Lee, D. of C.; Bignold, W.S.; Bottle, I.P.M.; and several P.M.'s and visitors.

The lodge having been opened, and the usual routine business transacted, Bros. Nice and Garner were raised to the Degree of M.M., after which Bros. Perry and Thornton were passed to the Second Degree. Messrs. Wigram and Maitland were then initiated into Freemasonry, and the lodge was closed in due form.

ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).—A large and distinguished gathering of brethren assembled at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Monday, the 15th inst., to witness the installation of Bro. E. Y. Jolliffe, by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.D., G. Sec. The chair was occupied by Bro. W. H. Froom, W.M., who was supported by Bros. E. Y. Jolliffe, W.M. elect.; S. White, I.P.M.; E. Anderson, S.W.; A. Brookman, P.M., Treas.; Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette, P.M., Sec., P.G.C. Middx.; J. Renals, S.D.; A. B. Hudson, J.D.; F. Crookford, I.G.; J. Larkin, D.C.; C. W. Lovett, Org.; E. F. Brewster Fuller, Stwd.; M. R. Webb, Stwd.; G. Rawlinson, W.S.; and the following members: Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Alderman John Staples, W.M. 2020; J. D. Allcroft, P.M., Past G. Treas.; George Kenning, P.M., P.G.D. Middx.; W. S. Chapman, J. Shotton, S. Benton, M.D., P.M.; and T. Benskin.

There was a large array of distinguished visitors, amongst whom were the following: Bros. Gen. Laurie, G.M. of Nova Scotia; Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M. Middx.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G. Deacon; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; Col. J. Peters, P.G.S.B.; T. Young, P.G.S.; A. M. Broadley, P.D.D.G.M. Malta; W. Lake, P.M. 131, P.P. G. Reg. Cornwall; J. Herbage, P.P.G. Reg. Essex; J. F. H. Woodward, P.G. Sec. Middx.; J. Llewellyn Jones, P.M. 657, P.P.G.D. Middx.; J. L. Mather, P.P.G.D. Herts; C. F. Hogard, P.P.G. Supt. W. Essex; F. Venables, P.P.G.P. Herts; A. M. Bates, P.M. 91; F. W. Imbert-Terry, I.P.M. 214; Nelson Reed, P.M. 1572; A. J. Altman, P.M. 1057; J. Hodges, P.M. 1706; A. GreatRex, P.M. 22; G. F. Smith, W.M. 1706; A. Pearce, P.M. 1572; S. H. Soper, P.M. 732; A. McDougall, P.M. 3; F. Page, J.W. 214; J. P. Dickson, S.W. 1572; G. De Luca, 101; P. Morrison, 1218; E. T. R. Wilde, 1827; J. Daly, 282; C. S. Peirce, 65; C. Lee, 1624; J. Amphlett, 1511; R. De Lacy, 1706; A. L. Fryer, 1624; R. Raynham, 1706; G. Innes; E. F. Storr, P.M., Treas. 22; Rev. W. W. Martin, W.M. 1460; R. Taylor, 140; W. P. Brown, 70; Rev. George Avery, Chaplain 1884; Rev. H. R. Wakefield, 1601; R. A. Glover, 231; W. T. Roberts, 1827; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Edward Young Jolliffe was duly presented as W.M. elect, and impressively installed into the chair by the Grand Secretary. The officers were re-invested for the second year. The addresses were then delivered by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., in his usual admirable manner. The W. Master then rose and informed the brethren that it was customary to appoint a brother each year to serve as Steward for one of the Charitable Institutions—the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and the Girls' School having thus benefited during the last two years, it was now the turn of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the W.M. said that it would afford him great pleasure to represent the lodge on behalf of that Institution. This was unanimously agreed to, and the sum of 25 guineas was voted from the lodge funds to be placed on the list of the W. Master. The W.M., having thanked the brethren, said that it was now his pleasing duty to present the I.P.M., Bro. W. H. Froom, with a Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his efficient services in the chair during the past year. Bro. Froom had spared neither time nor trouble in his efforts to promote the welfare of the lodge, and he heartily wished him health, long life, and happiness. The I.P.M., in appropriate terms, acknowledged the gift, for which he tendered his sincere thanks. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, ably presided over by the W.M.

The first toast was, as usual, that of "The Queen and the Craft," which was received with the customary enthusiasm, the W. Master remarking that it needed but very few words from him to ensure it a hearty reception, for Her

Majesty commanded the esteem of the world, and especially of the Craft.

In proposing "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," the W. Master said that all the brethren were aware of the great interest taken by His Royal Highness in the welfare of the Craft, but owing to his numerous engagements he was prevented from presiding over Grand Lodge as often as he otherwise would.

"The Grand Officers" was next proposed by the W.M., who said that, in speaking of the Grand Officers, he could assure the brethren that the same spirit animated them all, for they did all they possibly could for the good of the Craft. He was proud to say that there was a large and influential gathering of Grand Officers present that evening, but, as time was short, the brethren would not be able to hear them all in response. He would couple with this toast the name of Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett.

Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M. Middx., thanked the W.M. for the manner in which he had proposed the toast of the Grand Officers, and the brethren for their reception of it. It was an important toast to be called upon to reply to, but nobody responded with more pleasure than himself. Among the Grand Officers there was none more worthy than the Earl of Carnarvon, whose public duties had lately prevented him from being frequently at Grand Lodge. As for the Earl of Lathom, he is known in all the districts in the country and elsewhere as a worthy and excellent Mason. The rest are always ready to perform their duties to the best of their ability. He had much pleasure in announcing that an addition was to be made to the Grand Officers, by the appointment of a Provincial Grand Master for the Isle of Man. The few lodges that have been working in that island have petitioned for a Provincial Grand Lodge to be established, and he was glad to say that there was every probability of a Provincial Grand Master being appointed, who would support the Grand Lodge of England, and rule judiciously over the Province of the Isle of Man. He would not trespass any longer on the time of the brethren, but again thank them, and he trusted that the Aldersgate Lodge might continue to flourish.

"The Health of the W.M." was next given by Bro. W. H. Froom, I.P.M., who said that, as the gavel had been entrusted to him, the brethren would know that it was for the purpose of proposing this important toast. He was sure it would be received with enthusiasm, for no brother had ever been placed in the chair of that lodge with more hearty goodwill. The W.M. was the I.P.M. of the Thames Valley Lodge, and there were many brethren present who had come to congratulate him on reaching the chair. He (the I.P.M.) asked, What is the reason for this popularity? For an answer he would refer them to the motto inscribed on the banner over the W.M.'s chair. It was "Tant que je puis," or, "Do as much as I can." Had not the W.M. done as much as he could? He had for some years been doing all in his power for the good of Freemasonry. He was the most unselfish man he (the I.P.M.) had ever met with, and with such a character he would ask the brethren to rise and drink the health of their Worshipful Master in a bumper.

Bro. E. Y. Jolliffe, W.M., tendered his sincere thanks for the kind and flattering way in which his health had been proposed and received. It was his pleasure and privilege to receive an invitation from his friend, Bro. Saillard, to the consecration of the Aldersgate Lodge, and since then he had taken a great interest in it, and he felt it an honour to have been elected to the chair. He only hoped that when he left the chair at the end of the year they would speak as favourably of him as they did now. The next toast was "The Installing Master," and the Worshipful Master, in introducing it, said he considered the lodge was under an obligation to the Installing Master for the honour conferred upon them by his kindness in performing the installation ceremony. There was no brother looked upon with greater pleasure in that lodge than the G.S., Bro. Col. Clerke, whom he hoped to see among them on many future occasions.

Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, heartily thanked them for this very kind, very grateful, and, he ventured to say, very unnecessary toast, although it was a great pleasure to him to be received in this manner. There was one song he had often heard, the refrain of which was, "He did, but he didn't know why." Those words completely expressed his position that evening in responding to this toast. He had had the pleasure of performing the installation ceremony in that lodge for some years past, and in so doing had had the opportunity of meeting many friends. He had also had the pleasure of installing many worthy men, but no brother more worthy than the brother he had placed in the chair that evening. It was very pleasing to him (the G.S.) to be in his present position, and he hoped that his services might always be given to the Craft in general, and more especially to the Aldersgate Lodge.

The Worshipful Master then gave "The Lord Mayor and Sheriffs," observing that they were honoured that evening with the presence of Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, in whose ward the meetings of this lodge are held, and to which several of the members belong. The W.M. further remarked that when they considered the many duties connected with the office of Lord Mayor, they would fully appreciate the honour done them by his presence that evening. He hoped that he would have good health to carry out the duties of the important position he so ably fills.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, in response, thanked the brethren very much for the manner in which his health had been received. The W.M., in proposing this toast, had spoken of the onerous duties of the Lord Mayor, but he hoped that the W.M. did not include visiting the Aldersgate Lodge. He felt very great pleasure in meeting the members of that lodge, for its home and resting place was in his ward, and he sincerely thanked them for electing him a member, for it was an honour he did not expect. In the little emblem on the menu card they had a resemblance of the old gate of Aldersgate Ward, and it reminded him of a similar device erected when he passed through on his accession to office. He assured them that he desired to see the prosperity of that lodge, and trusted that it would continue to flourish in harmony. He did not see what particular reason there was that the Lord Mayor should be Master of a lodge, but of late years he could point to many who had filled the chairs of their lodges, and who were always spoken of in the best terms. He hoped that a similar fate might await him.

"The Visitors" was the next toast proposed by the Worshipful Master, who said that it was one that that

lodge was always proud of. Theirs was a very small lodge, only numbering about 25, but there was always a large attendance of visitors. A distinguished visitor once asked him, "Where are the members?" The same remark would apply on the present occasion, for they were lost among the visitors. He hoped they had all enjoyed themselves, and that they would be able to look back with pleasure on the short time spent at that lodge. With this toast he coupled the names of Bro. Gen. Laurie, G.M. of Nova Scotia, whom he was specially pleased to see, and Bros. Philbrick, G. Reg., and the Rev. W. W. Martin, W.M. 1460.

Bro. Gen. Laurie, G.M. of Nova Scotia, in reply, said that there were times when one regretted that one had climbed the ladder so high. The W.M. had imposed on him the duty of responding on behalf of the large array of visitors present, and as a soldier he would do his best. His early associations were in connection with that Ward, for his uncle was an Alderman of Aldersgate Ward long before some of the brethren had assumed the position they now hold, and possibly before some had come into the world at all. The Lord Mayor had alluded to the deep interest taken by preceding Lord Mayors in the Craft, and the high positions many had occupied. He had heard that there were many points of resemblance between the Corporation and the Craft. The principal of these was that they both assisted materially to relieve the distressed and carry on the great work of Charity. The next was the profuse hospitality displayed by both, and which was fully exemplified in the excellent entertainment with which the visitors had been provided that evening. The Craft and the Corporation both had a contempt for everything that was base and low, and their aims were the same, for they both upheld that which was good and true. These were a few points of resemblance, but as he feared he was intruding on the brethren, he concluded by thanking the lodge in the name of the visitors for their hearty reception.

Bro. F. A. Philbrick, O.C., G. Reg., also responded, and on the part of the guests thanked the brethren for the great kindness and hospitality so abundantly bestowed upon them, and which they now stood willingly to acknowledge. The lodge, though small, had had the treat of witnessing a grand success, resulting from its great kindness and the general feeling of unanimity displayed. That meeting was one of the grand features of the Order for it brought together many who were associated outside Masonry, but all of whom had the welfare of the Craft at heart. It showed how wide was its power, for it also drew together those from foreign lodges.

Bro. Rev. W. W. Martin, W.M. 1460, followed, and desired to express his grateful thanks for the hospitality received. The W.M. of the Aldersgate Lodge was honoured and respected by the members of the Thames Valley Lodge, of which he was the I.P.M., and it was well represented amongst the visitors that evening.

"The P.M.'s" was then proposed by the W.M., who said he could safely say that that lodge was fortunate in having such P.M.'s, for they spared neither time nor trouble. He was glad to say that they were all present that night. He could say many things in favour of their esteemed Immediate Past Master, but he had requested him to refrain from doing so; but he should couple his name with this toast.

Bro. W. H. Froom, I.P.M., in reply, sincerely thanked the W.M. for the way in which he had brought this toast to the notice of the brethren, and the brethren for the reception accorded it. The P.M.'s had always desired to do all they could for the benefit of the lodge, and would render all the assistance in their power to help the W.M. As I.P.M. he had been making enquiries to learn the nature of his duties, and had ascertained that it was his duty to assist the W.M. He was not sure whether the assistance was to be rendered before or after the lodge; but he would do all he could to support him whenever occasion required.

"The Officers of the Lodge" was the next toast given by the W.M., who said that he considered himself very fortunate in being able to reappoint all his officers. They were all well acquainted with their respective duties, and he felt sure that he could rely upon them to give him all the assistance in their power, and thus help to make his year of office a successful one. He had much pleasure in calling upon Bros. E. Anderton, S.W., and J. Renals, S.D., to respond.

Bro. E. Anderton, S.W., after thanking the W.M., in the name of the officers, for his kind remarks respecting the toast, observed that he had had the pleasure of responding to it on several previous occasions. The officers had seen with interest and admiration the zeal the W.M. had thrown into all he did, and it was with great pleasure that they offered him their hearty congratulations at being installed in the presence of such a distinguished assembly of brethren.

Bro. J. Renals, S.D., who followed, said that as he only occupied the J.W.'s chair pro tem., he did not anticipate being called upon to respond to this toast. He could only return the hearty thanks of the officers, who would support their Worshipful Master to the best of their ability, for he was one of the kindest hearted men it was possible to meet with.

The W.M., in proposing the next toast—that of "The Treasurer and Secretary"—said that it was the last, but not by any means least. Bro. Brookman was one of the first initiates of the lodge, and had worked up through the various offices; had passed through the chair, and now held the position of Treasurer. He would now refer to their esteemed Secretary. Some time ago, the duties connected with that office became so heavy, that he (the W.M.) relieved him from them. But when the brethren required him to go through the chair, Bro. the Rev. Dr. Brette came forward and kindly consented to again fill the post of Secretary. He could only say that in their Treasurer and Secretary they had two good officers, and no lodge could possibly have better.

Bro. Brookman, P.M., Treas., in responding, said that he happened to be one of the first initiates, as the W.M. had observed, and he was the first initiate to reach the chair. The office might have been bestowed upon some other brother, but the lodge in its wisdom conferred it on him, and as he learnt that it was unanimous, he gladly accepted the post. The position was previously held by one who is a good philanthropist—he referred to Bro. Allcroft—and as they had elected him (Bro. Brookman) to succeed him, he felt most grateful. It was a great pleasure to sit in the lodge next to Bro. Dr. Brette, and he assured the Worshipful Master and brethren that he would endeavour to do his duty as long as the lodge funds were entrusted to his care.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette, P. Grand Chaplain Middlesex, P.M., Honorary Secretary, also responded, and, after returning thanks, said that he had been trying for some time to put his light out, but unsuccessfully, for first he had to reply as Past Master, then as Chaplain, and now he was called upon as Secretary. He had now the opportunity of saying in public, what he had said in private—that he had resumed the duties of Secretary as a work of love, as he knew that it was the unanimous wish that Bro. Jolliffe should occupy the chair. While their W.M. occupied his present position he (Bro. Brette) would do his duty, and use his utmost endeavours for the good of the lodge.

The Tyler's toast concluded a very enjoyable and successful evening.

Bro. R. Raynham, of St. Paul's Cathedral, had charge of the musical arrangements, and under his guidance a most excellent programme was spread over the evening, the songs, &c., selected being of a high class character; while the vocalists, Bros. J. Hodges, A. L. Fryer, Robert De Lacy, and W. Winn, from St. Paul's choir, with Masters Humm and Lewis, two of the choir boys, acquitted themselves most successfully, the singing of the boys in particular being quite a treat to listen to.

COBORN LODGE (No. 1804).—The installation meeting was held at the Bow Vestry Hall on Thursday, the 11th inst., when the W.M., Bro. J. T. Robey, was supported by his officers and a good array of members and visitors. Bro. W. Clarke, P.G.P., having assumed the chair, Bro. C. J. R. Tijou, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented for installation as W.M., and was duly installed in a most impressive manner by the Installing Officer. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers: Bros. J. T. Robey, I.P.M.; A. Souch, S.W.; E. G. Johnson, J.W.; H. L. Wheatley, S.D.; C. A. Plater, J.D.; R. Logan, P.M.; Treas.; F. J. Hunt, P.M., Sec.; J. A. Ellerton, Org.; Balme, I.G.; R. R. Green, D.C.; Paterson, J.S.; and Harrison, Tyler. The Installing Officer gave the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren, after which the Auditors' report for the past year was read and approved. It showed that notwithstanding there was a smaller income, yet the amount paid in Charity was larger than before. The W.M. of the lodge announced that he would have the honour of representing the members at the Festival of the R.M.B.I., in conjunction with Bro. Green, D.C., and the sum of 10 guineas was voted for his list from the lodge funds. A vote of thanks to Bro. Clarke was passed, and ordered to be entered on the minutes in recognition of his services as Installing Master.

Letters were read from Bros. Philbrick, O.C., G. Reg., who was unavoidably prevented from attending as the guest of the W.M.; Kennett, P.M. 1716, absent from illness; and several other brethren who were unable to be present, after which "Hearty good wishes" were given, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where the banquet was held.

Dinner over, the customary loyal toasts were given and cordially received, Bro. Clarke, P.G.P., responding for "The Grand Officers."

The W.M. responded to the toast proposed in his favour.

"The I.P.M." was then given, and the W.M., in the name of the lodge, placed upon the breast of Bro. J. T. Robey, I.P.M., a handsome P.M.'s jewel, which Bro. Robey suitably acknowledged.

"The Installing Master" drew from Bro. Clarke a few remarks, in which he expressed his pleasure at again installing a W.M. into the chair of the Coborn Lodge, and his confidence that the lodge would not suffer in the hands of the ruler they had unanimously elected to preside over them.

In giving "The Masonic Charities," the Worshipful Master stated that he had, as the brethren knew, taken a great interest in Charity in the Craft, and he hoped that when he and Bro. Green represented the lodge at the Festival of the R.M.B.I., they would be well supported by the members.

Bro. J. Terry replied, and after drawing attention to the requirements of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, pleaded eloquently and earnestly for the Institution which he represented.

"The P.M.'s" drew replies from Bros. F. J. Hunt, Logan, and C. Brown, and for "The Visitors" the W.M. called upon Bro. J. Salmon, W.M. 2077, and Bro. J. Taylor, P.M. 753, who expressed their gratification at being present and their pleasure at the manner in which the work in lodge had been performed.

Bro. Souch, S.W., and Bro. Green, D.C., replied for "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast having been duly honoured, the brethren separated.

Amongst the visitors present we noticed Bros. Rundell, W.M., and Potts, P.M. 1716; McLaren, W.M.; Peterken, P.M., and Forbes, S.W. 1805; W. Holloway, P.M. 1158; Tyer, P.M. 1306; Liele, 1805; Ford, 807; J. H. Brown, S.D. 933; Nettlefield, W.M. 66; Gibbs, 1658; Holmes, 1706; Dr. Porter, S.D. 1719; Davies, 1901; Akehurst, 1693; Tichiaz, I.G. 917; Hilton, 917; Barnes, 548; and Walter Latter.

VICTORIA PARK LODGE (No. 1816).—The above named lodge met successfully on the 28th ult., at the Queen's Hotel, Victoria-park, E. Bro. Carrell, W.M., was supported by Bros. Oldroyd, S.W.; Watkins, J.W.; Morris, Treasurer; Rogers, P.M., Secretary; Kinipple, S.D.; Sinclair, J.D.; Clements, D.C.; M. Sherwin, Org.; Johnson, I.G.; Walker, Steward; H. Stewart, P.M.; Tyler; H. J. Cant, P.M.; Hodges, P.M.; Reeves, P.M.; and Hughes, P.M. Visitors: Bros. Harris, W.M. 1076; G. J. King, 1259; Toombs, 1259; Roskelly, 356; Ford, P.M. 990, P.P.G.J.W. South Wales; G. H. Stephens, P.M. 1623; Craig, Abrahams, Kemp, Hayns, Thompson, Freeborn, J. Corfield, Dale, North, Wise, Hart, Govier, S. Corfield, Cope, Garrood, Finch, and Wood.

The ceremonial working, admirably rendered, consisted of raising Bro. Hayns and passing Bro. Dale. The handsome grant of 25 guineas was made on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution upon the list of Bro. Carrell, W.M., and we were gratified to witness, at a later period of the evening, how substantially the brethren augmented this amount. Some discussion upon lodge matters was next dwelt with in a truly fraternal spirit, and after it had been resolved to purchase a set of new collars for the officers, lodge was closed, and, on the invitation of the W.M., a bountifully served plain supper was

partaken of, which gave great satisfaction, and showed Bro. Hart to be a master of the art of catering for the varied requirements of the brethren.

After grace the usual toasts were honoured with commendable brevity, and so allowing more opportunity for the enjoyment of harmony, Bro. Sherwin being, as usual, able and obliging as an accompanist.

The toast of "The W.M." was given by Bro. Hughes, P.M., and was especially honoured as the Steward for the R.M.B.I.

In returning thanks, Bro. Carrell made the speech of the evening, giving a masterly account of the merits and claims of the Institution for Aged Freemasons. The W.M.'s appeal was not in vain, for upon Bro. Clements taking round the list, a most handsome response was met with, and Bro. Carrell's list bids fair to be a success.

"The Visitors" were heartily welcomed, and Bro. Ford, P.P.G.J.W. South Wales, specially responded, urging upon the brethren the advantages to be derived from attending the lodge of instruction. He owed the great advances he had made the last 10 years in Masonry to the fact that he had studied diligently in lodges of instruction, and when business took him from London to South Wales, he had been enabled to open up a new sphere of usefulness, and his labours had been received with much appreciation in South Wales, he having had the honour of filling several Grand Lodge offices, and had been voted a handsome jewel for his services in the lodges of instruction in that district.

Bro. Stephens, P.M., being called upon, thanked the brethren for their hearty and cordial reception. He had been very pleased to see the condition of the lodge after an absence of about two years. Their ceremonial working was excellent, and he quite expected it would be from the fact of meeting their officers and brethren at the various lodges of instruction. He congratulated them upon their choice of a W.M., as it was plain to all they were fully justifying their action in electing him to the chair by their loyal support in the lodge at the banquet table and as their Steward by their large subscriptions to his list.

Some excellent singing, and a fine reading by an old histrionic brother, Bro. G. J. King, greatly improved the tone of the meeting, and a highly agreeable evening was passed.

WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).—The ordinary monthly meeting of the above veteran lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, William-street, on Wednesday, the 10th inst., Bro. W. Akers, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following brethren: Bros. G. Davis, P.M.; R. Hodgkinson, P.M.; A. Cleal, S.W.; J. G. Mibourn, J.W.; T. Hutton, P.M., Treas.; N. Brown, P.M., Sec.; W. Tailby, S.D.; H. Grice, J.D.; J. Bell, I.G.; S. Chasteauf, T. Appleby, W. Hill, A. Prater, T. Moore, W. J. Barnes, T. Sandford, G. Bishop, C. Martin, T. Weaver, W. H. Thomas, B. Tidy, F. Wagg, A. McQueen, and C. Jolly, all of the lodge. The visitors present were Bros. W. Moulds, W.M. 1536; G. Kenneday, 829; and J. Thresher, 1816. There was also present Bro. J. Moore, an old P.M. of the lodge, who was proposed as a joining member. The minutes were confirmed, among them being a resolution to raise the initiation fee to £10 10s., upon which we heartily congratulate the lodge. The lodge was then closed. The brethren afterwards spent a few hours in social converse and harmony, the usual loyal and Masonic being honoured in due course.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—The installation meeting of this old lodge was held on Thursday, the 4th inst. Lodge was opened by Bros. T. Ames, W.M.; W. Peach, S.W., W.M. elect; J. E. Wilton, J.W.; T. P. Ashley, P.M. and Treas., P.P.G. J.W. Somerset, acting Sec.; W. L. Baldwin, S.D.; W. B. Gregory, J.D.; F. Wilkinson, D.C.; J. Foote, Org.; J. G. Wilton, I.G.; T. G. Brown, Stwd.; R. P. Floyd, P.M., P.P.G.R. Somerset; E. J. B. Mercer, P.M., P.P. G.S. of Wks. Somerset; R. B. Cater, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. Somerset; S. Colles, P.M.; T. B. Moutrie, P.M., P.P. G.S.W. Somerset; J. Rubie, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. Somerset; besides many member. Visitors: Bros. E. T. Payne, P.G.D. England, P.M. 53; Col. Ford, P.M. 53; J. Knight, W.M. 906; C. H. Bernard, W.M. 379; J. Hughes, W.M. 2038; and many others.

Lodge having been opened, some formal business was transacted. The D.P.G.M. Somerset, G.W. Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.D. Eng., and the other Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers being announced, were admitted with the honours befitting their exalted rank. Apologies were made for V.W. Bro. Col. Adair, P.G.M. Somerset; W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. England; E. White, P.M.; Radway, Secretary; and other brethren. Ballot was taken for a candidate for initiation, and was successful. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. W. Peach, W.M. elect, having been duly presented to the Installing Master, Bro. T. Ames, W.M., lodge was opened in the Third Degree, all offices declared vacant, and the brethren below the chair dismissed. A Board of Installed Masters was fully opened, when Bro. Peach was duly installed in the chair of K.S. The Installed Board of Masters was closed and the brethren admitted. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Ames, I.P.M.; T. E. Wilton, S.W.; W. L. Baldwin, J.W.; T. P. Ashley, P.M., Treas.; C. W. Radway, P.M., Sec.; F. Wilkinson, P.M., D.C.; W. B. Gregory, S.D.; J. G. Wilton, J.D.; W. Foote, Org.; R. L. Jervis, I.G.; T. Brown and H. Boutelle, Stewards; and G. Bigwood, Tyler. The Installing Master gave the address to the W.M., and Bro. T. P. Ashley those to the Wardens and brethren. The W.M. having expressed his thanks to the brethren, promised to exert his influence in promoting the lodge's prosperity. Bro. White's jewel to the retiring P.M., Bro. Ames, was unanimously voted by the brethren, and more especially was he complimented on the manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony. Bro. T. Ames warmly thanked the brethren. A vote of thanks to the D.P.G.M. and visiting brethren was carried by acclamation and suitably acknowledged.

Lodge was closed in peace and harmony, when the brethren adjourned to the Grand Pump Room Hotel for the banquet. Over 60 sat down, and during dinner the Pump Room band discoursed sweet music, Bro. Van Praag delighting the brethren by his violin solos. Between the toasts several musical brethren added to the evening's enjoyment.

The Great Architect has removed during the past year

one or two distinguished brethren of this lodge—Bro. T. Wilton, ex-Mayor of Bath, P.P.G.J.W. Somerset; as also Bro. Dr. Henry Hopkins, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. Warwickshire—the latter loss will long be felt; his great love for Masonry, and his assistance to the Charities, will keep his name alive, let us hope, for some years. Bro. Hopkins delighted in teaching the ritual of our Order, and one of his most promising pupils, Bro. Wm. Peach, is now in possession of the chair of No. 41, and a brilliant Master will be enrolled on the lodge board, and it is fully expected his year of office will act as a stimulant to the younger officers to perform their duties in as perfect a manner as their W.M. is wont to discharge all duties connected with our beautiful ritual.

WARWICK.—Shakespeare Lodge (No. 284).

A meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Room on Tuesday, 9th inst. Present: Bros. Herbert Spens, W.M.; W. Caleb Williams, S.W.; Col. Swynfen, J.W.; Rev. Thurston R. Jervis, Chap.; Brabazon Campbell, M.A., P.M., Treas.; S. W. Cooke, P.P.G.S.W., Sec.; W. Chase, S.D.; E. Nettlefold, J.D.; Hon. R. Lyttelton, I.G.; J. W. Bullock, Stwd.; and W. Mann, Tyler; Bros. F. H. Haynes, P.M.; Herbert Mayatt, J. N. Smyth, Bernard Rice, W. Dutton, and L. H. Kendall.

The ballot was taken for Bro. J. W. R. Bowyer, M.D., of the Ancient Union Lodge, as a joining member. Messrs. R. Saindy and John Wilkes were initiated. Bros. Herbert Mayatt and Bernard Rice were raised.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).

The first meeting after the installation was held on Thursday, the 4th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, when there were present Bros. R. R. Lisenden, W.M.; J. W. Edwards, I.P.M.; J. Garside, S.W.; W. B. Akerman, J.W.; W. J. Cunliffe, P.M., Treas.; Edward Smith, Sec.; J. Robinson, S.D.; E. J. Chesworth, J.D.; John Bladon, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C., D.C.; Vasil M. Vultchoff, S.S.; Wm. Rennie, J.S.; J. Sly, Tyler; James Dawson, P.M.; John Smethurst, P.M.; Daniel Donbavand, P.M.; H. Walmsley, P.M.; Wm. Nicholl, P.M.; James Wilson, P.M.; J. G. Elderton, G. E. Swindells, S. Staton, F. Spencer, A. Wild, and E. Wahl. Visitors: Bros. J. D. Murray, P.M. 1335, P.G. D.C., West Lanc.; G. A. Coleman, P.M. 277; W. H. Hughes, W.M. 633; J. M. Sinclair, P.M. 163; J. Pollitt, P.M. 633; J. M. Johnson, P.M. 581; Capt. F. C. Mawer, 349 (Malta); W. C. Moss, 241; J. R. Leven, P.M.; and G. Wolstencroft.

The lodge was opened, and after the Secretary had read the somewhat lengthy minutes of the previous meeting, they were confirmed. Bro. F. Spencer, being ready and willing to take his Second Degree, was interrogated by the W.M. as to his proficiency in the former, and, having answered, withdrew. After the usual preliminaries, the W.M. interrogated Bro. S. Staton (who was a candidate for raising) as to his proficiency in the Second Degree. The W.M. then vacated his position in favour of Bro. J. W. Edwards, I.P.M., who passed Bro. Spencer to the Degree of a Fellow Craft; after which Bro. Lisenden, W.M., raised Bro. Staton to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., Bro. John Bladon presenting the working tools. At the proper time set apart for such business, Bro. W. J. Cunliffe, I.P.M., Treas., rose in support of his motion, particulars of which appeared on the circulars, viz., that the sum of £20 be voted from the lodge funds towards the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Benevolent Institution. The motion was seconded by Bro. W. Nicholl, P.M., and carried unanimously. There being no further business, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren afterwards supped together, and on the removal of the cloth, the usual toasts were honoured, including "The Healths of the Newly Passed and Raised Brethren, Bros. Spencer and Staton," who responded.

DERBY.—Arboretum Lodge (No. 731).

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall. Present: Bros. J. Copestick, W.M.; Edgar Horne, S.W.; A. Woodiwiss, J.W.; W. Whitaker, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Brigg, Sec.; John Brown, P.M., as S.D.; Severn Taylor, J.D.; W. Forman, Org.; John Walker, D.C.; Geo. Sutherland, I.G.; John Jones, Stwd.; Thos. Day, Tyler; G. T. Wright, P.M., P.G. S.W.; Thos. Cox, P.M., P.G. Treas.; Thos. R. Gee, P.M.; J. Bland, P.M.; C. Webster, P.M.; F. G. Sanderson, P.M.; James Taylor, P.M.; James Worsnop, P.M.; Alfred Smith, G. C. Copestick, H. Horne, G. H. Ward, E. H. Claye, W. H. Wright, H. Tampest, F. Hall, W. Knight, J. A. Linacre, and J. E. Kaye. Visitors: Bros. W. J. Piper, W.M. 502; C. D. Hart, P.M. 1085; and W. H. Munow, 1269.

Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for the W.M. for the ensuing year, the choice of the brethren falling upon the highly-esteemed S.W., Bro. Edgar Horne, W. Bro. W. Whittaker, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Thos. Day, Tyler, Mr. Samuel Tinkler, who was proposed at the last meeting, was elected. Mr. D. Woollatt, was initiated by the W.M., who also presented the working tools. The charge was afterwards very ably delivered by the J.W. Apologies for non-attendance were received from the Chaplain, the S.D., and the W.M. of No. 253. A sum of money was voted towards the cost of tuning and repairing the grand piano; and W. Bro. G. T. Wright, P.M., gave notice that at the next meeting, that a sum not exceeding five guineas be taken from the lodge funds for the purpose of providing a Past Master's jewel, to be presented to the retiring W.M. The usual enquiries having been made, and "Hearty good wishes" tendered, lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

The brethren afterwards met in the lower hall for refreshment, after which the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts; also that of "The Prov. G. Lodge of Derbyshire," which was very heartily received, and suitably responded to by the Prov. G.S.W. and Treasurer.

The Senior Warden then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," saying he was sure it would meet with a very hearty reception, as, under his genial rule, the time has passed so rapidly it scarcely seemed possible twelve months had passed since he was elected. He fully believed the success of the lodge was due to the W.M. and P.M.'s always showing the greatest interest in the lodge, and attending so well.

This having been heartily responded to by the brethren, the W.M. said, he thanked all most cordially for the hearty

manner the toast of his health had been received; he wished he deserved half what had been said, but he certainly had done his best to do the work well. He should never lose his interest in the lodge.

The Worshipful Master then submitted the toast of "The W.M. Elect," which met with quite an ovation. He said, our esteemed Bro. Horne had worked his way well from the lower offices, and would, he was sure, do his work well, and fulfil all the duties of the chair in a proper, genial, and efficient manner. There never has been a more zealous officer, nor one who has had more the interests of the lodge at heart.

Bro. W. J. Piper, 502, asked to be allowed to say a few words before the toast was drunk. He had always worked shoulder to shoulder with Bro. Horne, and now each would be W.M. of their respective lodges in the same year, and he anticipated for his friend and brother, a most prosperous year, trusting each would do their utmost to visit one another's lodge frequently. The toast was heartily received.

The W.M. elect said, it was not given to all to demand success, but he would do his best to deserve it, and try in all ways to make the year a happy and prosperous one. He should rely very strongly on the assistance of the Past Masters and brethren, and he trusted his efforts would justify the confidence they had placed in him.

The Treasurer then proposed "The Initiate," which he thought the most important toast, their newly-initiated brother was well known to some of them, and had not the tongue of good report been heard in his favour, he would not have been there. He advised him to make a study of the ritual, as every symbol had a meaning, and everything in Masonry was good.

Bro. Woollatt briefly thanked the W.M. and brethren for receiving him.

"The Past Masters" was the next toast. The W.M. said no one knew better than him how much depended upon the Past Masters, one and all had assisted him all they could, and through their help, his year had been rendered pleasant and prosperous.

Bros. T. R. Gee and Sanderson suitably responded.

Bro. S. T. Wright, P.M., then proposed "The Visitors," saying it was most unusual for them to have so few, but still they were very glad to have the highly-esteemed W.M. of the Repose Lodge, No. 502, present, they who saw him installed so recently, would well know the esteem in which he was held, as evidenced in the very large attendance on that night, he had worked well in his various offices, and gone steadily up. He particularly hoped that as many as could, would visit the Repose Lodge as often as possible.

Bro. Piper, in response, said that before really saying anything of his lodge, he should like, as it were, to welcome the coming, and speed the parting guest. He would be wanting in courtesy, when taking leave of his esteemed Bro. Copestick, if he did not bear testimony to the efficient way he had performed all his duties during the year. He saw him installed, as far as allowed, and should hope to be able to be present at that of his successor. He could thank them all for alluding to his lodge, and expressed a sincere hope that they would work well and harmoniously together.

"The Officers" was proposed by Bro. J. Bland, P.M., who paid all a high tribute of praise for their attendance and careful working.

Bros. J. W. Brigg, Secretary, and J. Walker, D. of C., suitably responded.

The Tyler's toast shortly after closed a very enjoyable meeting. During the evening the following brethren by their singing greatly added to the pleasure of the brethren: Bros. J. W. Brigg, D. W. H. Wright, W. J. Piper, W. Forman, and F. G. Sanderson.

MANCHESTER.—Blair Lodge (No. 815).

The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Hulme Town Hall, on the 12th inst. There were present Bros. Dr. Riley, W.M.; Jas. F. Anderson, I.P.M.; J. L. Preestnall, S.W.; Bryce Blair, J.W.; W. R. Salter, P.M., Treas.; H. W. Riley, Sec.; W. J. Helling, J.D.; H. L. Rocca, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., D.C.; H. Walter, I.G.; Jas. Sly, Tyler; E. Harris, P.M.; J. Sheldrick, P.M.; C. Oldham, P.M.; and R. Partington, M. Davies, Jos. Kay, C. W. Jones, D. Foulkes, W. Waime, J. H. Wrigley, J. C. Lowe, J. Summersfield, J. W. White, D. MacLuman, and T. Walsh. Visitors: Bros. Col. T. B. Shaw-Hellier, P.M. 295; Sergt.-Major J. Sullivan, W.M. 295; Sergt. A. J. Moad, J.D. 295; Sergt. J. Watling, I.G. 295; Sergt. J. Gladman, 295; C. A. Hodgkinson, 461; W. Corbett, P.M. 249; H. Elliot, 1147.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Dr. Riley, who, on account of professional duties, had to retire. During his absence the chair was most ably occupied by Bro. H. L. Rocca, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., D.C., who opened the lodge in the Second Degree, when Bro. J. W. White, having proved himself, was entrusted and retired, and, subsequently, admitted to the Third Degree. The working of this sublime degree was given in an admirable manner by the acting W.M.; and the working tools were explained in a clear and distinct way, not readily to be forgotten, by Bro. Harris, P.M.

In due course, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting brethren, after which the lodge was closed in peace.

The brethren then sat down to the festive board; and, after the removal of the cloth, the usual patriotic and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to.

A most enjoyable evening was spent by every brother present.

SALFORD.—Lodge of Harmony (No. 935).

The installation of Bro. J. M. Graham took place and the St. John's Festival was celebrated on Thursday, the 12th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Adelphi-street, when the following were present: Bros. J. H. Clarke, W.M.; J. M. Graham, S.W.; W. H. Malkin, J.W.; B. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.T., Treas.; J. Sudren, S.D.; J. L. Griffiths, J.D.; A. Avery, Sec.; L. Tims, I.G.; Wm. Riddell, P.M., Tyler; J. Hooper and W. Egerton, Stwds.; and others. The visitors were Bros. J. H. Jenkins, P.P.G.S.B., P.M. 64 and 999; A. B. Leigh, late of 935; P. J. Donohoe, 1055; J. C. Whittington, P.P.G. Org.; J. B. Stansfield, W.M. 1134; W. Sharp, 1093; E. Hampson, W.M. 152; A. E. Statham, 325; J. H. Moore, W.M. 325; G. T. Bowes, Sec. 993; R. Walker, W.M. 1052; A. Taylor, 1213; J. Chadderton, W.M. 1213; W. Nicholls, P.M., P.P.G.P.; D. Levenstein, P.P.G.S.B., P.M. 1474; E. Williams, P.M. 325; J. Young, P.M. 852; C. Turner, W.M. 1011; S. W. Ballantyne, W.M. 852; T. Oliver, I.P.M. 999; and R. R. Lisenden, W.M. 317.

After the lodge had been opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Mr. M. Williams, who was balloted for and elected at the last meeting, was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. The ceremony of installation was next gone on with, Bro. B. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.T., occupying his old post of Installing Master. The W.M. elect, Bro. J. M. Graham, was, after the usual preliminaries, presented to the Installing Master, and subsequently inducted into the chair of K.S. as W.M. for the ensuing 12 months. He was proclaimed to, and saluted by, the M.M.'s on their re-entry to the lodge, and next appointed his officers, who were invested by Bro. Taylor, as follows: Bros. W. H. Malkin, S.W.; J. Sudren, J.W.; B. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.T., Treas.; J. Hooper, Sec.; J. L. Griffiths, S.D.; W. Southern, J.D.; J. West, I.G.; and W. Riddell, Tyler. The addresses were given in the usual capital manner heard in this lodge, 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 Festival of St. John was subsequently celebrated in the banquet room, where a capital dinner had been prepared for the brethren by Bro. Phillips, who is so well known for his admirable catering at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester. Many of our London brethren who are celebrities in the Craft, and who occasionally visit Manchester, would, we feel sure, if required, bear testimony to the painstaking care which Bro. Phillips always exhibits when a larger repast than usual is being served, and also to the attention he pays to the smallest order.

After the usual preliminary loyal toasts, that of "The V.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. G. Mellor, and the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," was proposed, and responded to by Bros. Alderman Jenkins, P.P.G.P.; J. C. Whittington, P.P.G. Organist East Lanc.; and D. Levenstein, P.P.G.P.

"The Health of the Initiate" was next proposed by Bro. D. Levenstein, and drunk with enthusiasm, after which Bro. M. Williams replied in suitable terms.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. J. H. Clarke, I.P.M., in eulogistic terms, and was heartily drunk, and responded to by Bro. Graham, who in the course of his remarks, after thanking Bro. Clarke for his kind remarks and the brethren for so kindly responding, said he was very proud of his position as W.M. of the Harmony Lodge, and hoped that at the expiration of his year of office the title of the lodge would in every sense have proved a true one. He felt highly honoured by being elected to his present position—a position which, in his opinion, no unworthy person ought ever to occupy. He would ask as a favour, during his tenure of office, should any brother have, or imagine he had, a grievance, to come boldly and state the grievance to him personally and privately, when he (the W.M.) felt sanguine it could be adjusted satisfactorily to both parties, as the success of a W.M. could be summed up in a few words, viz., unity and good fellowship with the brethren of his lodge; and he assured them nothing should be wanting on his part to promote harmony and give satisfaction.

The W.M. proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," who, he said, had been at once painstaking, hard working, diligent, and done his best to promote harmony and good feeling amongst the brethren. As a slight acknowledgment of his services, he (Bro. Graham) felt the greatest pleasure in presenting him, on behalf of the brethren, with a handsome P.M.'s gold jewel, and in so doing would convey to him the desire of all, that he might enjoy long life and prosperity to wear it amongst them.

The health of Bro. Clarke was heartily drunk with manifest enthusiasm, and the jewel was passed round for inspection and much admired, being a richly engraved square and problem, manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester.

Bro. Clarke, who seemed very pleased with the jewel, in returning thanks for the same, said if he had given satisfaction to the brethren in the manner he had performed his duties, that alone would be a source of pleasure; at the same time he should always regard the jewel they had given him with great pride. The brethren would find when comparing the balance sheet with those presented the last few years, that it would compare very favourably indeed, particularly the items which showed the amount of subscriptions and donations given to the Masonic Charities. In conclusion, he warmly thanked his officers for their able support, and trusted the Harmony Lodge would go on and prosper.

Bro. J. Sudren, J.D., proposed "The Health of the Visitors" in eulogistic terms. The toast was well received, and responded to by several of their number.

Bro. Alderman Jenkins, P.P.G.P., proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Benj. Taylor;" and, after thanking Bro. Griffiths for his kind invitation, referred to the pleasure it gave him to see many well-known faces that evening around the table. Respecting the Installing Master, he (Bro. Jenkins) said he could fearlessly state that no lodge, in his experience, possessed the honour of ranking amongst its members so able a worker as Bro. Taylor. The lodge ought to be, as, no doubt, they were, proud of him, and the manner in which he had performed the installation that day left nothing to be desired, and could not be excelled.

Bro. Taylor, in reply, after thanking Bro. Jenkins for his kind remarks, said he had performed the ceremony of installation no less than 16 times. He assured the brethren he felt a true pleasure in the work, and, in fact, of doing all and everything he could for the welfare of the lodge. He was the oldest P.M. of the lodge, and one of the founders, and it was only natural that his interest in it should be keen. He was delighted to find such good feeling existing amongst the members, and hoped it would long continue, and that he himself might long be spared to be of service to them.

Several other toasts were proposed, including "The Masonic Charities," "The Officers," &c., &c. The intervals between the toasts were enlivened with songs, recitations, &c., from Bros. Turner, Clarke, Ollier, Bentley, Malkin, Hooper, and Lisenden.

SWANSEA.—Talbot Lodge (No. 1323).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Masonic Rooms, Mackworth Hotel, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst. There was a goodly attendance of the brethren, and the interesting proceedings of the installation passed off in the usual impressive and gratifying manner. The ceremony of installation was admirably performed by the fifteenth W.M., Bro. R. Capper. The D.P.G.M. was present, and amongst those who attended were Bros. Robert Capper, W.M.; J. G. Hall, P.M.; G. Allen, P.M.; R.

G.P.S. Middx., P.Z.; N. Moss, P.Z.; J. Davis, P.Z.; J. Harris, H. Harris, Isaacson, and others. Comp. Chandler, 1642, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. R. Harris, 201, and it proving to be unanimous, he was impressively exalted to the R.A. Degree by the I.P.Z. The election of officers for the year ensuing then took place, with the following result: Comps. Davis, M.E.Z.; Cleg-horne, H.; Staley, J.; Davage, S.E.; F.A. Harris, S.N.; Rest, P.S.; Harfeld, Treas.; and Parkinson, Janitor. A letter from the son of Comp. Wagner, P.Z., conveying the intelligence that his father was dangerously ill, was received with regret. A Past Principal's jewel having been voted to the M.E.Z., the chapter was formally closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet, which was well served.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual toasts were briefly given by the M.E.Z. and duly honoured. Several of the members having entertained the companions, the proceedings, which were throughout of an agreeable nature, then terminated.

ISRAEL CHAPTER (No. 205).—The regular meeting of the above new chapter was held on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at Cannon-street Hotel. There were present Comp. C. F. Hogard, Z.; Comp. A. J. Henochsberg, H.; and Comp. Joseph Da Silva, J.; Comps. H. J. Phillips and J. A. Gartley, E. and N.; Rev. M. Haines, Ass. S.; Comps. Ehrenberg Bromet, I. P. Cohen, S. Jacobs, and others. Visitors: Comps. M. Hart, P.Z., 1502, P. Prov. G.A.S. West Lancashire; Pierrepont, and Schmerl. A ballot having proved unanimously in favour of Bros. E. H. Norden, Paton, and Loewe, those brethren were duly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. The ceremony was performed by all the officers in a most impressive manner, and in such a style as to show that this new chapter is already making its mark, and will soon prove a valuable addition and an ornament to Royal Arch Freemasonry. The three principals presented a very handsome Bible in Hebrew and English to the chapter, a gift which was much appreciated. After the transaction of other business the companions sat down to an excellent banquet, after which the loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and responded to, and with some good singing and speeches a most enjoyable evening was brought to a conclusion.

BARNSELY.—Friendly Chapter (No. 1513).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held at the King's Head Hotel, on the 11th inst. Among those present were Comps. W. R. Massie, M.E.Z.; S. C. Alderson, H.; J. H. Graton, P.P.G. Treas., acting J.; W. J. Lowrance, P.Z.; C. F. Seward, S.E.; B. Smith, P.S.; W. H. Tallent, 1st A.S.; A. W. Graton, 2nd A.S.; E. Billington, D.C.; W. Senior and J. Sutton, Stwds.; E. J. Massie, Treas.; and H. Fountain.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. J. Spence Ingall, Thos. Braithwaite, and J. H. Smith were duly exalted in an able manner by the M.E.Z., after which a ballot was taken for the election of Principals and officers for the ensuing year, with the following result: Comps. Alderson, Z.; Carter, H.; Embleton, J.; Sutton, S.E.; Dickie, S.N.; B. Smith, P.S.; Tallent, 1st A.S.; A. W. Graton, 2nd A.S.; E. J. Massie, Treas.; Billington, D.C.; Fountain, Org.; and Senior and Lingard, Stwds.

After the close of the chapter, the companions met at supper, when the usual toasts were honoured, and an agreeable evening was spent.

INSTRUCTION.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 975).—The usual meeting was held at the White Hart, corner of Abchurch-lane and Cannon-street, E.C., on Tuesday, the 16th inst. Present: Comps. Levey, Z.; Notley, H.; Wells, J.; Jones, S.N.; Franks, P.S.; and a very large number of members, including many distinguished exponents of the Ritual. The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was very beautifully rehearsed, Comp. Bentley Haynes as candidate. It was announced that the ceremony of installation of Principals would be rehearsed on the second Tuesday in the months of March, April and May. Comp. Brown will officiate in March, and the two remaining months will be open to any member of the chapter. We have no doubt there will be large attendances on each occasion, as it is not often that members have the opportunity of rehearsing this necessary part of R.A. Freemasonry. The ceremony will commence at half-past five o'clock, and will not interfere with the regular exaltation ceremony at half-past six o'clock. We are much pleased to find this chapter still retaining its popularity. It has many features to recommend it to all in search of knowledge; the first and most important is good work. It has a most comfortable room to meet in, and the work is over by eight o'clock, thus enabling all to reach home early.

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INSTRUCTION.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE (No. 355).—The usual weekly meeting of this young and flourishing lodge was held at The Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement, on Friday, the 5th inst. The V.W. Grand Secretary, Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.W., in his usual and able manner, rehearsed the ceremony of consecration, he being ably assisted as D.C. by Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. Old Kent Lodge (T.L.), and supported by the whole of the officers and members of the parent lodge, and a great number of brethren from other lodges. Nine brethren were proposed and elected members, and, after a hearty vote thanks to the Grand Secretary, the meeting was adjourned until Friday, the 19th inst., when the W.M. of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 4, will preside as W.M., and be supported by the officers of that lodge in their respective offices. After labour came refreshment, which was provided in faultless style by Messrs. Weyers and Coles, at the Metropolitan Hotel, South-place, Finsbury-square, and was as heartily enjoyed by the brethren (to the number of 25) who participated. In consequence of the slight indisposition of Bro. Mather, the Preceptor, the chair was taken by Bro. Binckes, the two Wardens of the parent lodge supporting him as vice-presidents, and, after spending a very happy time under the genial presidency of the Grand Secretary, the meeting dissolved. We observed present to support Bro. Binckes: Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. Old Kent Lodge (T.L.), the Preceptor; D. P. Cana, W.M. Percy Lodge; C. Pulman, P.G.L.G., P.M. Panmure Lodge; J. T. Briggs, W.M. Sir Francis Burdett Lodge; J. D. Birkin, W.M., and A. G. Fidler, S.W. High Cross Lodge; G. S. Graham, P.G.O., P.M. Brixton Lodge; J. Carter, P.M. Panmure Lodge; W. M. Stiles, S.W.; W. A. Scurrah, J.W.; G. Gregory, M.O.; H. Dickey, S.O.; G. Morley, R. of M.; C. J. Knightley, Sec.; A. H. Scurrah, J.D.; G. Dickinson, D.C.; M. J. Rowley, I.G.; and F. W. Hindlestone, Org.; all of Royal Savoy Lodge; S. H. Parkhouse, S.D. Earl of Carnarvon Lodge; S. D. Catterson, M.O. Brixton Lodge; H. J. Davis, I.G. Chiswick Lodge; J. W. Beeglymer, West Smithfield Lodge; T. C. Edmonds, S.D. Panmure Lodge; and G. Emblin, S.D. Royal Naval Lodge.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

MOUNT CALVARY (No. 3).—This old and distinguished chapter met at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, on the 12th inst., among those present were Ex. Bros. F. W. Driver, M.A., M.W.S.; Tayleure, H.P.; Ill. Bro. Major Gardiner, 1st Gen.; Ex. Bro. Capt. W. B. Williamson, J.P., acting 2nd Gen.; Ill. Bro. W. Paas, P.M.W.S., Treas.; Ex. Bros. T. C. Walls, P.M.W.S., Recorder; Browne Kidder, Captain of Guard; H. J. Lardner, D.C.; Ill. Bros. Capt. Stohwasser, Herald; Dr. Coffin, M.D., P.M.W.S.; Ex. Bro. Greenwood, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken on behalf of Bros. Lieut. Nelson Prover, M.A., 1349, and W. Codd, 1272, and it proving to be unanimous, they were duly perfected in a most able manner by the M.W.S. It was resolved unanimously that a committee, consisting of the M.W.S., and Past M.W.S.'s be appointed to revise bye-laws. Letters of apology were read from Ill. Bros. Roebuck, P.M.W.S.; Alfred Williams, P.M.W.S.; E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc. (Hon. Org.); Ex. Bros. Graveley, Geddes, Berkeley, and others. The Recorder reported that Ex. Bros. G. Graveley and T. L. Smith had been recommended by the M.W.S. to the Supreme Council for promotion to the 30, and that they had been duly admitted.

The chapter was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Café Royal, Regent-street, to banquet, and were there joined by Ill. Bro. Capt. J. E. Anderson and Ex. Bro. C. Belton, Lieut. Hawkins, and Alfred Tisley. Ex. Bro. Larsen, late No. 3, was a visitor. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts were duly honoured.

"The Health of the M.W.S." was proposed by the I.P.M.W.S. The M.W.S. having replied, then gave "The Newly-Perfected Brethren."

Ex. Bro. Prover, in reply, spoke most flatteringly of the working. He said that the ritual and the ceremony altogether had greatly impressed him, and that he should eagerly look forward to the next meeting of the chapter, when he hoped the ceremony would have again to be performed.

Ex. Bro. Codd having replied in similar terms, the toast of "The Visitors" followed.

Ex. Bro. Larsen having responded, "The Health of the P.M.W.S." was warmly proposed and received.

Ill. Bro. Dr. Coffin having acknowledged the compliment, the pledge of "The Treasurer and Recorder" followed, and was replied to by Ex. Bro. Walls, in the absence of Ill. Bro. Paas.

The toast of "The Officers," coupled with the names of Ex. Bros. Kidder, Lardner, and Ill. Bro. Stohwasser, terminated the proceedings.

LADIES' NIGHT AT THE RANELAGH LODGE, No. 834.

One of the most successful and enjoyable meetings of the above lodge took place on Tuesday, the 16th ult., at the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly, W. The lodge was opened by Bro. Sims, W.M. The special dispensation from Grand Lodge permitting the brethren to wear their Masonic clothing and regalia was read by Bro. J. TUCK, Secretary. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren withdrew to the very handsome suite of rooms which Messrs. Spiers and Pond had placed at their disposal for the reception of the ladies, where a large number had already assembled. After some time had been spent in very pleasant conversation, the whole of the company adjourned to the Victoria Hall, where the banquet was served in a style that reflected great credit upon the proprietors.

After the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," "The W.M.," "The Ladies," and "The Visitors" had been loyally and heartily drunk, and eloquently responded to, the brethren and ladies withdrew to the ball room, at the entrance of which each was presented with a bottle of perfume, to which was attached a small silver souvenir as a memento of the occasion, which was greatly appreciated. Dancing commenced about nine o'clock, and kept up with unflagging vigour, with one short interval, until four o'clock a.m.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Oliver, P.M., Org., and Messrs. Craggs acted as M.C.'s, supported by a very efficient body of Stewards.

Among those present we noticed Bro. Sims, W.M.; Bro. H. Purdue, I.P.M.; Miss Allen; Miss Gaskin; Bro. Dopson, Mrs. and Miss Dopson; Bro. Blake, J.W., and Mrs. Blake; Bro. Broadbridge and Miss Broadbridge; Mrs. Hughes; Bro. Cartwright, Mrs. and Miss Cartwright; Bro. Lucas and Mrs. Lucas; Bro. A. Williams and Mrs. Williams; Bro. W. W. Williams and Mrs. Williams; Bro. Ward, Mrs. and Miss Ward; Bro. Hewitt and Mrs. Hewitt; Bro. Craggs, Mrs. and Miss Craggs; and Bro. Crumplen and Mrs. Crumplen.

The company dispersed shortly after four o'clock a.m., each expressing their satisfaction and gratification of the occasion, hoping it would become an annual one, to which we quite agree, as it tends to cement lodges together, extend brotherly love, and makes Masonry more appreciable in the eyes of the ladies.

CORNWALL MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

The first general meeting of the "Cornwall Masonic Charity Association," formed a few months since, was held at Truro on the 10th inst., Bro. Thomas Chirgwin, P.P.G. S.W., in the chair. There was a large attendance of subscribers from the east and west of the province, most of the lodges being represented officially or by personal subscribers. From Penzance to Torpoint—the two farthest points—there were brethren present, thus practically exhibiting the interest felt in the scheme.

The officers were, as might have been expected, re-elected for the ensuing year, viz., Bros. Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. G.M., President; Sir Charles B. Graves-Sawle, Bart., Dep. Prov. G.M., and Thomas Chirgwin, J.P., P.P. G.S.W., Vice-Presidents; E. D. Anderson, Prov. G. Sec., &c., Treasurer; G. B. Pearce, P.P.G.S. of W., Secretary; and E. Milford Cook, P.P.G.D., Auditor; with an excellent working Committee, and official representatives from lodges being subscribers.

The ballots were then taken for Life Subscriberships or Life Governorships, and resulted as follows: 75, Falmouth,

two; 121, Penzance, three; 131, Truro, one; 318, Helstoe, one; 330, Bodmin, three; 331, Truro, three; 450, Hayln, three; 496, St. Austell, one; 510, Liskeard, four; 789, Launceston, two; 856, Lostwithiel, one; 1136, Torpoint, one; and 1544, Camborne, one. These all represent a guinea each subscription annually for five years.

Those for lodges being two guineas annually for the same term were then taken, with the following result: One each for 330, Bodmin; 350, Hayle; 510, Liskeard; 1006, St. Day; and 1544, Camborne.

The financial statement was an agreeable surprise to many, considering the short time at the disposal of the Secretary to introduce the claims of the Association between its starting in September, 1885, and the first general meeting; 184 guineas were received as the first annual instalment, and 30 guineas for nominations fully paid up, so that the total amounted to the large sum of £224, or considerably over £1000 for the first five years, and doubtless there will yet be many more guineas received.

Bro. PEARCE, the indefatigable Secretary, asked the subscribers to do their utmost to make the Association known, both in the lodges and chapters, several of which had not yet subscribed, and amongst the brethren, many of whom would surely be glad to join when they were informed of the objects of its promoters, and the success which had attended the efforts of the members.

Bro. Lieut. REED, R.N., P.M. 75, Prov. G.S.B., proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Pearce for his invaluable services as Secretary, organiser, and promoter of the Association, which, on being seconded most warmly by Bro. F. HARVEY, J.P., P.M. 450, P.P.G.S.W., and supported by the PROV. G. SECRETARY and others, was most heartily carried, as it well deserved to be, for beyond question the origin and prosperity of the "Cornwall Masonic Charity Association" is due to Bro. Pearce, who, however, feels amply repaid for his considerable labour and exertions in the great success that has crowned his well-directed and most zealous efforts.

Bro. PEARCE responded, and again pressed the importance and value of the scheme on the attention of the Cornish Craft.

ANNUAL LADIES' NIGHT OF THE ECCLESTON LODGE, No. 1624.

One meeting in the year is set apart in this lodge at which the ladies join the brethren at the banquet table. The two previous ladies' nights having been very successful, a large number of ladies and brethren assembled on the 17th inst., at the Criterion, in response to the invitation of the lodge. The W.M., Bro. Coulthard, presided in his usual efficient style, and a substantial repast was done ample justice to by about 200. At its conclusion, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk; but, as the company were anxious to adjourn to the ball room, the speeches were necessarily short.

The I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and after eulogising the brother who occupied the chair, assured the ladies that they were deeply indebted to him for the invitations they had received. He was confident that the health of the W. Master would be cordially received.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER expressed his sincere thanks for the reception of the toast, and hoped that the ladies and brethren present had enjoyed themselves.

"The Ladies" was proposed in appropriate terms by Bro. BOTTLE, I.P.M., who expressed the pleasure he felt at proposing this toast. In the name of the lodge he offered the ladies a hearty welcome, and trusted they had spent a pleasant evening.

Bro. C. TAYLER, P.M., made an equally appropriate reply, and sincerely thanked the brethren for bringing the ladies on the present occasion.

Other toasts having been duly honoured, the company adjourned, and a delightful programme of vocal music was gone through, under the direction of Bro. C. Lee, who was assisted by Bro. Hellyar, Mr. Merry, Miss Louise Bond, and Miss Alice Patten.

A dance followed, which was kept up with spirit until the early hours of the morning, when the company dispersed after having spent a most enjoyable entertainment.

The lodge may fairly congratulate itself on the result of the Third Annual Ladies' Night—for the indefatigable energies of the Stewards, and the excellency of the arrangements, left nothing to be desired. It only remains to mention that the band was under the efficient guidance of Bro. Kinke.

Amongst those ladies and brethren who were present at the banquet and dance were the following:—Bro. Coulthard, W.M., and Mrs. Coulthard; Bro. Johnston, S.W., and Mrs. Johnston; Bro. Beckham, Sec., and Miss Beckham; Bro. Isaacs, Treasurer, and Mrs. Isaacs; Bro. Flattely, P.M., and Mrs. Flattely; Bro. J. Jones, P.M., and Mrs. Jones; Bro. Vincent, P.M., Mrs. Vincent, and the Misses Vincent; Bro. Fisher, P.M., and Mrs. Fisher; Bro. Bennett and Mrs. Bennett; Bro. Great and Mrs. Great; Bro. Jones and Mrs. Jones; Bro. Giddings and Mrs. Giddings; Bro. Barrow and Mrs. Barrow; Bro. Roberts and Mrs. Roberts; Bro. Smith and Mrs. Smith; Bro. Messenger and the Misses Messenger; Bro. C. Lee, D.C., and Mrs. Lee; Bro. James and Mrs. James; Bro. Lane and Miss Lane; Bro. Hellyar, Miss Hellyar, Miss Patten, and Mr. Merry; Bros. Holland, Arnold, Bottle, P.M., Whalen, Pope, Nice, Aitchison, and many others.

GRANTON COLLEGE, LIVERPOOL.

The official report from the examiners of the College of Preceptors, London, has been received, showing that all the candidates from Granton College, St. Domingo Vale (Head Master—F. W. E. H. Johnson, F.R.G.S.), have passed the examination in all subjects.

The following boys having specially distinguished themselves:—Harry Williams, son of Mr. Williams, Whitefield House, Kirkby, and Robert Charles Herman, son of Mr. Herman, Walton-on-the-Hill, have passed in the First Division; John Herbert Latham, Walton-on-the-Hill; Frederick Deyes, Club Moor, West Derby; Alfred Atkinson Tomlinson, son of Mr. W. Tomlinson, Everton; Joseph Hebson, son of Mr. Hebson, Rockfield-road, Anfield; and Charles Edward Bartholomew, son of Mr. Bartholomew, Seaforth, have passed in the Second Division; and Philip Henry Gordon, son of the Rev. Henry Gordon, Rockfield-road, Anfield, in the Third Division.

Williams, Herman, and Bartholomew also recently distinguished themselves in Mathematics at the examination of the Science and Art department, South Kensington.

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had referred to. It was not every lodge, nay indeed, there were very few lodges in the Craft, that presented a perfect record like this lodge, and he scarcely knew one that had added to the mere record of events in Masonry matters like those he had called attention to, which gave a life and a real interest to the dry minutes of ordinary proceedings. And now he would turn to the present. He would venture to now offer to the brethren the hearty congratulations of the Grand Officers and visitors on the position of the lodge, on the numerous gathering, and the Masonic spirit which animated it. They were met on an occasion which was rare in the annals of Freemasonry, when, with a light heart and an easy voice, Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke talked about these incidents getting common (well, for him to celebrate a hundredth birthday might not be a rare occurrence, but for him (Bro. Philbrick) it was, for he felt the honour of the occasion, and that it was worthy of remark); and when he saw this great gathering, and witnessed the interest the brethren took in the proceedings, he felt that it was no common subject of interest that had brought the brethren together. They were met to wish prosperity to the lodge, and to congratulate it upon the hundredth year of its existence. They hoped also that it would celebrate the bi-centenary, which had already been indicated. Long might it continue to cherish the true principles of Freemasonry, and to have worthy Masons belonging to it; long might it recruit its members from men who would do justice to it, and in time rise up to administer its concerns with faithfulness and fidelity; long might its success be great, and long might its prosperity continue.

Bro. G. EVERETT, P.M. and Treas., responded, and said to be the mouthpiece of the lodge was an honour, and he thanked the brethren heartily and cordially for the way they had received the toast. It was a great day in the lodge's history. On the occasion of the attainment of the 100th year of the lodge's existence it could not be but gratifying to the feelings of all concerned, especially to those who had been so many years connected with it as were those on his right, to go into the lodge history. In December a hundred years ago the lodge met at a small house—the Ship, in Little Turnstile. Only Operative Masons could belong to it. During the first year of its existence two persons were proposed as joining members who were not Operative Masons. In 1787, the second year of the lodge's existence, the lodge was not opened on one night because the landlady was sick. On another occasion, in 1792, one Adams, Esq., applied for relief, and was relieved to the extent of 8s. 2d. The lodge from time to time removed from one house to another, till it got to the Green Dragon, Fleet-street, to the Falcon, in Fetter-lane, where it was held for 20 years, and where he (Bro. Everett) became a member in 1855. It afterwards went to Anderton's Hotel, where it had been for the last 22 years, and where it had prospered. But of all this he did not propose to speak. The brethren would be able to read this for themselves. At the present time it had 148 members, and the lodge paid every year on an average £45 to Grand Lodge. For the last seven years they had voted 25 guineas to each of the Charities, and he hoped they would continue to be able to do so. In spite of all that they held themselves well. They had very much to be proud of, for all this was done out of a subscription of two and half guineas a year.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next proposed "The Initiates."

Bros. R. WILLIAMS, T. H. HOBBS, J. ANLEY, and ELLIOTT responded.

Bro. FOULGER, P.M., proposed "The Visitors."

Bro. Gen. LAURIE, G.M. of Nova Scotia, in responding, said that 32 years ago he was initiated in Lodge No. 176, so that he was not a stranger to this jurisdiction, as that lodge was under the Grand Lodge of England. He then thanked the lodge for having given his son the Degree. He could have given him a dispensation for having his Three Degrees before leaving Nova Scotia; but he thought it would not be right to allow any ties of blood to interfere with the usual course.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next proposed "The Past Masters," 13 of whom were present. They were always numerous, and they always endeavoured to be of service to the lodge. There were no less than 101 members of the lodge present, which was an extraordinary coincidence on the 100th year of the lodge existence; 100 gave one for each year, and there was one over for the ensuing year.

Bro. W. F. SMITH responded.

Bro. E. WHITE, P.M., proposed "The Treasurer and Secretary," both of whom had worked very hard, and with a great deal of energy, to promote the welfare of the lodge on all occasions, and he referred to the fact that there were 148 members of the lodge to show what a great deal of work there must be for those officers.

Bros. EVERETT and MORRIS responded.

Bro. HERBAGE, P.M., proposed "The Officers," and said that there was a succession of good officers. No brother accepted office who did not feel himself bound to attain proficiency. If this continued the prestige of the lodge must be maintained.

The S.W. and Bro. SPURRELL, D.C., responded, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

During the evening some excellent singing was given, under the direction of Bro. Riechelmann, by Madame Riechelmann and Bros. W. F. Packer and Franklin Clive.

The arrangements for the comfort of the brethren and the success of the festival were unexceptionable, and reflected the greatest credit on Bro. J. E. Spurrell, D.C., and acting W.S., who left no stone unturned to give satisfaction to the members and visitors of the lodge.

The "History of the Domatic Lodge, No. 177," referred to by Bro. Geo. Everett, P.M., and other speakers, was compiled from the lodge records by Bro. G. Blizard Abbot, especially for the Centenary Festival, and was published at the offices of this journal, 16, Great Queen-street, W.C.

The first annual ball of the Selwyn Lodge, No. 1901, will take place at the Peckham Public Hall, on Friday, the 5th prox. A strong and influential body of brethren, connected principally with No. 1901, have consented to act as Stewards, and the Grand Master has granted the usual dispensation for brethren to wear their Masonic (Craft) clothing and jewels. Tickets, single, 10s.; double, to admit lady and gentleman, or two ladies, 15s. It is requested that all applications for tickets should be made on or before Monday, the first prox. Full particulars of the Hon. Sec., Bro. A. J. Bellis, P.M., 134, Friern-road, East Dulwich, S.E.

PRINCIPALS OF THE ISRAEL CHAPTER, No. 205.

We have availed ourselves of the opportunity furnished by the second regular convocation of the Israel Chapter, No. 205, on the 16th inst., being reported in this week's columns to give the portraits in full R.A. clothing, and a few particulars of the Masonic services rendered by its first Three Principals—Comps. Hogard, Henochsberg, and Da Silva.

Comp. C. F. HOGARD.—This well-known brother, an account of whose installation as the first M.E.Z. of the newly-warranted Chapter of Israel, No. 205, appeared some weeks since in our columns, has been for many years a member of our Order, having been initiated in the Lodge of Israel, No. 205, on 26th November, 1867. In 1873 he was elected W. Master, and in 1877 was appointed, and has been annually re-appointed since, its Secretary. In September, 1869, he joined the Chigwell Lodge, and became W.M. in 1874-5, his services in that capacity being such as to lead to his appointment as Prov. G. Supt. of Works in 1875. In Royal Arch Masonry he has displayed, if possible, still greater zeal and activity. He was exalted in the Victoria Chapter, No. 1056, in June, 1870, and joined the Faith Chapter, No. 141, at its foundation in 1872—being elected First Principal in 1877—and the Westminster and Keystone Chapter, No. 10, of which he is P.Z. and the present J. He was also a founder of the St. Thomas's Chapter, No. 142, in 1878, became Z. in 1881, and has since been its S.E.; and lastly he is a founder of the Israel Chapter, and, as we have said, was the other day installed its first M.E.Z. In Mark Masonry Bro. C. F. Hogard has also distinguished himself, having been advanced M.M.M. in the Samson and Lion Lodge, No. 86, in 1873, and joined the Grosvenor in 1880, since which year he has held continually the office of Secretary. In 1883 he was founder of the Henniker Lodge, No. 315, and was installed its second W.M. the following year, when he also served the office of Grand Steward and became founder and Secretary of the Grand Stewards' Lodge of M.M.M. He was elevated as a Royal Ark Mariner in 1882, installed a Sir Knight of the Order of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine in the Plantagenet Conclave, No. 2—the oldest working conclave on the register of Grand Conclave of England—and knight of K.H.S. and St. John the Evangelist in 1874. In the latter year he was elected on the Grand Senate, and in 1880 was installed M.P.S., since when he has held the post of Recorder. More recently still, on Sir Kt. W. R. Woodman being elected Grand Treasurer, the M.I.G. Sovereign, Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., appointed Sir Knt. Hogard to be his successor in the Grand Recordship, an office in which he is labouring very successfully for the Order. As regards our Institutions his services have been equally commendable. He is a Vice-President of all three, has served five Stewardships, and is entered for a sixth, in aid of the Boys' School, five Stewardships for the Girls' School, five for the Benevolent Institution. He was also one of the Stewards at the Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund in July last. This brief sketch will not be complete unless we add that Bro. Hogard was elected by his mother Lodge of Israel as its representative at the installation in the Royal Albert Hall of H.R.H.



the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M.; that he was elected in 1876, and again this year, a member of the Board of General Purposes, and that regularly since 1875 he has been one of the 12 Past Masters elected to serve on the Board of Benevolence.

Comp. ALFRED J. HENOCHSBERG, H., was initiated in the Temple Lodge, No. 558, Folkestone, in 1869. Three or four years later he took a principal part in founding the Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, Liverpool, being Secretary *pro tem.* during the period of its formation, and in 1874 its second W. Master. He subsequently held the office of Treasurer for some time, and is still a subscribing member, and became also a joining member of the Derby Lodge, No. 724, Liverpool. In January, 1878, he was exalted to the R.A. Degree in the Chapter of Friendship, No. 241, Liverpool, being afterwards elected successively to the offices of P. Soj. and Third Principal. In 1880 the state of his health compelled Comp. Henochsberg to leave Liverpool, and he took up his residence in London, where he joined the Lodge of Israel, No. 205, of which, having served the offices of S.D., J.W., S.W., he is now the W.M. and the Joppa Chapter, No. 188, in which he rose, in 1884, to be its M.E.Z., after serving the offices of P.S., J., and H. He figures now as one of the founders and 2nd Principal of the newly-constituted Israel Chapter, No. 205.

Comp. JOSEPH DA SILVA, J. of the Israel Chapter, was initiated in the Lodge of Israel, No. 205, on 27th March, 1877, and ultimately was elected and installed its W.M. in January, 1882. He was exalted in Joppa Chapter, No. 188, in June, 1883, and now occupies the chair of 2nd Principal, having previously served as S.N. and J. He ranks among the founders of the Israel Chapter, and was designated in the warrant as its 3rd Principal. He served the office of Steward for the Benevolent Institution, and has entered his name to act in a like capacity at the approaching festival of the Girls' School.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The usual meeting took place at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., President, occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. Jas. Brett, P.G.P., and C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents, respectively, there being also present Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; H. Garrod, G.P.; A. Lucking, G.A.P.; T. Cubitt, P.G.P.; F. Davison, P.G.D.; R. Turtle Pigott, P.G.A.D.C.; E. Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; F. Richardson, P.G.D.; J. H. Matthews, P.G. Std. Br.; and C. Greenwood, P.G.S.B.

The Board having confirmed the grants made at the previous meeting, 38 cases were submitted, and, after a long and careful scrutiny, 34 of them were relieved with sums amounting to the aggregate to £1015, the remaining four being deferred.

The Board closed, notice having been first given of a resolution to move, in the name of H.R.H. the Grand Master, that a sum of 200 guineas be voted towards the Fund now being raised at the Mansion House, under the auspices of Bro. Lord Mayor towards alleviating the distress of the Unemployed of London.

The Queen's Westminster Lodge, No. 2021, having given its sanction to the establishment of a lodge of instruction under its warrant, a preliminary meeting was held at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, Pimlico, on the 27th ult., when a code of bye-laws was framed, and Bros. George Coop and C. Bellerby, Sec. and J.W. respectively of the mother lodge, were appointed Preceptor and Secretary of the lodge of instruction. It was also arranged that the first regular meeting should take place on the 3rd prox., at the same house, when Bro. H. C. Lambert was installed as first W.M., by Bro. C. Kempton, P.M., after which the lodge furniture having been presented by various brethren, and thanks voted them severally for their gifts, the bye-laws as drafted were accepted, and a number of visiting brethren became joining members. At the meeting on the 10th inst., a benevolent fund was established in connection with the lodge, having Bro. Captain George Lambert, P.G.S.B., as its President. We may add that the lodge meets every Wednesday at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, S.W., at 7.45 p.m. Information desired can be had of Bro. C. Bellerby, the Hon. Sec.

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ALDERSGATE LODGE, No. 1657.

A Complimentary Dinner was given to the members of the above lodge, on Thursday, the 11th inst., by Bros. W. H. Froom, W.M., and E. Y. Jolliffe, W.M. elect, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. There were present Bros. W. H. Froom, W.M.; E. Y. Jolliffe, W.M. elect; E. Anderton, S.W.; Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette, P.M.; Hon. Sec.; Joseph Renals, S.D.; Arthur B. Hudson, J.D.; Fred. Crockford, I.G.; John Larkin, D.C.; C. W. Lovett, Organist; E. F. B. Fuller, Steward; Matthew R. Webb, Stwd.; George Rawlinson, W.S.; John Derby Allcroft, P.M.; George Kenning, P.M.; Dr. Samuel Benton, P.M.; P. F. R. Saillard, Thomas Benskin, H. Matthews, and James Shotton.

The Toast of "The Hosts"—Bros. Froom and Jolliffe—was proposed by Bro. J. DERBY ALLCROFT, P.M., and responded to by those brethren.

The Rev. Dr. P. H. E. BRETTE, P.M., replied to the Toast of "Prosperity to the Aldersgate Lodge."

The Toast of "The Past Masters" was responded to by Bro. GEORGE KENNING, P.M.

The entertainment was of the best, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

The General Committee of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution held their regular meeting in the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on the 5th inst., when a number of additional candidates were placed in the Fund, and the Secretary stated the investments at about £20,000.

Bro. Cornelius Thorne, P. Dist. Grand Master Northern China, was presented at Shanghai, on Thursday, the 17th Dec. last, with an address and jewel of the Cosmopolitan Lodge, No. 428 (S.C.), in token of the esteem and respect in which our distinguished brother is held by the members of the Scottish Craft in the district over which he so recently presided as D.G.M. Bro. Thorne is an honorary member of the lodge, and on the day of presentation had presided at the installation of the R.W.M. for the current year. We congratulate Bro. Thorne on this further evidence of his popularity and the services he has rendered to the Craft generally.



Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at the annual meeting held at the Mansion House on Monday of the Imperial Federation League.

Bro. P. J. Simmonds has been appointed Secretary to the Royal Commission for New Zealand at the Indian and Colonial Exhibition.

The Society Bellini at Catania have elected as honorary members of the Society Mr. John Brinsmead and Mr. Edgar Brinsmead, of London.

The new Recorder of Liverpool, Mr. Charles H. Hopwood, Q.C. of the Northern Circuit, is a son of the late Bro. J. S. S. Hopwood, P.G.D.

It has been announced from Dublin that Bro. the Duke of Abercorn will be installed Grand Master of Ireland on Wednesday, the 3rd proximo.

Bro. Major General Sir Evelyn Wood has been appointed to the command of the Eastern Military District, on the retirement of Lieut.-Gen. White, C.B.

Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., presided on Thursday, the 11th inst., at the half-yearly meeting, at the Paddington Station, of the shareholders of the Great Western Railway.

Bro. Earl Granville has reconsidered the determination he came to recently to resign the mastership of the West Street Harriers, and will retain the position for the present.

Bro. Admiral Sir H. Keppel will accompany the Duke of Edinburgh to the Mediterranean, and will spend some months as the guest of his Royal Highness, with the fleet under his command.

It is understood that the Princess of Wales and her three daughters will arrive on a visit at Torquay towards the close of the current week. During their stay the Royal Party will be the guests of the Duchess of Sutherland.

Bros. T. Eccleston Gibb, M.P., and Bolton, M.P., were present at the 13th annual meeting in the Vestry Hall, St. Pancras, on Monday, of the Borough of St. Pancras Local Option and Alliance Union.

A dinner to celebrate the return of Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., as the first representative of the Ealing Division of the County of Middlesex, will take place on Wednesday next, the 24th inst., at Acton.

Probate of the will of the late Bro. the Earl of Erne, K.T., of Crom Castle, Co. Fermanagh, has recently been granted both in Dublin and London, the aggregate value of the estate in England and Ireland being sworn at upwards of £250,000.

The Court of Aldermen met, as usual, at the Guildhall, on Tuesday afternoon, under the presidency of Bro. the Lord Mayor, among those present being Bros. Aldermen Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., M.P.; De Keyser, Savory, Waterlow, and Gray.

Bro. G. Shaw, C.C., presided at a meeting at the Guildhall on Thursday, the 11th inst., of the Committee of Representatives (masters and journeymen) of the London Plumbers and the members of the General Council, with a view to the Registration of Plumbers.

Bro. Dr. B. W. Richardson occupied the chair at a meeting held at the City and Colonial Club, Basinghall-street, on the 10th inst., for the purpose of receiving reports respecting a scheme proposed by Bro. D. Tallerman for an improved system of food preparation and distribution.

Steps are in contemplation with a view to celebrating the jubilee of the University of London. The idea emanated in the first instance from the brethren of the University of London Lodge, the W.M. of which, Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., as a graduate of the University, being very favourable to the idea being carried out. It is also believed that Bro. Lord Herschell, Lord High Chancellor, who is also a graduate of London, might be induced to preside at the commemoration.

The Mansion House Committee of the London Unemployed Relief Fund met in the Venetian Parlour on Monday, under the presidency of Bro. the Lord Mayor, there being present, among others, Bros. Lord Charles Bruce, Alderman and Sheriff Evans, and Sheriff Clarke. The announcement by Bro. Lord Mayor Staples that her Majesty had sent a contribution to the fund of £500 was received with great cheering.

The annual supper of the Clapton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1365, was held on Wednesday evening, at Bro. Bargen's Restaurant, Wool Exchange, Coleman-street. The menu was all that could be desired, and did great credit to the establishment. Twenty-four brethren were present. Bro. C. Steel, W.M. 1365, occupied the chair, and Bro. Finch, P.M. and Treas. 1365, the vice-chair, in the much regretted absence of Bro. Cusworth, Preceptor, P.M. 813, &c. After the cloth was cleared, the usual toasts were given and replied to. The brethren then dispersed, expressing the great pleasure it gave them in being present at what in most establishments would be called a banquet.

Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne, attended by Col. A. Collins, honoured Bro. John Welford, P.M., with a visit to Welford and Sons' chief dairy, at Elgin-road, Maida-vale, on Tuesday afternoon. On entering the establishment, Bro. Welford's pretty little daughter, aged four years, presented the Princess with a beautiful basket of flowers, composed of maiden-hair ferns, snowdrops, and lilies of the valley. The Princess was conducted through each department of the dairy by Bro. John Welford, the Marquis walking some distance behind. In the butter-making room the party stayed a considerable time. The Princess tasted the cream, and handed the glass to the Marquis to taste, saying, "Taste, it is delicious." The cow sheds, stables, and workmen's dwellings were inspected. The Princess and Marquis complimented Bro. John Welford upon the extreme cleanliness and perfect sanitary arrangements of the dairy.

Bro. Sir E. and Lady Ermytrude Malet left London for Berlin on the 11th inst.

Bro. Frank Taylor, C.C., has been unanimously elected Worshipful Master of the John Hervey Lodge, No. 1260.

A meeting of the Four Kings' Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees will be held at 8A, Red Lion-square, on Saturday, the 20th inst.

The Prince of Wales has sent a cheque for 250 guineas to the Mansion House Fund for the relief of the Unemployed in London.

Bro. Earl and Countess Percy and family have left town for Bournemouth, where they propose to remain till after Easter.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623, at the Red Lion Tavern, Red Lion-court, Fleet-street, E.C., on Wednesday next.

The Domestic Lodge of Instruction, No. 177, meeting at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Tuesday evenings, has been placed under "Emulation working," by the Preceptor, Bro. James Hill.

Bro. Henry Windybank, of the Burgoyne Lodge, No. 902, and the West Kent Chapter, has been unanimously elected the Chairman of the Improvement Committee of the Corporation of the City of London.

Bros. Earl Granville, the Right Hon. Hugh C. E. Childers, and the Right Hon. G. O. Trevelyan attended the Cabinet Councils held at the Prime Minister's official residence in Downing-street on Monday and Tuesday.

Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress have issued cards of invitation to a conversazione to be held at the Mansion House, on Monday next, in aid of the Central Poor Districts of the London City Mission.

Bro. T. Davis is the newly-installed W.M. of the Craven Lodge, No. 810, Skipton, Bros. T. Stockdale and H. Calvert being the S.W. and J.W.; Bro. Capt. Robinson, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. (re-elected), Treasurer, and Bro. M. Ackernley, Secretary.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., Bro. Earl and Countess Cowper, Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, and Bro. General Lord and Lady Wolseley were among the Duke and Duchess of Bedford's guests at dinner on Wednesday.

On Monday the Prince of Wales paid a visit to the Kingsclere racing stables, where his Royal Highness has several horses in training. In the evening the Prince and Princess, with Prince George and Princess Louise of Wales, visited the Prince's Theatre.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by Prince George of Wales and the Duchess of Edinburgh, visited the St. James's Theatre on Saturday evening last, and witnessed the first performance of "Antoinette Rigaud."

We are glad to find that Bro. Alderman Waterlow has sufficiently recovered from his recent severe attack of illness to be able to resume his magisterial duties in the City, he having taken his seat in the Guildhall justice-room on Monday, Tuesday, and following days.

The Grand Lodge of Quebec held its 16th annual communication at the Masonic Chambers, Montreal, on Wednesday, the 27th ult. Bro. Johnson, M.W.G.M., presided, and over 300 Grand Officers and brethren were present. The proceedings extended over some time, and the business was not concluded till the following day.

The annual banquet of the Corinthian Lodge of Instruction, No. 1382, which meets at the George Hotel, Millwall Dock, E., is arranged to take place on Tuesday, the 23rd inst. The lodge will be opened at seven o'clock, and Bro. J. Delves, P.M., the esteemed Preceptor, will work the ceremony of installation, and the supper will be served at eight o'clock. Tickets, 4s. each, can be obtained by post of the Secretary, Bro. S. G. Bonner, 2, College View, Cubitt-town, E.

A musical matinee will be given at Wood Green to the pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys' to-morrow (Saturday), commencing at 3 p.m. Bro. E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., G. Org., has charge of the arrangements, and under his able guidance the programme, which is of an excellent and varied character, will be carried out. The artists include Miss Edith Stow and Madame Raymond, and Bros. A. Thompson, Franklin Clive, and T. Tremere, vocalists; and Bro. Dr. Lott, G.O., and Miss Nellie Hamilton, instrumentalists.

We beg to remind our readers that the annual festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement will take place at Freemasons' Hall on Friday next, the 26th inst., when the chair will be taken by Bro. the Marquis of Hertford, G.S.W. The work of the evening will consist of the Five Sections of the Second Lecture, after which will be held the usual banquet, tickets for which, to include admission to the lodge, will be five shillings each. Full particulars may be had of Bro. F. R. Spaul, the Secretary of the lodge, or of the members of the Committee, Bros. Thomas Fenn, President Board of General Purposes; A. A. Richards, P.G. Stwd.; W. A. Dawson, and R. S. Sudlow.

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.]

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The Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657, voted at its last meeting the sum of twenty-five guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., addressed a political meeting at the Paddington Baths, Bayswater, on Saturday evening last.

Bro. General Lord Wolseley gave a lecture at Toynbee Hall, Whitechapel, on Saturday last, on "Incidents of the Soudan Campaign."

Bro. Sir John E. Gorst, Q.C., M.P., presided at the meeting held in Spring-gardens on the 12th inst., of the Royal Commission on Loss of Life at Sea. Bro. W. Pearce, M.P., was among the members present.

Bros. Aldermen Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., M.P., Sir H. E. Knight, Sir R. Hanson, De Keyser, Isaacs, and Whitehead, W. Pearce, M.P., A. Staveley Hill, Q.C., M.P., and Sir J. B. Monckton, were present at the banquet given by Bro. the Lord Mayor on Saturday last, to the Master and Elder Brethren of the Trinity House.

The Royal Lodge, No. 643, Filey, held its annual meeting at the Crescent Hotel on the 8th inst. There was a large attendance of brethren, including several visitors from Scarborough, and in the course of the proceedings Bro. Capt. H. Darley was installed Worshipful Master, and subsequently appointed his officers. A capital banquet followed.

Bro. John Matthews was installed W.M. of the Equity Lodge, No. 1384, Widnes, Lancashire, on the 4th inst., the ceremony being very ably carried out by Bro. J. Foster, Bro. James White, P.M., D. of C., delivering the addresses. After the appointment and investiture of the officers, the brethren adjourned to the Central Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served, and an enjoyable evening passed all too quickly.

Bro. the Lord Mayor gave a grand banquet at the Mansion House on Saturday last, to the Master (the Duke of Edinburgh) and Elder Brethren of the Trinity House, on the approaching departure of his Royal Highness to assume the command of our fleet in the Mediterranean. Among the distinguished guests were the Duke of Cambridge, and Bros. Earl Granville, Earl Cowper, K.G., Lord George Hamilton, M.P., Lord A. Hill, M.P., Admiral Sir H. Keppel, Admiral Sir E. A. Inglefield, Col. Lord E. Pelham-Clinton, W. T. Marriot, Q.C., M.P., and others.

Bro. W. Smoker was installed W.M. of the Lodge of Friendship, No. 928, Petersfield, on the 1st inst. The officiating Master was Bro. E. Naylor, P.G.S., the retiring W.M., who fulfilled his task most ably. At the close of the ceremony, Bro. Smoker presented his predecessor, Bro. Naylor, with a handsome Past Master's jewel, which had been voted him by the lodge in recognition of his services during the past year.

The installation meeting of the Buffalo Lodge, No. 1824, East London, S. Africa, took place on the 28th December last, at the Masonic Hall, Caxton-street. The ceremony was carried out by R.W. Bro. Charles J. Egan, M.D., D.G.M. Eastern Division, South Africa, who was assisted by Bros. W. F. Sissing, D.G.S.; Clark, D.G.J.D.; Goodwin, P.D.G.S.; and E. J. Carroll, the retiring W.M. of the lodge. The new W.M., Bro. J. D. Tilney, having been inducted into office, appointed his officers for the year, and lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to banquet at the Phoenix Hotel, and spent a most agreeable evening together.

Brother Hughan, the well known Masonic Archaeologist, has kindly promised a lecture to the members of the St. Aubyn Lodge, No. 954, Devonport, on the "Connecting Links between Ancient and Modern Freemasonry." A collection will be made on behalf of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, the whole of the proceeds of which, will be devoted to that excellent Institution. This will make the seventh lecture delivered in Devon by Bro. Hughan, and at each meeting not less than five guineas have been obtained, thus giving each entertaining lodge five votes for twenty years.

The following dinners took place at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending Saturday, the 20th inst.:—Monday—Philanthropic Ball; Grand Masters' Lodge; British Lodge. Tuesday—Cadogan Lodge; Enoch Chapter; Salisbury Lodge; Industry Chapter; Ebury Chapter. Wednesday—Buckingham and Chandos Lodge; Oak Lodge; Noviomagus; Hackney Carriage Proprietors. Thursday—Universal Lodge; St. Mary's Lodge; Great Northern Lodge; United Pilgrims Chapter; Globe Lodge; Holborn Cricket Club Ball. Friday—Jordan Lodge; Pilgrim Lodge. Saturday—Tottenham House Ball.

The annual supper of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, will take place at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Tuesday, 9th March next. Bro. H. W. Kedgley, W.M. of the mother lodge, will be the Chairman, and Bro. John Jacobs, P.M., Vice-Chairman. Stewards: Bros. G. P. Bertini, W.M. 1559; J. Bromley, 179; T. A. Dickson, S.W. 1614; R. J. Harnell, 511; J. R. Harnell, 2021; Wilkie Jones, S.W. 820; F. Kedge, 749; R. Kirk, 1681; H. G. Marsden, 73; C. Ralph, A.W.S. 1614; D. Stroud, 2012; and E. L. P. Valeriani, W.M. 1687. Bro. G. Reynolds, S.D. 1614, Secretary. 3, St. James's-square, Pall Mall, S.W.

A series of Masonic meetings will be held in the Masonic Hall, Kidderminster, on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd March respectively, under the combined auspices of the Hope and Charity Lodge, No. 377, and the Lechnire Lodge, No. 1874, when the rare collection of Masonic works, medals, engravings, &c., &c., made by Bro. Geo. Taylor, Prov. G.S. Worcestershire, will be on view, so that the brethren may have the opportunity of inspecting previous to the province taking measures to acquire them. On Monday, the 1st March, the meeting of the Lechnire Lodge will take place, and Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.S.D. England, will explain and describe the collection. On Tuesday, Bro. Hughan will deliver a lecture entitled "Connecting Links between Ancient and Modern Freemasonry." On Wednesday, there will be grand Masonic ball in the Town Hall, which will serve to bring the proceedings to a conclusion very pleasantly. The collection, however, will be open to visitors till 8 p.m., in payment of the nominal fee of 1s. each.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.
For the week ending Saturday, February 27, 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 20.

- Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon-st. Hot.
- 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
- 1614, Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly.
- Mark 251, Tenterden, 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 22.

- Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, F.M.H.
- 26, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
- 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
- 79, Pythagorean, Ship Tav., Greenwich.
- 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- 222, St. Andrew's Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
- 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- 1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn-gate.
- 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq.
- 1632, Stuart, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
- Chap. 1537, St. Peter, Westminster, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.
- Ccboni, 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 23.

- Lodge 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
- 92, Moira, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
- 165, Honor and Generosity, Inns of Court Hot.
- 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
- 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
- 1348, Ebury, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.
- 1744, Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall.
- Chap. 7, Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.
- 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.
- 548, Wellington, White Swan Hot., Deptford.
- 1339, Stockwell, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
- Mark 3, Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- Rose Croix 29, Palestine, 33, Golden-sq.

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.
- Domestic, 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.
- Kennington, 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, Walham 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.
- Varborough, 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 24.

- Lodge 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.
- 212, Euphrates, M.H., Masons'-avenue.
- 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tav., Tottenham.
- 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
- 1017, Montefiore, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.
- 1056, Victoria, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
- 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- 1719, Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1768, Progress, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1818, Clapham, Army and Navy Hot., Victoria-st.
- 1820, Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
- Chap. 753, Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
- 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.

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 25.

- General Committee Girls' School, at 4.
- Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- 34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.
- 55, Constitutional, Cannon-st. Hot.
- 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- 66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.
- 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- 507, United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
- 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort Hot., North End, Fulham.
- 861, Finsbury, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
- 871, Royal Oak, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
- 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
- 1563, City of Westminster, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.
- 1816, Victoria Park, Queen's Hot., Victoria Park.
- 1974, St. Mary Abbott's, Town Hall, Kensington.
- Chap. 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
- 657, Canonbury, Mason Arms, Basinghall-st.
- 766, William Preston, Cannon-st. Hot.
- 1623, West Smithfield, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-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.
- Creaton, 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-cf.-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.
- Tredegar, 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 26.

- Lodge 197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.
- 569, Fitz-Roy, Head-Quarters Hon. Artillery Co., City-road.
- Chap. 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
- 749, Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

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.
- Unions Emulation (for M.Ms.), 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 27.

- House Committee Benevolent Institution, at 3.
- Lodge 1706, Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall.
- 2048, Henry Levander, Harrow Station, Wealdstone.

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