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It is desirable we should say a last word about the 98th Anniversary Festival on Wednesday next of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Of course, in saying this, it is inevitable we should traverse familiar ground, ground that has been traversed annually during the past history of the school and which, if the Institution is to be maintained in a proper state of efficiency, and continue in the future the beneficent work it has accomplished heretofore, must be traversed year by year with the same pertinacious regularity. So keen is the competition among Charitable Institutions for that public support on which their very existence depends, that it is a matter of extreme difficulty to raise by voluntary subscriptions a sum of only ten hundreds of pounds sterling and "à fortiori," must it be difficult to raise a sum amounting to considerably more than as many thousands. Moreover, it is a serious strain on our energies and resources to accomplish this, even at the best of times, when the commercial and political horizon is bright and cloudless, but the strain is infinitely great, when, as happens just now unfortunately, the public mind is seriously disquieted by a sense of some great danger impending over the country. But danger or no danger, the Girls' School, like our other Institutions, must be maintained at its present strength, and this can only be done by constantly reminding the brethren that the celebration of such a Festival as that of Wednesday next is not a simple affair of a pleasant dinner, followed by a dozen or more congratulatory speeches and a little music, but the fulfilment of a very grave responsibility. The English Craft, in its wisdom, has determined there shall be a school for the maintenance and education of some 240 daughters of deceased or indigent brethren. The cost of such an establishment, under the most careful administration, is little, if anything, short of £10,000 a year, and as is the case with all similar societies, the outlay of a further considerable sum is sometimes found to be imperative. This has happened just now, when owing to the purchase of a contiguous strip of land, to which we have referred on several previous occasions, and the erection of a new boundary wall, new gates, and two lodges, an outlay in excess of the ordinary annual requirements of the Institution by about £7000—£5700 for the land, £1300 for the wall, gates, and lodges—has had to be incurred. Under these circumstances it is a matter of the most urgent necessity—and we are not using so strong an expression lightly—that the proceeds of Wednesday's celebration should be substantially the same as last year. This brings us to a consideration of the supreme point of all. Is there any chance of such a result being realised? Well, Bro. HEDGES will have a Board of Stewards of about the same numerical strength as in 1885—at present it musters 265 brethren, as against the 273 of last year, and there are generally a few who give in their names at the last moment. He has had the good fortune to enlist the services of an able and experienced Chairman who, when he acted in a similar capacity in 1883 for the Benevolent Institution, succeeded, with the assistance of his Stewards, in bringing grist to its mill to the extent of over £13,000, towards which his own province contributed £900. The Metropolis will be represented by 132 Stewards, including the Unattached, and the Provinces, with Surrey included, by 133. So far, perhaps, the outlook may appear favourable. But we are fain to admit there is also a less promising side to the picture. There will, on Wednesday next, be no Thousand Guineas Presentation Fund to swell the general total, and West Yorkshire, instead of figuring as it did in 1885, with between £1500 and £1600, will probably contribute only its usual, perhaps less than its usual, few hundreds. The CHAIRMAN'S province, though willing enough, we are well assured, to support its respected chief, is unfortunately weak as to its representation, owing to circumstances which, of themselves and quite apart from all Festival considerations, cannot be too seriously deplored. When General BROWNRIGG presided at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Festival in 1883, Bro. the Rev. C. W. ARNOLD, P.G.C., was his D.P.G.M., and Bro. C. GREENWOOD, P.G.S.B., his Prov. G. Secretary. These knew the province intimately, as it would be absurd to suppose that any other brethren could know it, unless they had had an equal amount of experience; while as to their readiness to help in so good a cause, it goes without saying. But Bro. ARNOLD is in Florida, and Bro. GREENWOOD, now

D.P.G.M., though at the outset he threw himself with energy into the work, has not only, we regret to say, experienced an irreparable loss in his domestic circle, but he is and has been for some time past personally incapacitated by illness from taking an active part in supporting the Prov. Grand Master. Thus, though there is no lack of will on the part of Surrey, there is little likelihood of its efforts being made the most of by a skilful organisation of its strength, and we can only hope that its score of Stewards will make up in zeal what they lack in numbers. If the £900 of 1883 cannot be equalled, let us hope it will be approached pretty closely. Then in addition to these drawbacks, there is generally prevalent the uncomfortable feeling that the present depressed condition of things will have the effect of appreciably, if not seriously, reducing the usual average of from £45 to £50 per list, in which case the falling off in the returns as compared with those of last year will be very considerable. However, we must hope for the best. The Chairman and the Stewards will do their duty manfully, but they will need strengthening as regards numbers, if they are to have a chance of coping successfully with the difficulties and drawbacks we have enumerated. Perhaps some of our friends may be in a position to volunteer their services. If so, let them not be over-scrupulous about doing so, even at the eleventh hour. Let them remember that, in a pressing emergency like this, where a further amount of assistance is sorely needed, that additional assistance will be forthcoming, "better late than never."

ANOTHER new lodge with special associations has been consecrated this week—the Huguenot Lodge, No. 2140—which was formally constituted at the Criterion on Monday by V.W. Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., G. Reg., assisted by Bros. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON, P.G.W., as S.W.; RALPH CLUTTON, G.J.D., as J.W.; the Rev. J. S. BROWNRIGG, P.G.C., as Chaplain; FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., as D.C.; and EDGAR BOWYER, P.G.S.W., as I.G. That a lodge which has been ushered into existence under such favourable auspices should have before it a bright and promising future may be reasonably assumed, and these prospects are considerably enhanced by the fact that the brethren installed or invested as the first principal officers of the lodge are—in two cases, at all events—Masons of long experience and great ability:—Bro. R. HERVE GIRAUD, P.G.D., who served his first Mastership more than half a century since, being the first Worshipful Master; Bro. C. J. SHOPPEE, P.M. 382, the first Senior Warden; and Bro. ARTHUR G. BROWNING, the first J.W. There is, too, the experienced and capable Bro. Major GEORGE LAMBERT, F.S.A., P.G.S.B., who is a Huguenot of Huguenots, and, what is of greater consequence in this connection, the acting I.P.M. and real moving spirit of the new lodge. However, we trust we shall be able to give full particulars of the ceremony in our next issue. Till then we must content ourselves with congratulating all who had part in it on the admirable manner in which the successive functions of consecration and installation were performed, and give expression to our very sincere hopes for the future well-being of the lodge.

Too much praise cannot be given to our worthy Sunderland brethren for the generous help they have given to the children of their town during the period of almost unexampled distress, which the country has experienced almost everywhere this year. We know not to whom belongs the honour of having started the scheme, but there can be no doubt about its success. On the 16 Sunday mornings which preceded Good Friday, and on Good Friday itself the members of the Sunderland lodges provided breakfasts for their poor children in the different Board and Church Schools and Coffee Taverns, as many as 4000 being entertained on Good Friday itself, when each received a pint of good wholesome cocoa and an 8oz. bun. The total number of breakfasts thus given was 22,000, the sum raised by subscription from the lodges, chapters, and brethren being £130 18s. 8d., of which £127 7s. 8d. was spent in breakfast, and the small balance of £3 11s. in postages and petty disbursements. This is by no means a solitary instance of good work done by the Craft for the poor during the past winter, but it is worth referring to editorially, if only that we may congratulate the Sunderland lodges on their having so practically illustrated, and to such excellent purpose, the beneficent principles of our Society.

THE twenty-third report of the Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution proves that solid work has been done during the past year. The Treasurer's financial statement, as audited, shows that, with a balance brought forward from the previous account, the receipts amounted to £1090 14s. 7d.; the fees, donations, and subscriptions from lodges, chapters, and brethren being £259 1s. 6d.; and the interest on investments £225 16s. 2d. The total expenditure was £733 4s. 10d., leaving balances in bank and Treasurer's hands, amounting together, to £357 9s. 9d. The incidental

expenses were £33 17s. 2d.; the payments for the education of twenty-seven children, £197 11s. 6d.; and £501 16s. 2d., was devoted to the purchase of additional securities. The assets of the Institution represent a total of £5353 11s. 8d., of which £4996 1s. 11d., are invested moneys, and £357 9s. 9d., the cash at bank, or in hand. This, then, is the position which has been attained by this Provincial Educational Association during the twenty-three years it has been in existence. Its financial arrangements have been admirable, very little being spent in management, while the bulk of the outlay has been appropriated strictly to the purposes for which the Association was organised. The lodges, chapters, and brethren support it loyally and liberally, and fully deserve the credit which justly attaches to so beneficent a body. We do not presume to claim for Cheshire a superiority in the management of its local Masonic Charity, but we are justified in asserting that there is not an abler managed institution of its kind in existence anywhere throughout the length and breadth of the English Craft. We offer our sincere congratulations to R.W. Bro. Lord DE TABLEY, his Prov. Grand Officers, our Cheshire brethren as a body, and last, but not least, to the chief Executive Officers of the Institution, Bros. J. P. PLATT, P.P.G.J.W., Hon. Treasurer; and F. K. STEVENSON, Hon. Secretary, on the success which has blessed their efforts to assist the children of deceased and decayed Cheshire Freemasons.

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BRO. D. MURRAY LYON, the Grand Secretary, reported to the Grand Committee, on the 29th ult., that much misconception existed among lodges with regard to the working of the Mark. Some gave it in strict compliance with the Constitution, viz., as a section of the Second Degree; others as a separate Degree, placed under the control of officers who were not elected by the lodges to which the so-called Mark lodges are attached. He stated that "he was inundated with letters on the Mark and its position, and suggested the appointment of a Special Committee to consider and report on the question." The suggestion was at once adopted, and a Committee of six brethren appointed, with power to add to their number.

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THE position of the Mark Degree in Scotland is unique, for not only is it recognised by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, which Body has decided that it belongs to the Second Degree, but requires the ceremony to be conferred *on none below the Degree of Master Mason* (as was the custom originally, so far as we can discover), but Mark Masonry is also worked under the wing of the "Grand Royal Arch Chapter," whose members acknowledge the Mark Masons made in a Craft lodge in Scotland; the latter evidently working it generally with such of their officers, who already possess a knowledge of the Degree.

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OUR Royal brother—Prince Albert Victor of Wales—was invited by the Grand Master to be present at the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, held last Thursday, to receive the distinction of *Honorary Membership*, but the Prince wrote regretting his inability to accept the invitation "his time in Edinburgh will be so very short." As there are only two Honorary Members, (the Emperor of Germany and H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught) the compliment offered was not a slight one, and doubtless will yet be conferred on a convenient occasion.

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IN order that the *third* jubilee of the Grand Lodge of Scotland shall be celebrated in a formal and becoming manner, a special Committee has been appointed, in response to the suggestion of Grand Secretary LYON, who stated he was in correspondence with the Grand Master on the subject. The centenary of the Grand Lodge was duly observed in 1836, and a commemorative medal was struck. The sesqui-centennial, however, is a much more important occasion, not only because of the greater lapse of years since the inauguration of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in November, 1736, but especially because of its great prosperity under the new regime. Never was Scottish Freemasonry so deservedly respected as now; its management has won the approval of the Craft, and already the beneficent effects of the sweeping alterations made in the personnel of the officers, and in the customs observed, are to be seen in the vastly improved financial condition of the Grand Lodge. Increasing attention is also being paid to the claims of the indigent and distressed brethren and dependants, who, under the old system—if system it may be called—were generally neglected, and the funds used for other and less worthy purposes.

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WE warmly congratulate the Grand Master, and particularly the Grand Secretary and his efficient staff, on the improvement so manifest, on the enormous increase of its members and funds, and assure them that the celebration in November will be one in which the members of the Grand Lodges of England and Ireland are sure to take a great interest. The Grand Lodge is favoured in having so many old lodges on its roll, which have continuously been representative of Scottish Freemasonry from the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, and many even possibly active during still more remote periods, so that there is no lack of antiquity, and certainly none of true dignity and excellence.

CONSECRATION OF THE GORDON LODGE, No. 2149, AT HANLEY.

On Tuesday, the 4th inst., the Gordon Lodge, No. 2149, was consecrated at the Mechanics' Hall, Hanley, making the 28th lodge now held in the Province of Staffordshire. The Gordon Lodge is an offshoot of the Menturia Lodge, the jubilee of which was celebrated two years ago, and most of the founders of the former are still members of the latter. It appears to

have been the great success of the Menturia Lodge which rendered a new lodge in Hanley desirable in the judgment of many of the members, who number nearly 80; and, although opinion on the subject was divided, it may be assumed that all opposition to the formation of a new lodge has been withdrawn, and that the two lodges will work harmoniously.

The founders of the Gordon Lodge have all taken office, viz.: Bros. John Bromley, W.M.; J. L. Hamshaw, S.W.; Henry Palmer, J.W.; E. E. Scrivener, P.P.G.S.D., S.D.; J. W. Jones, J.D.; John Warner, Treas.; J. B. Piercy, P.P.G.S.W., Sec.; Thos. Taylor, P.P.G.S.W., D.C.; Fredk. Mountford, P.G.O., Org.; and J. Charlesworth, I.G.

Prior to the commencement of the proceedings, Bro. Bromley entertained at luncheon at his residence, The Mount, Penkull, the founders of the lodge, and the following brethren: Bros. Col. G. S. Tudor, P.G.M.; Col. Foster Gough, D.P.G.M.; Dr. J. Clarke, P.G.S.W.; C. T. Cavenish, P.G.J.W.; the Rev. Thos. Lloyd, (Compton), P.G. Chaplain; W. Cartwright, P.G.S.; H. C. Faram, P.G.S.D.; T. K. Pedley, P.G. Supt. of Works; T. E. Fowke, P.G.D.C.; E. H. Croydon, P.G.A. Sec.; G. W. Walker, P.G.S.B.; J. Webberley, 546, P.P.G.R.; J. Ingamells, 460, P.P.G.J.D.; E. B. Jackson, W.M. 418; D. Smith, W.M. 637; F. Barlow, W.M. 546; G. C. Kent, P.M. 546; W. Savage, P.M. 451; J. B. Ashwell, J.W. 637; the Rev. F. E. Waters, Chaplain 418; and Lawton, 1031.

At half-past one o'clock in the afternoon there was a large assemblage of brethren, when the interesting ceremony of consecration took place. In addition to those whose names are given above, there were present:

Bros. F. Derry, 539, P.P.G.S.W.; W. Hales, 418, P.P.G.S.W.; T. Bickley, 418, P.P.G.J.W.; A. L. Broad, 460, P.P.G.J.W.; R. Tooth, 637, P.P.G.R.; F. W. Tomkinson, 451, P.P.G.S.D.; F. W. Grove, 1042, P.P.G.J.D.; W. Maskew, 98, P.P. G. Supt. of Works; W. Needham, 966, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; J. S. Crapper, 418, P.P.G.A.D.C.; R. Dain, 98, P.P.G.A.D.C.; S. Bennett, 98, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. F. Pepper, 482, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. C. Clemesha, 966, P.P.G.S.B.; F. Weston, 98, P.P. G.S.B.; W. Vernon, 456, P.P.G.S.B.; T. Unwin, 637, P.P.G.P.; J. Mottram, 726, P.G.A.P.; G. Woolf, W.M. 93; S. Parkes, W.M. 419; J. T. Snape, W.M. 460; W. Davenport, W.M. 966; J. Stevenson, W.M. 1042; F. J. Milner, P.M. 966; G. Chell, P.M. 966; J. Clark, P.M. 526; W. Brown, W.M. 347; A. J. Waller, P.M. 802; J. S. Furnival, P.M. 533; J. Stringer, P.M. 418; B. S. Brough, P.M. 546; R. Hilditch, P.M. 98; G. Bennion, P.M. 546, and others, there being altogether upwards of 120 brethren present.

The ceremony was performed by the P.G.M., Bro. Col. TUDOR, who, having opened the lodge, addressed the brethren on the nature of the meeting, and Bro. CROYDON, as P.G.A. Sec., stated that the founders had petitioned for permission to establish a lodge to be called the Gordon, and they were anxious to have the lodge consecrated and the officers installed. The warrant of the Grand Lodge, which was signed by the Earl of Lathom, as D.G.M., approved the name, numbered the lodge 2149, and specified Hanley as the place of meeting. Bro. John Bromley was designated W.M., and Bros. Hamshaw and Palmer Wardens. The other founders and officers having signified their approval of the officers named, and promised to comply with the laws of the Grand Lodge of England,

Bro. the Rev. T. LLOYD delivered an oration on the nature and principles of the Order.

Having referred to the proceedings of the meetings of Prov. Grand Lodge at Lichfield nearly a year ago, and at Wolverhampton in October last, he said they had now obeyed the commands of their superiors, and mustered round the standard in the metropolis of the Pottery towns to discharge an agreeable and high duty. The solemn service of that day should lead their minds through the paths of serious contemplation to remember on what principles and for what purposes their ancient Order was founded. Freemasonry had its bitter enemies and its doubting despisers. Some there were who complained it was made a substitute for religion, whereas it was only the handmaid to her fair graces. Others presumed the labours of Masons were trifling, absurd mysteries, or profane mummeries, whereas there was no subject existing within the range and grasp of the human intellect into which the science of Freemasonry did not enter in the pursuit of wisdom and knowledge. Some ridiculed the secrets of Freemasons, declaring them to be either hurtful to society or wrong in themselves, whereas those secrets were bonds of their mutual fidelity by which they obliged themselves "to trace wisdom and follow virtue." Time was when the members of the Craft were denounced as dangerous, and every man of eminence known to be a Mason was called upon to renounce his connection with the societies. But in the face of all opposition the Fraternity was calm, and the sun of Masonry had dispersed the clouds which darkened her sky so long. Without territorial possessions, without any other coercing power than that of morality and virtue, Freemasonry had survived the wreck of mighty empires, and resisted the destroying hand of time. No other institution could be compared with it. Every other society sank into insignificance when placed by the side of Masonry. Christianity alone excepted. Like Gray's virtuous peasant, Freemasonry kept the noiseless tenour of its way, and rejoiced in the unsullied happiness of doing good. When did Freemasonry first begin to exist, and why had the institution been thus preserved? Masons' work began with the Creation. To understand the measures of weight and light and sound—to unravel, seize upon, and comprehend those unchanging laws by which the earth, the sun, the moon, the planets were sustained in space—to follow up the changes of seasons, and in every step of the investigation, as the intellect climbed from lofty truths to truths still more lofty, to pause in profound admiration, to feel the Creator close to the creature, and to adore—this was the first aim of Masonry, this its task, ever fresh, never ended—a science teeming with new results and adding incentive after incentive to praise and glorify the Great Architect of the Universe. Freemasonry had been preserved because it instructed its members to worship their Almighty Maker, to honour and obey the sovereign of their country, to be peaceful in their stations, diligent in their callings, honest in their dealings, respectful towards their superiors, gentle and condescending to their inferiors, merciful towards their enemies, kind and obliging in all the duties of their common life. Such was the institution which God had preserved to the world, unlimited in its numbers, and scattered over every land and kingdom. The work of the Fraternity to-day was to be true to the original character of the Order; to continue to follow the God of Nature through all the wonderful variety of His works; and to keep the silence and observe the sacred rules imposed upon the Craft by Solomon. It might be said by some scoffer if Masonry be such a pure and ennobling science, should not all Masons be wise, and good, and temperate, and self-denying, full of piety and good words? The answer was that the fitness of any system was not to be tried and condemned because of unworthiness in some. If any men had been led by an impatient curiosity, without higher motive to place unhallowed feet on the tessellated pavement, if any had turned the hallowed purposes of Masonry into mere convivial meetings, if any had been content with merely acquiring superficial acquaintance with the Craft, let not the system itself be charged with their perversions, their sins, or their folly; an unworthy brother would perhaps have been a worse man if he had not been a Mason. He concluded with an exhortation to the brethren to use all the passing hours of this life in works of charity towards their fellow-men, and in piety towards God. The chaplain then read the 1st to the 16th verses of the 2nd chapter of the second Book of Chronicles.

The lodge board having been uncovered, the P.G.M., the D.P.G.M., and the P.G. Wardens perambulated the lodge, and at the appointed times scattered the emblems of plenty, of joy and happiness, and of unity. During the greater part of the proceedings music of a solemn and impressive character was introduced, the P.G.O., Bro. Mountford, presiding at the harmonium.

After the consecration ceremony, the P.G.M. vacated the chair, and the W.M. designate was installed in a very able manner by Bro. J. L. Hamshaw.

After the business of the lodge, about 60 of the brethren adjourned to

the Saracen's Head Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Hassall. The W.M. presided, and at the conclusion of the dinner he proposed the loyal toasts, and "The Health of the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., and other officers of Grand Lodge."

Bro. FOSTER GOUGH appropriately responded.

Bro. HAMSHAW, in eulogistic terms, proposed "The Health of the P.G.M.," which was drunk with great cordiality.

Col. TUDOR, in responding, acknowledged the heartiness with which he had always been welcomed in North Staffordshire. He spoke of his desire to discharge the duties of his office faithfully and impartially, observing that, with the very best intentions, it was sometimes difficult—not to say impossible—to give satisfaction to all. In all that he did he endeavoured to do that which would be to the advantage of Freemasonry. He (Col. Tudor) then proposed "The Health of the W.M. and Success to the Gordon Lodge," expressing himself gratified with everything he had seen in relation to the lodge that day, and his firm belief that the lodge would prosper.

The toast was well received.

Bro. BROMLEY acknowledged the toast. He disclaimed any desire on the part of the members of the Gordon Lodge to damage the Menturia, whose interest he still had at heart. But he fully believed there was ample room for both lodges, and that both would prosper. He proposed the toast of "The Menturia Lodge," coupling with it the name of Bro. W. H. HALES, who responded, remarking that he believed the Menturia would continue to maintain the high position it had held for half a century. He trusted that each lodge would have a large accession of members, for he was sure there was room for both.

Bro. the Rev. T. LLOYD proposed "The Health of Bro. Hamshaw, Installing Master," who spoke of the impressiveness of the Masonic ceremonies, and said all his Masonic knowledge had been gained at the Menturia Lodge.

Bro. CHARLESWORTH proposed "The Health of Bro. Foster Gough, and the other Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past;" for whom Bros. CROYDON and LLOYD responded.

Bro. PALMER proposed "The Visitors," and the toast was acknowledged by Bros. F. J. MILNER, J. WEBBERLEY, and T. K. PEDLEY.

Bro. JACKSON presented the toast of "The Officers of the Gordon Lodge," on whose behalf Bro. J. W. JONES returned thanks.

"The Health of the Prov. Grand Chaplain," with thanks to him for his splendid oration at the consecration, was proposed by the W.M., and acknowledged by Bro. the Rev. T. LLOYD.

Bro. T. TAYLOR proposed "The Masonic Charities." He remarked, that in round figures the Masons of the country subscribed £58,000 a year for their three central Charitable Institutions. In addition, there were many valuable local institutions, including the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association, the advantages of which he pointed out.

Bro. F. DERRY, whose name was coupled with the toast, observed that a grand work was being done by Staffordshire in support of the Charities, and foremost in contributing to that result was the Menturia Lodge.

The Tyler's toast concluded the list.

The speeches, which were brief, were interspersed with some excellent vocal music by the Silverdale Glee party, and the evening was spent very pleasantly.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WILTSHIRE.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Warminster, on Friday, the 7th inst., being received by the Longleat Lodge, No. 1478. In the unavoidable absence of the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Methuen, the chair was filled by the D.P.G.M., Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., supported by Bros. Col. Randle Ford, P.P.G.J.W., as P.G.S.W.; the Rev. T. J. Heard, as P.G. Chap.; F. H. Goldney, P.G. Treasurer; H. Merrick, P.G. Reg.; H. Bevir, P.G. Secretary; J. T. Calkin, P.G. Supt. of Wks.; G. Pike, P.G.A.D.C.; W. H. Burt, P.G.S.B.; T. Turner, Steward; H. C. Tombs, P.G.D. England, P.P.G.S.W.; W. Nott, P.P.G.J.W., Charity Sec.; J. C. Maclean, P.P.G.S.D.; T. S. Fletcher, P.P.G.J.D.; W. J. Mann, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; C. Gauntlett, P.P.G.A.D.C.; W. H. Brinkworth, P.P.G.O.; E. S. Mackrell, P.P.G.O.; Edwin Eyres, P.P.G.P.; A. J. Beaven, P.P.G.B.; F. S. Hancock, W.M. 663; F. Barton, W.M. 1271; E. Jones, W.M. 1295; W. Pullen, W.M. 1478; and others.

The roll of the various lodges was called, and the call with one exception was duly responded to.

The P.G. Secretary, Bro. HARRY BEVIR, then read the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Salisbury, which minutes were duly confirmed. This was followed by the reading of the minutes of the Charity Committee, which had been held the same morning, from which it appeared that Bro. J. C. Maclean had, at the request of the Committee, consented to act as Steward from the province for the forthcoming Festivals of both Girls' and Boys' Schools, and that to his list for the former the Committee recommended a vote of £10 10s., and for the Boys' School the sum of £21. These recommendations were adopted.

The P.G. Treas., Bro. F. H. GOLDNEY, read an abstract of his accounts, which had been duly audited. These accounts showed that, in addition to the cash balances in his hands on the General Account, the Charity Account, and the Provincial Benevolent Fund Account, there were investments in the Funds amounting in the whole to something like £500. Bro. Goldney intimated that they would probably have to bear a new expense for the future, inasmuch as the Somerset House authorities had made a claim for income tax on the various contributions to the Provincial Grand Lodge Funds. The principle on which this claim was made had been under the consideration of the authorities of Grand Lodge, who, he was afraid, would feel themselves obliged to admit it. The report and accounts of the Prov. Grand Treasurer were approved and adopted.

The P.G. Reg., Bro. HENRY MERRICK, presented his report, which stated that the province appeared to be in a generally satisfactory and progressive condition, that there was an increase in the number of the brethren as compared with the numbers given in the last report, bringing the total nominal strength of the ten lodges up to 451, and that there had been a decided improvement in the effective working conduct of various lodges. The Registrar's report went on to say that it might be broadly assumed that the total income of the ten lodges amounted to about £750, and the ordinary expenditure to about £600 per annum, but directed the attention of lodges to the large and increasing amount of outstanding unpaid subscriptions. The adoption of this report was carried by acclamation.

Bro. WILLIAM NOTT, Provincial Charity Secretary, presented the report of the Benevolent Fund and Charity Organization Committee, as follows:

BENEVOLENT FUND.—The whole of the income to the end of the year 1884 has been invested in Consols, and the income for the past year will also be available for further investment, no claim having been made upon it. The fund is now assuming a most satisfactory position, and in a few years will—should no large claim occur—have reached an amount, the income from which, with the annual subscriptions from the lodges, will allow of substantial assistance being given when occasion may arise for it.

CHARITY ORGANIZATION.—At the last meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge it was reported that the Committee had adopted the widow of the late Bro. Charles Feaviour, of the Lodge of Rectitude, 335, Corsham, as a candidate for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. This case being taken up by the Associated Provinces at the election in May last, Mrs. Feaviour was elected on that, the first attempt, she being 18th on the list of 23 successful candidates.

Your Charity Secretary, as Secretary of the Association of Provinces, of which Wiltshire is one, has attended the meetings of their representatives, which take place in London at the elections. The representatives of the other provinces are Bros. Captain S. G. Homfray, D.P.G.M. Monmouthshire, Chairman of the Association; R. C. Else, D.P.G.M. Somersetshire; M. Tennant, D.P.G.M. Eastern Division of South Wales; R. V. Vassar Smith, Gloucestershire; W. Purnell, Bristol; M. J. Walker, Leicester and Rutland; and J. Wilson, Worcestershire; and to all of whom the thanks of this province are due for their hearty co-operation, which has resulted in the Association attaining a commanding position at the elections for the great Masonic Charities.

The Wiltshire recipients of these Masonic Charities are now as follows: From the Benevolent Institution four widows are (as three of them have been doing for the past nine, seven, and three years respectively) receiving annuities of £32 each; whilst in the Girls' School, five, and in the Boys' School, two, children are being maintained and educated. Wiltshire thus derives from these Charities a large benefit, the money value of which may be reckoned at nearly, if not quite, £500 a year.

The contributions from Wiltshire to public Masonic Charities during the past year have been through the medium of Bro. John Chandler, as Steward from the province, for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, with a list of £188 17s.; and Bro. Wm. Nott, as Steward for the Mark Benevolent Fund, from the Wiltshire Keystone Mark Lodge, at Devizes, with a list of £17 15s.; to these must be added a donation of £10 10s. from Lodge 335 to the Boys' School; thus giving a total of £217 2s.

It may be added that the votes sent in to the Provincial Charity Organization Committee during the past three years have been as follows:—

	1883.	1884.	1885.
Royal Masonic Institution for Boys ...	498	509	513
Girls ...	370	417	384
Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons ...	242	233	244
Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Widows ...	171	338	279
	1281	1497	1420

Nearly all the votes in the province (both lodge and private) are now placed at the disposal of the Committee, and on this being done depends the success of the organization.

Devizes, 31st December, 1885.

WILLIAM NOTT,
Prov. Charity Sec.

The W.D.P.G.M. proposed "That this report be adopted, and that the thanks of the P.G. Lodge be given to Bro. Nott for his great and successful exertions on behalf of the objects of the Committee."

This was carried by acclamation.

Sir GABRIEL GOLDNEY, addressing the brethren, said he would then proceed to the most interesting part of the day's proceedings, which was to present to Bro. Henry C. Tombs, P.P.G. Secretary, the piece of plate which had been purchased pursuant to the vote of Prov. Grand Lodge at its last meeting. Bro. Tombs in the 17 years during which he filled the office of Secretary for that province had, in that capacity, secured the goodwill of every Wiltshire Mason. His work had been arduous, and he had performed it in such a way as to be of the greatest assistance and benefit to Masonry, and doubtless it was owing to his untiring efforts, to a great extent, that the number of brethren in the province had increased from about 200, when he took office, to nearly 450, when he resigned. He asked Bro. Tombs to accept that little gift, not for its intrinsic worth, but to remind him and his family of the appreciation and goodwill of the brethren.

The piece of plate, which consisted of a silver salver, weighing 133 ozs., dating from the reign of George I., and which bore the following inscription:—"Presented to W. Bro. Henry C. Tombs, P.G.D. Eng., P.P.G. S.W., and Prov. G. Secretary Wilts, by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Wiltshire, 5th Nov., 1884"—was then handed to Bro. Tombs.

Bro. TOMBS warmly expressed his acknowledgment of the kindness of the brethren—a kindness, he said, which he should ever remember. Masonry had ever, from the time of his initiation, possessed for him a great charm; he looked upon it as a bulwark against the infidelity and discontent which were now more than ever showing themselves in various quarters, and he assured those present that, so far as lay in his power, his best efforts would always be available to further the interests of the Craft. He asked the brethren to accept and believe in his warmest gratitude, though he could not find words to express how fully he appreciated their kindness. He could not refrain, before sitting down, from expressing his high opinion of the exquisite taste which had been shown by the Prov. Grand Treasurer and the other members of the Committee appointed for the purpose, in their selection of the beautiful work of art now before them.

The acting P.G.M., Sir G. GOLDNEY, then addressed the brethren, expressing his regret at the unavoidable absence of Lord Methuen. He referred to the postponement of Provincial Grand Lodge from its usual time of meeting in the autumn—a postponement rendered necessary by the Elections and other matters then occurring, which prevented the meeting being then held, and to the difficulty in finding a suitable day; whilst, at the same time, he felt gratified in seeing so large a gathering after all this delay. He briefly referred to the satisfactory character of the reports which had been read. Bro. F. H. Goldney, in the Prov. G. Treasurer's report, showed that Masonry in Wiltshire was in a flourishing state as regarded its finances; whilst that of Bro. H. Merrick, the Registrar, was equally satisfactory as regarded the numbers and position of the brethren and lodges in the province. Bro. Nott was also to be congratulated on the report which, as Charity Secretary, he was enabled to lay before the meeting. He (the acting P.G.M.), and he was sure all the brethren agreed with him, felt that the warmest thanks of the province were due to Bro. Nott for the manner in which he had carried out the details of the Charity organization works both in Wiltshire and in connection with the other provinces with which Wiltshire was associated. The acting Prov. Grand Master also congratulated Bro. Bevir on the manner in which, in relation to this the first P.G. Lodge since his appointment, everything had been carried out. To the members of the receiving lodge he expressed the pleasure it gave him to come amongst them again, though at the same time he could not avoid expressing his regret that at the last moment he had received a letter from Lord H. F. Thynne, the first W.M. of the lodge, saying that it was utterly impossible for him to be present that day.

Bro. TOMBS called attention to the lists of candidates for the Masonic Charities, which, he was afraid, showed that some of the brethren who, or whose friends, were now on those lists, were hardly of the class who ought to receive the benefits of the great Masonic Charities.

Bro. F. H. GOLDNEY, P.G. Treasurer, also referred to the subject, quoting Lord Lathom's remarks at the recent annual festival, when he impressed upon the Craft the necessity of carefully considering the character and position in life of every applicant for admission to our Order.

The ACTING PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER then declared all offices vacant, and Bro. F. H. Goldney was, on the motion of Sir GABRIEL GOLDNEY, seconded by Bro. TOMBS, re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer; Bro. John Savory was re-elected Tyler; and the following investments of Prov. Grand Officers for the year were then made:—

Bro. W. Nott, 663 ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" George Lopes, 626 ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. T. J. Heard, 1478 ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" F. H. Goldney, 626 ...	(re-elected)	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" H. Merrick, 1271 ...	(re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" H. Bevir, 355 ...	(re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" A. J. Beaven, 1271 ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" T. Reeves, 1478 ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" W. Dean, 1295 ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. Chandler, 355, P.P.G.S.W. (re-appointed) ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" H. I. Ward, 663 ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" J. Green, 355 ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" H. Millington, 632 ...	...	...	...	Pro. G. Org.
" F. J. Hannan, 586 ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" W. Pullin, 1478 ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. A. Purst.
" T. S. Hill, 632 ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" G. North, 1295 ...	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" H. Howse, 663 ...	...	...	...
" J. Savory, 355 ...	(re-elected)	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler

This ended the business of the Prov. Grand Lodge, and after it was closed, the brethren adjourned to another room in the Town Hall, where the annual banquet took place.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HEREFORDSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons in the county of Hereford was held at the Royal Hotel, Ross, on Tuesday, 4th inst., under the presidency of the R.W. Bro. Sir Joseph R. Bailey, Bart., Prov. G.M. A Craft lodge having been opened at 1 p.m., in the Three Degrees by the W.M. of the Vitruvian Lodge, whose turn it was to do so in succession to Palladian, the R.W. the Prov. G.M. and Prov. Grand Officers entered the lodge, and having been received with the customary honours, the Prov. Grand Lodge was opened in due form at half-past one.

The minutes of the previous Provincial Grand Lodge were then read and confirmed.

Bro. the Rev. John Buckle having, through ill-health, resigned his appointment as D.P.G.M., the appointment was read by his successor, Bro. the Rev. Richard Evans, W.M. 892, who was received with the customary honours.

The muster roll of lodges was next called.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer's accounts having been audited, they were read and adopted.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master then appointed and invested the other Provincial Grand Officers.

The fees of honour having been received from the Prov. Grand Officers, the Prov. Grand Master appointed a place for holding his next Provincial Grand Lodge.

After the transaction of the other business, the Provincial Grand Lodge was formally closed.

A banquet was served at the Royal Hotel, Ross, at four o'clock. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master presided.

We hope to give a list of the Prov. G. Officers appointed next week.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH WALES.

The first meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North Wales, being the newly-constituted province as distinguished from Shropshire, was held on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Bangor, a large number of the members of the Fraternity assembling. The lodge was opened about five o'clock, there being present—

Bros. Lord Harlech, Prov. G.M.; Col. H. Platt, D. Prov. G.M.; J. Lloyd Griffith, J. F. Eddisbury, J. Gallego, P.G. Treas.; J. Tuxford, P.G. Reg.; T. E. Harris, P.G. Sec.; F. M. Taylor, J. F. Jesse, R. J. Davids, P.G. Supt. of W.; D. Wynne Williams, H. A. Steer, P.G. Std. Br.; H. Jones, P.G. Std. Br.; W.M.; T. Casson, P.G. Org.; John Hughes, P.G.A. Sec.; W. Evans, H. B. Stubbington, P.G. Tyler; T. Lloyd Evans, P.G. Stwd.; J. Owen, P.G. Stwd.; Major Hunter, P.P.G.M.; J. T. Lloyd Kyffin, Rev. H. Thomas, Rev. H. Lloyd, W. H. Foulkes, T. Cothead, Col. the Hon. W. E. Sackville West, R. Evans, E. W. Thomas, A. Ingleton, Rev. W. Morgan, H. Hardman, N. Bunnell, J. Pritchard, J. Matthews, G. L. C. Cloter, T. Hughes, H. Kneeshaw, J. Smith, Mesach Roberts, J. H. Hazeldine, J. Thomas, R. Hughes Pritchard, R. Hughes, W. Jones, T. Davies, W. Williams, Josiah Hughes, J. S. Swift, J. Ellis, D. G. Davies, H. Lloyd, J. Lloyd, Donald Cameron, R. Roberts, C. Davies, Rev. J. Lewis, W. L. Banks, Rev. J. Smith, A. M. Dunlop, G. Huddleston, Lieut.-Col. Hesman Wayne, Rev. R. H. Williams, A. Dean Rawson, W. H. Spaul, P. G. Shropshire, L. Gott, A. Croft, C. Rowlands, W. Sainsbury, J. Fairchild, W. G. Owen, R. W. Newton. Stewards: G. H. M. Owen, G. Challinor, W. Savage, J. R. Griffith, R. Jones, D. G. M. Hughes, W. M. Preston, R. G. Thomas, A. N. Wyatt, W. C. Logan, R. Algeo, L. H. Arrowson, R. Dougall, T. J. Williams, R. L. L. Jones, T. Williams, H. Owen, T. Mills, T. J. Williams, E. G. Humphreys, W. J. Bradshaw, T. Ellis, R. Williams, S. Evans, J. D. Bolton, J. Wills, W. E. Thomas, W. F. Jones, A. H. De Burg, A. E. Hughes, and J. Salmon. The visitors from the adjoining provinces included Bros. J. O. Thomas and R. Hughes.

Following the opening of the Prov. Grand Lodge, the P.G. Secretary Bro. HAINS, read a notice commencing the meeting, and announced having received letters of excuse from Bros. S. Pope, Q.C., M.P., Love Jones-Parry, M.P., J.W., E. Tudor Owen, T. A. Foster, and other members.

The report of the Committee appointed to prepare the by-laws was received and discussed. Rule 66 was objected to by Bro. HUDDLESTONE,

who moved an amendment in favour of its alteration, which, however, was not carried.

On the motion of Bro. SALMON, seconded by the DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, it was decided to form a Charitable Association for the provinces, the principal object being to assist the children of deceased Masons.

Bro. SALMON proposed that any brother in the province serving the office of Steward to the Royal Masonic Institution, and being entitled to wear the Charity jewel, shall be presented with the jewel by the Provincial Grand Lodge.

The resolution was seconded by Bro. Major HUNTER, supported by Bro. SMITH, and carried unanimously.

Bro. D. WYNNE WILLIAMS afterwards presented the Prov. Grand Master with an address on behalf of the Grand Lodge, congratulating him upon his elevation to the office in succession to the late Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., M.P.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER acknowledged the compliment paid to him, adding that he hoped to be as good and as faithful a Mason as his predecessor, and wishing the Order in the newly-constituted province every success.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

Subsequently about 60 members banqueted at the Masonic Hall, the catering of Bros. Brown and Pugh, of the British Hotel, being excellent. Lord Harlech, P.G.M., presided.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ESSEX.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Essex was held on Monday, the 3rd inst., at Colchester, under the presidency of the Grand Superintendent of the Province, Comp. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar.

The business meeting was held in the handsome library of Colchester Castle (kindly lent by Bro. James Round, M.P.), and commenced at two o'clock with the confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, held at Southend on November 19th, 1884. The P.G.S.E. then called the roll of chapters, which showed them all to be represented, the total number of members for 1885 being 114, as against 110 in 1884. The Auditors reported a balance in hand of £25 17s. 6d.

The officers for the year were appointed and invested as follows:—

Comp. Vero W. Taylor, P.Z. 276 ...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" Alfred Welch, P.Z. 51 ...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" T. J. Ralling, P.Z. and S.E. 51 ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" George Cowell, P.Z. 214 ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" Thomas King, Z. 1000 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Frank Whitmore, P.Z. 276 ...	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" Arthur Mead, J. elect 276 ...	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" James S. Fraser, Z. 214 ...	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" Thomas Rix, P.Z. 51 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" W. D. Merritt, Z. elect 1000 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Albert Lucking, P.Z. 1000 ...	...	...	Prov. G. D. of C.
" Osmond, Org. 51 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" A. W. Martin, 1000 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor

On the motion of Comp. the Rev. F. B. SHEPHERD, P.Z. and S.E. 276, P.P.G.H., seconded by Comp. A. C. VEELEY, P.Z. 276, Comp. Andrew Durrant, P.Z. and Treasurer 276, was re-elected P.G. Treas.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT, in his address to the companions, explained that in the ordinary course of things their meeting would have been held in the autumn; but at that time the country was in the turmoil of the General Election, and it was considered advisable to postpone it. The returns read by the P.G.S.E. showed that not only had the chapters maintained their ground, but had made steady progress. That, he thought, was a subject for congratulation, especially in these times, and situate as they were in the midst of an agricultural district suffering under an unprecedented state of depression. He was glad to note that there were signs of increased activity among the Royal Arch Masons of the Province, for only last week the brethren of the Liberty of Havering Lodge, meeting at Romford, sanctioned an application to the Grand Chapter for a chapter to be attached to their lodge. Should his Royal Highness the Grand Z. be pleased to accede to the prayer of the petitioners, a chapter at Romford would fill the void occasioned by the removal of the Brentwood Chapter to Chingford. Having referred to the recent revision of the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Chapter, and explained some of the provisions thereof, the Grand Superintendent congratulated the companions upon the harmony that existed in the province, and expressed a hope that when they next met they should be able to report further progress.

On the motion of the P.G.H., seconded by the P.G.J., the sum of £10 10s. was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Ex. Comp. GEO. COOPER, P.Z., and S.E. 214, said he was authorised to invite the Grand Superintendent to hold his next meeting under the banner of the Hope and Unity Chapter, at Chingford.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT said he should be pleased to accede to the kind invitation of the companions of the Hope and Unity Chapter, and thanked them for it.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Round for his kindness in granting the use of the Castle library for the meeting; and to Miss Philbrick (sister of the Grand Superintendent) for a thoughtful present of button-hole bouquets.

Prov. G. Chapter was shortly afterwards closed, and the companions adjourned to the Red Lion Hotel, where a recherche banquet was well served by the host, Comp. Hart, the Grand Superintendent presiding.

Among the brethren present, in addition to the officers mentioned above, were Comps. the Rev. F. B. Shepherd, P.P.G.H.; George Cooper, P.P. G.J.; E. England Phillips, P.P.G.J.; Fred. Wood, P.P.G.S.N.; G. F. Jones, P.P.G.P.S.; W. Sowman, P.P.G.A.S.; James P. Lewin, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; John J. C. Turner, P.P.G.O.; A. C. Veley, P.Z. 276; J. E. Wiseman, P.P.G. Std. Br.; John Dean, 51; R. D. Poppleton, 51; J. G. Potton, 51; A. S. D. Sparling, S.E. 51; George Harrison, P.S. 51; Chas. Godfrey, 214; and Edmund Gowers, 51.

Letters expressing regret at their inability to attend were received from Comps. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.S.E.; Major-General Laurie, G. Supt. Nova Scotia; the Rev. C. J. Martyn, G. Supt. Suffolk; T. F. Halsey, M.P., G. Supt. Herts; G. E. Lake, P.G.S.E. Herts; W. H. Jarrold, P.G.S.E. Cambridge; and N. Tracy, P.G.S.E. Suffolk.

NEW REGULATIONS, GRAND CHAPTER.

No time has been lost in the preparation and publication of the revised regulations for the "Supreme Grand Chapter of England," for though they were only finally approved on February 3rd, 1886, the Laws are now to be had in 8vo. and 32mo., and handsome little books they make. The old 32mo. edition was scarcely known beyond the precincts of Freemasons' Hall, but the new issue (size of the smaller edition of the "Constitutions") will be much appreciated, and will become quite popular, because of its handy form, and yet containing as it does, not only all the text, but also all the illustrations to be found in the octavo size.

Bro. E. L. Hawkins directed attention to the new rules, in the *Freemason* for November 28th, 1885, and ably summarized all the alterations contemplated. The chief of these are as follows. Many are most important, and the revision is a great improvement on the Regulations of 1879. The 1886 issue is, I believe, the 13th edition of the Grand Chapter Laws from 1778.

10.—All members of Grand Chapter (Principals and Past First Principals of Chapters: Present and Past Grand Officers, obtain them otherwise) can have the business papers and reports for half-a-crown annually.

21.—The Grand Treasurer is now placed *before* the Grand Registrar, not *after* the Grand Sojourners, as first contemplated.

32.—All Officers of Grand Chapter must have been installed as First Principals of Chapters.

39.—Provincial Grand Chapters must be held at least once in every year.

57.—Unless the By-Laws require otherwise, the officers elected at a Chapter may forthwith be invested and inducted accordingly.

72.—Propositions for exaltation, &c., must be made at a regular Convocation of the chapter or by notice in writing transmitted by the proposer to the Scribe E., at least fourteen days before the meeting at which the vote is to be taken.

75.—The *minimum* fee has been lowered to *Two Guineas*, which will prove a decided boon to several chapters. Many Master Masons refrain from taking the Royal Arch, because of the heavy outlay, additional to that, incurred for the "Three Degrees;" hence the fee being reduced, should meet this objection, and cause many to join who have for long kept aloof from the chapter. Master Masons are incomplete Freemasons, so far as English Masonic customs and ceremonies are concerned.

76.—Certificates of Joining Members from other Jurisdictions must be sent to the Grand Scribe E. for inspection.

The Rule 97, which provided for Grand Superintendents wearing their collars as such at Craft Lodges, was wisely objected to by the Committee, and not passed by the Grand Chapter; so now no Royal Arch Mason, whatever his rank, can wear a Royal Arch official collar in a Craft Lodge, though some erroneously still so do. Other rules deserve careful study.

Copies can be had at Comp. George Kenning's establishments, London, Liverpool, Manchester, and Glasgow.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held on the 6th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, George-street, Edinburgh. Bro. Sir Archibald C. Campbell, of Blythswood, Bart., M.P., G.M.M. of Scotland, occupied the chair, and was assisted by Bros. the Hon. F. E. Villiers, of Closeburn, G.S.W.; and J. T. S. Elliot, of Wolflee, J.G.W. There were also present—

Bros. Wm. Mann, acting Substitute G.M.; D. Murray Lyon, Grand Sec.; David Kinnear, Grand Cashier; the Revs. John Watt and P. M'Adam Muir, Grand Chaps.; Wm. Maclean, G.S.D.; J. Dalrymple Duncan, G.J.D.; J. H. Inches, Grand Jeweller; Major F. W. Allan, G. Bible Br.; Dr. James Cranston, G. Bard; Major Wm. Hills, G. Marshal; George Miller, C.A., Proxy Prov. G.M. Gibraltar; George Fisher, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Florida; Wm. Edwards, President of Grand Stewards; Ex-Provost George Christie, Deputy Prov. G.M. Stirlingshire; James Caldwell, Past G.D.; Wm. Officer, S.S.C., Past G.D.; Alexander Hay, Proxy Prov. G.M. Jamaica; and others.

In accordance with recommendations of Grand Committee, charters were granted to the following lodges: St. Columbia, Govan; Hartfell, Moffat; and Maranoa, Roma, Queensland.

The minutes of Grand Committee set forth that a letter was read from the District Grand Master of Nicaragua, Bro. Edwin S. Hatch, reporting that he had, for good and sufficient reasons, authorised the Lodge Eureka, No. 673, to temporarily work in the town of Blewfields, and strongly recommending that the said lodge be removed from Greytown to Blewfields, in the same province, in respect of the migration from the former town that had taken place during the last two years. It was resolved to recommend to Grand Lodge to give effect to the Provincial Grand Master's suggestion. This recommendation was agreed to by Grand Lodge.

The GRAND MASTER read from the chair the report of Grand Committee on Aberdeen circular and pretended ritual case, and concluded by moving—"That Grand Lodge do accede to the recommendation of Grand Committee, so as to remove the suspension from the membership of Grand Lodge, and direct Grand Secretary to at once destroy all the copies of the publication with which he has been entrusted, and report to Grand Committee that he has done so." After some discussion, this motion was adopted.

The Finance Committee reported—1. The income for the month ending 24th April was £424 11s. 6d., and the expenditure £224 19s. 4d.; excess of income over expenditure, £119 12s. 2d. The income for the first five months of this year amounted to £2180 12s. 3d., and for the corresponding period last year, £1727 12s. 5d.; excess of income on first five months of this year, £452 9s. 10d. 2. The sum at credit with the bank on account current on the 24th April amounted to £1927 8s. 10d. 3. As authorised by Grand Committee on 25th ultimo, the bonds for £1000 and £700 due to Trustees of the fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence had been paid, and that the discharges had been tabled. 4. Recommend that the sum of £1566 11s. 1d. be paid to the Benevolent Fund to account of the floating debt due to it by Grand Lodge. On this being done it will reduce the debt to £2000, exclusive of £150 due to the Dalhousie Fund.

The report was approved by Grand Lodge.

GRAND SECRETARY reported several vacancies on the Board of Grand Stewards.

It was also resolved to recommend for appointment Bros. James Muir, Proxy Master 450; R. S. Brown, Proxy Master 382; Wm. D. Chambers, Master 204; and James Thompson, Master 405.

This recommendation of the Grand Committee was also approved.

GRAND SECRETARY called attention to the fact that Grand Lodge would attain its third jubilee in November next, and stated that he was in correspondence with the Grand Master on the subject. Sir Archibald and Lady Campbell had expressed their readiness to aid and promote a formal celebration worthy of the occasion.

The following Special Committee was appointed to co-operate with the Grand Master in making arrangements for the commemoration of the jubilee, and to report to Grand Committee:—Bros. James T. S. Elliot, convener; William Officer, E. M'Alister, David Hume, George Fisher, J. Crichton, J. Dalrymple Duncan, James Middleton, and F. W. Allan. The Committee to have power to add to their number. Grand Lodge unanimously approved of this recommendation.

The vidimus by the Grand Cashier of the income and expenditure for the quarter ending 24th April, 1886, showed that the income had been £1618 11s. 3d., and the expenditure £727 16s. 4d., showing an excess of income over expenditure of £890 14s. 11d.

The business of the Grand Lodge having been completed, the proceedings terminated.

REVIEW.

CONCLUDING NOTICE.

THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY. Vol. V. By ROBERT FREKE GOULD, P.G.S.D. London: Thomas C. Jack, 45, Ludgate-hill, E.C. 1886.

We have said that from the date of the Duc d'Antin's appointment as Grand Master the progress of Masonry in France is comparatively smooth, to this extent, at all events, that we have certain data to go upon, whereas in the antecedent period we have but little to guide us in formulating our opinions. But though this is decidedly a change for the better, the condition of Freemasonry here appears to have been one of confusion utterly confounded, and though Bro. Gould deserves almost infinite credit for the pains with which he has pursued his difficult task, and appears to have evolved as clear an account as is possible under the circumstances, we do not think it will be profitable to follow him in his course, especially as his chart containing a "Synopsis of French Freemasonry" gives the reader an excellent idea of the successive changes, divisions, and combinations which have occurred between 1725 and now. The story of the Craft in this country is by no means an agreeable one. The career of French Freemasonry, with its confusion of rites, to say nothing of its presumed subservency to political purposes, and the crowning act of its folly by eliminating a few years since from its code of laws the article requiring from all its members a declaration of their belief in a Supreme Being, is as unlike as possible to anything which our English notions of the Craft are capable of imagining. It is a kind of duty we owe to our Society to study the vicissitudes of its fortunes in France, but the duty is not one we feel any pleasure in fulfilling.

From France, Bro. Gould transfers us to Northern Europe, and describes in fuller detail than has been given by any previous historian the rise and progress of the Fraternity in Sweden and Norway, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, Luxemburg, Russia, and Poland. As regards the first named of these countries there has been during the best of a century a strong feeling of sympathy between our Grand Lodge and that of Sweden, and the feeling has been greatly strengthened of late years by the fact of our Grand Master the Prince of Wales having been initiated into our mysteries by the present King, then Grand Master, in 1868. What makes the existence of this sympathetic feeling between the two Grand Lodges the more remarkable is that the Swedish and English rites are by no means similar. Between the Dutch and English brethren, too, there has been the same feeling of harmony, though here there is little room for any sense of surprise, as the influence of English Masonic ideas has always been a very appreciable quantity in Holland. Moreover, it was at the famous occasional lodge, held at the Hague by a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of England, that Francis of Lorraine was initiated in 1731, while several members of the reigning family of Orange-Nassau, whose sympathies have generally been strongly in favour of England and English institutions, have been members or Grand Masters. In fact, Dutch Freemasonry has two striking characteristics in common with that of England, namely, its stability and its simplicity. As Bro. Gould points out, the few innovations in the shape of the so-called High Degrees which have been permitted "have never been allowed to assist or exercise any superiority over or in the Craft; English Masonry has ever been considered the issue of the organisation;" and he adds, "we find no rival Grand Lodges springing up, no conflicts of jurisdiction, very few lodges dying out, but a gradual and steady increase of members, and in 130 years only 10 Grand Masters."

In his opening remarks on Freemasonry in Belgium, Bro. Gould, having first of all taken Bro. Findel seriously to task for the facility with which he has assumed that certain statements are recognised facts, comes down sharply upon our own rulers for their neglect to obtain, as they might easily have done, authentic data in respect of the deputations they granted to foreign countries and their results. "Had our Grand Lodge," he remarks, "paid less absorbing attention to its festivals and processions, and a little more to its records and archives—had it been less lavish in creating Provincial Grand Masters, and more diligent in insisting upon their responsibility to the home authorities—we should probably find all the information we require in the official documents at Freemasons' Hall. But, alas! the archives of the oldest (and richest) Grand Lodge in the world, the virtual parent of every Freemason in existence, the most stable Grand Body of the Craft, which has never been disturbed by internal convulsions, political revolutions, or military invasions, afford us scarcely a *scintilla* of evidence with regard to the proceedings of its offshoots beyond the seas." And having delivered himself of this severe but just rebuke of our Grand Lodge authorities of former days, he goes on to narrate the progress of Masonry in this portion of the Low Countries, so far as the materials available for the purpose will enable him. The result is so far satisfactory, that we obtain under his guidance a greater insight into the doings of the Belgian Craft than is vouchsafed us elsewhere. But here again the baneful influence of French Masonic ideas has been at work; while, to make matters still worse, there has been for many years a state of active warfare between the Masons and the Ultramontane Clergy, the result being, as may easily be imagined, the reverse of satisfactory. As regards Masonry in Russia and Poland, it is probable that Bro. Gould has collated

all the information that is possible; but as the lodges have been closed by Imperial ukase since 1821, there is but little to interest us. In fact, the chart which accompanies this chapter, and in which is traced the course of Masonry in the several countries we have enumerated, shows us almost at a glance all we shall probably care to know about the Craft in these States.

The concluding chapter (XXVII) of the volume is devoted to Freemasonry in Germany, where, in spite of the troubles caused at different times by the different High Degree Systems, the progress of the Craft has been real and substantial. In his study of this portion of the work the reader will be very materially assisted by the chart showing the different "Active and Extinct Ruling Bodies" in this portion of Europe.

We have now completed our examination of the fifth volume of this splendid history, and though it is almost natural that the portion of the subject dealt with here should make a less profound impression on the reader, there is no doubt that Bro. Gould has shown himself at his very best in the manner in which he has dealt with these sections of our history. It is difficult to imagine a more trying task than that of compressing into a moderate compass, while preserving at the same time all the essential matter, an intricate mass of conflicting details, and evolving out of it an intelligible and trustworthy story. But this is precisely what Bro. Gould has done, and though we cannot predict for him any great success in arousing English enthusiasm for continental Masonry—seeing that, as we have hinted already, it is almost natural for us to fight shy even of the oldest and most highly commended Masonic productions from abroad,—he has achieved the rare merit of presenting us—so far as he has gone—with a clear and concise account of what in the other Masonic histories we have read is quite unworthy of such a description.

THE EARLY ORGANISATION OF THE "ANCIENT" MASONS.

IV.

By G. B. ABBOTT.

It only now remains for me, in order to complete my description of "Morgan's Register," to give a circumstantial account of the "General Register" of members, commenced by Morgan in 1751, and continued by Dermott to August, 1755, the last entry being dated the 14th of that month—No. 1014, Samuel Tilt, of No. 5. Albeit a mere list of names, the register is capable of furnishing a good deal of useful information, and as I have already given some idea of the details contained in it, I may as well enter upon my task at once.

Lodge No. 2, which met originally at the Turk's Head, in Greek-street, and shortly afterwards changed its quarters to the Rising Sun, in Suffolk-street, had in G. Secretary's Morgan's time exactly 8 members, Samuel Quay, one of the Committee of 17th July, 1751, elected the first S.G.W. under G. Master Robert Turner, and installed 5th December, 1753, and a habit maker by trade, heading the list; James Hagan, a peruke maker, at the Goat and Ass, Pall Mall; Wm. Taylor, bookseller, Little Suffolk-street, Haymarket; John Doughty, shoemaker, at the Prince of Wales Arms, Pall Mall; John Smith, 1st, taylor, Stewart's-rents, Drury-lane; John Morgan, the Grand Secretary; John Mitchell, marked by Dermott as excluded for imposing and demanding assistance from ye Grand Lodge when he was able to work, on the 26th May, 1754; and Richard Coffy, against whom is written, also in Dermott's hand, "deemed unworthy," being the other seven. Of these Wm. Taylor and John Morgan are re-registered under Lodge No. 7, while John Smith, 1st, is marked as having gone to Barbadoes, on 2nd Aug., 1751. In addition to these are entered 4 other members—Nale McColm, a tailor at the Ship, Fleet Ditch; Fras. Matthews, shoemaker, opposite the White Bear, Prince's-street, Red Lion-square; Jas. Murphy, who seems to have been excluded for non-payment of dues on 3rd July, 1754; and Wm. Cowen, against whom is written, "paid his dues and got a certificate from No. 2." These four, however, have been interpolated by Dermott, the date of their entrance being, in each case, 8th July, 1752.

Lodge No. 3, meeting at the "Cripple," comprises ten members, namely, Richard Price, a carpenter, in Sheer-lane, Temple Bar; Thos. Evans, John Bandy, Loughlin McIntosh, elsewhere designated "Ensign," and elected and installed the first J.G.W. under G.M. Robert Turner; Michael Lynham, Thomas Humber, Jacob Bixby, Edwd. Turpin, John Smith, 2nd, described as "a victualler, Cripple, Little Britain," and Henry Looker.

Lodge No. 4, meeting at the Cannon, in Water-lane, Fleet-street, has 18 members, namely, Abraham Ardezoif, of Broad-court, Bow-street, Covent Garden, who seems to have been adjudged unworthy of the Society, and discharged on the 17th July, 1751—the day of the General Assembly; Wm. Roger Flemin, marked as having been discharged on the 1st Jan., 1752, and gone to St. Kitt's, to which is added, in Dermott's writing, "without payg. his dues exclud.;" James Hagarty, painter, Leather-lane, who was in the chair on 7th Feb., 1752, when Dermott was elected G. Secretary; John McCormick, marked as discharged 1st September, 1751, and gone to Ireland, "without payg. his dues exclud.," though the latter statement is described as erroneous; Henry Lewis, at Mr. Foster's, jeweller, Wood-street, Cheapside, who some years later got into disgrace; Arthur Lord, discharged on the 1st Jan. 1752, and described as having gone to Liverpool, and "left ye lodge wth. honour;" Geo. Hebden, a cabinetmaker, in White Cross-street, who was in the chair on 14th Sept., 1752, where it was agreed the Grand Committee should grant warrants and dispensations, &c.; James Owen, an enamelled snuff-box painter, of Cold Bath-fields; James Bowlas, excluded for misbehaviour and non-payment of dues on 1st Jan., 1752; Christopher Pidgeon, a shop-keeper, Aldersgate-street; Thos. Wooral, excluded 1st Jan., 1752, for non-payment of dues; Owen Tudor, at "Mr. Bromidge, Ludgate-hill, painter," registered in Lodge No. 5; Wm. Boulough, John Palty, Thos. Bibby, Geo. Fay, registered in No. 7; James Shee, "gone to Ireland," an "attorney, Fetter-lane," and one of the Committee appointed at the General Assembly, 17th July, 1751, to draw up Laws and Regulations for the Government of the Ancient Craft; and John Gibson, excluded 1st Jan., 1752, for non-payment of dues.

Lodge No. 5, at the Plaisterers' Arms, Gray's Inn-lane, contains 20 members, the list being headed by John Gaunt, a painter, of Middlesex-court, Drury-lane, in whose favour Bro. Christ. Byrne, Master of No. 6, vacated the chair at the meeting of the Grand Committee on 1st April, 1752, "not," as Dermott says in a footnote, "as his right, but for his acknowledged skill and judgment;" Hugh Chevirs, also a painter, of Orange-court, Drury-lane, marked as excluded on the 24th June, 1752, for non-payment of dues; Richd. Jones; Geo. Robinson, of Leicester-street, Gray's Inn-lane, painter; Thos. Figg, victualler, Plaisterers' Arms, Little

Gray's Inn-lane; Chas. McCarty, Flower de Luce-court, Gray's Inn-lane; Wm. Waters, Owen Tudor—originally registered under No. 4—of Bride-lane—all painters; Banbury Fox and Thos. Ottarah, weavers, opposite the Two Brewers, Brick-lane, Spital Fields, marked as having left by certificate, the former on 20th April, 1752, soon after which he joined old No. 12, and the latter on 13th January, 1752, afterwards joining old No. 9; Richd. Allen, Tash-court, Gray's Inn-lane, snuff box maker; Richard Fowler, King's Arms, Little Moor Fields, clock maker; John Dowling, 3, Orange-court, Drury-lane, peruke maker; John Carey, near the Boot, Dowgate Hill, hair curler; James Geo. Smith, of No. 2, Tash-court, breeches maker, excluded 24th June, 1752, for non-payment of dues; Lawrence Folliot, Golden Seal, Castle-street, Long Acre, taylor; John Adams, a painter, at the Plaisterers' Arms; John Morris, weaver, opposite the Two Brewers, Brick-lane, discharged 27th December, 1751, and soon after joined old No. 9 Lodge; Evan Gabriel, bricklayer, next door to the Black Dog, Drury-lane; and Barthw. Scully, papersmith, by the White Horse, Hozier-lane.

Lodge No. 6, at the Globe, Bridges-street, Covent Garden, has 19 members—Joseph Kelly, one of the Committee of 17th July, 1751, for compiling Laws and Regulations, heading the list, with Ant. Gau standing next, and Philip McLoughlin, another of the same Committee, third. This last seems to have left the lodge on 20th July, 1751, and gone to Ireland. Then follow Christopher Byrne, John Dayly, Edward Ryan, Andrew Byrne, declared off by certificate 27th December, 1751; Alexr. Erwin, excluded for non-payment; James Drummond, made a Mason 20th May, 1751, and excluded afterwards; Thos. Kelly, Palk Redman, Robt. Sinclair, excluded for non-payment; Patrick Conway, left 24th June, 1752, joined No. 4; J. Cailot, left with certificate; Thos. Weer, Wm. Carney, James Cousins, all excluded for non-payment; Joseph Cannon, marked gone to Ireland; and John Kelly, victualler, Globe, Bridges-street.

The above gives an aggregate of 79 members, of which 12 belong to No. 2; 10 to No. 3; 18 to No. 4; 20 to No. 5; and 19 to No. 6; but one of the members—Owen Tudor—figures under both No. 4 and No. 5; and there are four names, as I have said, interpolated by Dermott on 8th July, 1752, as belonging to Lodge No. 2; so that the actual brethren registered by Grand Secretary Morgan members of these lodges, were only 74 all told; and assuming, as we are justified in doing, that they were all members on the 17th July, 1751, these represent the full extent of the possible muster in General Assembly at the Turk's Head, Greek-street, on that day, of the "Ancient" Craft in England, according to the old institution, so far as is disclosed by this General Register of Morgan's. Yet from this insignificant General Assembly, which, if every member were present, could only have comprised 74 Masons, mostly painters, bricklayers, tailors, and the like, sprung that powerful organisation, which held its own successfully for 62 years against their socially more influential rivals, the Regular Masons of England, and then united with them on terms of the most perfect equality—if, indeed, they did not in some things exercise even a preponderating influence—in building up the present "United Grand Lodge of England."

The above constitute the original group of lodges; those which follow carry us forward to the date of Dermott's election as Grand Secretary—7th February, 1752, two of them, however, Nos. 7 and 10, having had only a very brief existence, being excluded from the roll on the 27th Dec., 1752.

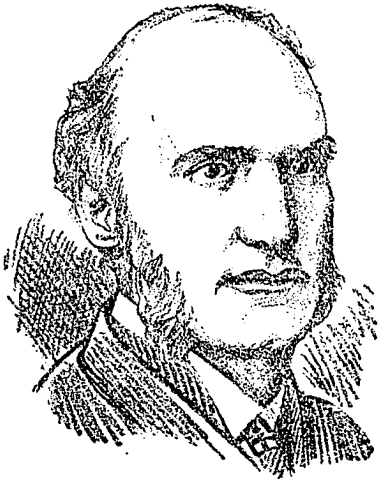
Lodge No. 7, which is described in the column headed "From Whence," as hailing from "St. John," and as being a "New Constitution by Petn.," met at the Fountain, Monmouth-street, Seven Dials—its day of constitution being given in the Lodge List No. 1 as 20th July, 1751. It seems to have consisted originally of eight members, of whom G. Fay joined from No. 4, and John Morgan, G. Sec., from No. 2, four other members having subsequently been added. John Hamilton, who heads the list, appears to have been anything but a reputable brother, and in June, 1754, when Master of No. 19, was ignominiously expelled the Society. George Fay, from No. 4, is marked as discharged 20th October, 1751, and it is added in Dermott's handwriting "Deem'd unworthy the Society from non-payment of dues, breaking his obligatn, and several misdemeanors at No. 6 and other lodges," though a later entry would seem to reinstate his character, somewhat as we read "Oct. 5th, 1752, Richard Stringer in the chair, Bro. Fay's charge being re-examined and found to be worthy, and the accusation false and malicious." The other members are John Willis, an upholder of the Haymarket; John Holland, a mason, of Monmouth-street; William Taylor, from No. 2; John Morgan, from No. 2; Stephen Deveaux, made 15th August, 1751; Barnaby Hackett, entered on 21st August; Wm. Furlong, John McDowell, and Wm. McDowell, and Wm. Woodman, the register numbers of the last four being Nos. 97, 100, 101, and 108.

No. 10, described as a "new constitution," of 1st February, 1752, starts with six members, namely, Edwd. Field, against whom Dermott has written "Broke up his L. on his Mr-ship without reason," David Crawley, Josh. McGannon, Richard Hatch, Dudley McGee, and Laurence Dermott, described as joining from No. 26, Dublin, as having been made on the 14th Jan. 1740-1, and as being a painter living in Butler's Alley, Moorfields; Crawley, Hatch, and McGee have "Non Attendce." entered against their respective names, while Dermott left the lodge on the 24th February, 1752, shortly after his election as G. Sec.

No. 9, constituted 30th Jan., 1752, started with nine members, John Morris and Thos. Ottara—probably O'Hara—Thos. Kaan, Isaac Daking, John Dissal, Moris Willoughby, Charles Murray, Joseph Whitehead, and Josh Henley, and a few names further on we come to Michael Healey, Laurence Dermott, from No. 10, Edwd. Butcher, &c., &c., &c.

No. 8, of date 29th January, 1752—in the Lodge List January appears, but in this Register "Feb." is inserted, evidently in error—opens with five names—James Bradshaw, peruke maker; Thos. Blower, tallow-chandler; and Richard Darling Guest, the first W.M., S.W., and J.W. respectively, and Alexr. Fife, of Beaufort Buildings, Strand, and Robert Glave, vintner, Sheer Lane, Temple Bar.

These constitute the lodges which were placed on the roll between the 17th July, 1751, and the 5th February, 1752, Robt. Glave, the last entry, standing No. 128 on the Register. But from the 128 brethren must be deducted first of all the four members of No. 2, inserted on 8th July, 1752, then seven members registered twice over, and lastly about 17, who are marked as having gone or been discharged on dates anterior to that of Dermott's election. The result is that when the officers "of Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, being the representatives of all the ancient Masons in and adjacent to London," met together at the Griffin Tavern, Holborn, on the 5th February, 1752, and elected Laurence Dermott G. Secretary in succession to John Morgan, resigned, the Ancient Craft mustered certainly not more than 100 brethren all told.



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BRO. LORD CHARLES BERESFORD, GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN.



BRO. SIR BRUCE SETON, GRAND SENIOR DEACON.



BRO. LE FEUVRE, GRAND JUNIOR DEACON.



BRO. ROEBUCK, GRAND SWORD BEARER.



BRO. GLOVER, GRAND ASST. DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

INTERESTING MASONIC CEREMONY AT DURHAM.

On Tuesday, the 4th inst., a large gathering of Freemasons belonging to the Marquis of Granby Lodge, No. 124, which was consecrated in the year 1763, were congregated, with several visitors from neighbouring lodges, at their new Masonic Hall, in Old Elvet, Durham, to transact the usual business, and, in addition, to celebrate the jubilee of Bro. Wm. Brignal, of that city, who was on that day 50 years previously (viz., the 4th May) A.L. 5836, and A.D. 1836, admitted to his Third Degree of a Master Mason. His initiation in Masonry on the 2nd of March, passed in April, raised 4th May, and by a simple coincidence the dates then, i.e., 50 years ago, were exactly on the same days of the month as this year. After the usual routine of business had been gone through, and Mr. Kayll, M.E., had been initiated,

The W.M., the Rev. JOSEPH LAWSON, announced the fact of the brethren of the lodge having previously determined to present Bro. W. Brignal, P.M., with a suitable recognition of his Masonic services for the last half-a-century to the lodge, that day being the jubilee of his attaining his Master Mason Degree. The W.M. having alluded to the services rendered, and his general attendance at the lodge, in appropriate terms, he called upon Bro. Logan, P.M., to read the address, a copy of which will be found below.

Bro. LOGAN considerably enlarged upon Bro. Brignal's many services rendered to the cause of Masonry, and to the general interest of Masonry and the Granby Lodge in particular.

These remarks were supplemented by Bros. Lieut.-Col. Monks, P.M.; T. Bell, P.M.; W. Malcolm, P.M.; Bousfield, P.M.; Fenny, P.M.; Carr, and several other influential Past Masters of the lodge, in a highly complimentary manner.

Bro. BRIGNAL, after receiving and examining the address, said he had to thank the brethren for their kind remembrance of him in presenting such a splendid and ornate specimen of calligraphy, embodying as it did their appreciation of his past services to the Granby Lodge. In the next place, he had most reverentially to thank the "Great Architect of the Universe" in permitting him to live to enjoy the privilege of receiving such a handsome memorial as that now before them.

The following is a copy of the address presented, which we are informed has been very highly commended for its excellent penmanship and super-excellence of the harmony in colouring of its bordering.

"To the Worthy and Worshipful Bro. William Brignal, P.M. 124, P. Prov. G.R., P.Z., P. Prov. G.R.R.A. of the Province of Durham.

"We, the Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and brethren of the Marquis of Granby Lodge, 124, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, desire to offer to you our sincere and cordial congratulations on the occasion of your attaining your jubilee as a Master Mason in the lodge of your initiation. The exact occurrence, after an interval of 50 years, of the very days of the months of March, April, and May, when you were initiated, passed, and raised, serve to mark these days with more than mere ordinary interest. Your distinguished career as a Master Mason, the ability with which you have discharged the duties of various offices from time to time, and the grace with which you presided over your own lodge, have endeared you to

your brethren, have adorned the beauty of your Masonic character, and have rendered you a worthy recipient of those distinguished honours which have been conferred upon you. Although we are fortunate in numbering among the members of the Marquis of Granby Lodge many who have attained to rank and distinction in public life, though we may have one brother who is even an older Mason than yourself, yet in you we discern a brother who, during the period of half-a-century, has not failed, with unremitting assiduity, to join in our assemblies and practise our mysteries. In your own person you have realised the true import of the charges which from time to time are delivered in our assemblies. You have not missed the useful lessons derived from the 24-inch gauge, the mallet, and the chisel. Your moral life has been in accordance with the teaching of the square, the level, and the thumb rule; and we trust you have laid to heart the solemn instructions suggested by the skerrit, the pencil, and the compasses. In short, we believe you have endeavoured to prove in your life that which has been so often asserted, and which we all ought to strive for, namely, that he who is a good Mason must of necessity also be a good man. It only remains for us, your brethren, to pray that when you shall be summoned from this sublunary abode, may you ascend to the Grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for evermore.—Signed, on behalf of the Masters, Wardens, and brethren,

"JOSEPH LAWSON, W.M.
"WILLIAM CRAWFORD, S.W.
"CHAS. F. DAWSON, J.W.
"WM. H. OLIVER, Sec.

"Dated 4th May, 1886."

MASONIC ENTERTAINMENT AND DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES AT FOYLE COLLEGE.

The musical and dramatic entertainment which has lately been given in Foyle College was a very decided success. The room was crowded with a fashionable audience, the several items on the programme were disposed of with marked ability, and the entire proceedings were characterised by good order and warm appreciation on the part of the assembly. No doubt the charitable object for which the entertainment was given contributed to bring together the large number of citizens who attended, and Dr. Hime must be congratulated on the agreeable manner in which the proceedings passed off, as well as on the result which annually attends his concert on behalf of the Masonic Female Orphan School, Dublin.

Shortly before eight o'clock the chair was taken by the Bishop of Derry and Raphoe, and the programme was at once proceeded with, the first item being a song, "Carmen Foyliense," by Master Phillips, who disposed of the song in his usual creditable and captivating manner. The next item—a pianoforte and violin duet—"Home, sweet home," by Masters J. and C. Hime, was very well rendered. Mr. Robert A. Wilson's song was warmly applauded, and, in response to an encore, he repeated the last verse. The trio, "Overture des Marionettes" (Gurlitt) was skillfully performed by the Misses Colquhoun (violin and pianoforte), and Mr. J. T. Colquhoun (violin). General Warren favoured the audience with Hatton's song, "Simon, the cellarer," which he disposed of with such acceptance to the audience that he was obliged to respond to persistent ap-

plause, when he gave "The Vicar of Bray." The pianoforte and violin duet by Mrs. Moore and Miss Moore (Molennan) was one of the chief features of the evening. The piece selected was Mozart's "Les Noces de Figaro." The quartette, "The stars that above us are shining," was undoubtedly the most effective piece of the evening, and well deserved the outburst of applause which greeted its conclusion. The singers were Mrs. Kennedy, Miss Newton, Miss Edmonds, Mr. Kennedy, and Mr. Butler.

The head master then read his annual report.

The BISHOP, before distributing the prizes, addressed the boys, giving them some good advice as to their conduct in life, and referring, in complimentary terms, to the musical performance. Alluding to the passage in the report where Dr. Hime says corporal punishment was unknown in the school, his lordship observed that they all knew force was no remedy, and that coercion was one of the worst of all possible things, and they should do with as little punishment as they possibly could. He was glad there had been boys who were found worthy of prizes, and he thought, from what he had learned, that the answering had been very creditable. He then read extracts from the works of Paley and Dr. Robert Hooke on the subject of general reading, and said he trusted those who were educated in that school would learn to read well, as it had a large bearing on success in life, and also on true happiness. He learned with pride and satisfaction that the pupils at the school were in every way worthy of their predecessors. They should remember that the honour of the school was committed to their hands, and should not neglect to endeavour to rise to the positions gained by many of their predecessors. (Applause.)

The BISHOP then distributed the prizes to the boys successful at the recent examinations, addressing a few words of encouragement and advice to each.

At the conclusion of the distribution of prizes, the second part of the programme was entered upon. It consisted of the farce—"The Londonderry Bank Robbery; or, the Mistake, the Muddle, and the Mother-in-Law." The characters were—Mr. Rowe, barber; Mr. Kennedy, son-in-law; Master Edmonds, mother-in-law; Mr. Jones, painter; and Mr. Butler, policeman. The several parts were carefully and creditably disposed of. A pianoforte duet, "God save the Queen" (Stewart), by Miss M. Hime and Miss F. C. Hime, concluded the programme. Mr. D. C. Jones F.C.O., played the accompaniments with his usual ability.

The Freemasons of Sunderland have provided breakfasts to the poor children of the town on 16 Sunday mornings in the various Board Schools, Church Schools, and coffee taverns. They closed their undertaking on the morning of Good Friday, by entertaining 4000 children to breakfast, consisting of a pint of cocoa and an 8 oz. bun to each. The total receipts towards the cost of providing the breakfasts amounted to £127 7s. 8d., and the total number of breakfasts given was 22,000. The committee desire to thank the ladies and gentlemen who so kindly assisted in serving out the food in the several districts. The Freemasons of Sunderland have thus very generously and kindly provided breakfasts for the children on Sunday mornings, and the various arrangements have been very heartily and thoroughly carried out by a large and active committee of the Freemasons in that town. Of the committee we may state that Bro. H. J. Turnbull was Chairman, Bro. J. E. Nelson, Treasurer; and Bro. R. Singleton, Secretary.

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Original Correspondence.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.
To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As one of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, I was much surprised at its meeting yesterday when the time came for nominating ten members of it to be elected by the Governors and Subscribers on the 21st inst., and when the Secretary read the list of attendances during the past year, which, with one exception, was remarkably good, to find a brother without any observation or taking exception to any of those who had served for the last twelve months, rise and propose the names of ten brethren to replace entirely the existing members. Having waited until the meeting was over, I asked permission to see the names of those so nominated, and was surprised to find that, with one exception, they were *all* brethren hailing from the S.E. district of London, viz., Deptford, Rotherhithe, and Greenwich, to the exclusion of every other portion. Now however good the services of these brethren may have been, I would yet venture to ask, Is the management of the Benevolent Institution to be entirely handed over to these ten brethren at the wish of one man? I trust not—and therefore, Bro. Editor, I ask you to be good enough to afford space in your columns to draw the attention of the Governors and Subscribers to this dictation with the hope they will attend the meeting at Freemasons' Tavern on the 21st inst., at 12 o'clock a.m., and show that the Craft is not to be taken unawares, but will yet uphold its independence by re-electing those who have rendered during the past twelve months good suit and service.—Yours fraternally,
A V.-P.

13th May, 1886.

ABUSE OF THE BALLOT.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Referring to your leaderette in last week's impression, I venture, very respectfully, to challenge the propriety of a strict adherence to the "homely injunction to 'leave well alone'" in any case of abuse, whereby a grievous wrong can be inflicted on honorable and unoffending individuals by the exercise of spiteful and vindictive feelings towards others. And, particularly in the case which has been made the subject of reference, the "well" we are enjoined to "leave alone" does not exist, but rather a state of things which it behoves all those who have the good of Freemasonry at heart to find, in some way or other, the means of bettering. None can more jealously regard the "integrity of the ballot," or desire to surround it with all the power and privilege of secrecy which its honest exercise affords than those brethren who have so lately been made to suffer in the manner I have endeavoured to explain; but when that security is broken, and the power the ballot gives is held "in terror" over the heads of offending Masters and brethren of lodges, and it is made plain as the sun at noonday who are the malcontents, and in pursuance of what threats they use that power, there surely should be some remedy to be found against so grievous a wrong. You say, "unfortunately Bro. Stevens has nothing to offer which he thinks worthy to be recommended," and, I must admit, that it is very difficult to suggest a really effectual remedy for the abuse. But certainly it can be minimized, and that to a great extent, by the adoption of regulations which, without disturbing the very proper final appeal to the full assemblage of lodge members as to the admission of candidates, would ensure that none but those really worthy of introduction would stand the test; whilst prior objection by privileged communication would receive consideration from the general body on the representation of those appointed to report on applications for admission.

Let me endeavour to more fully explain: In the first place it must be conceded that of late years there has been far too much eagerness to admit all, and sundry who might apply for initiation into our several lodges, without that due regard to moral qualities and social position, which should be amongst the first qualifications for entrance into the Order. Let them (the candidates) first consider their income and family, and know that Freemasonry requires ability, attendance, and good appearance to maintain and support its ancient and honourable grandeur.—"Ahiman Rezon," 1756. Secondly, that sufficient time for the making of necessary enquiries by the electors is

frequently withheld, the *fiat* of the W.M. being often made an abuse of the power entrusted to the ruler of a lodge, under express conditions, which are but seldom observed. See Sections 183-4-5 of the Book of Constitutions as to these remarks. Hence, an abuse of the ballot in another sense than that which is the subject of this letter, arises in that the voting takes place in a perfunctory manner, and without that careful preliminary enquiry which is enjoined. In every case, in order that the laws and regulations of the Order should be properly observed, except in those of special emergency as provided, the candidate for initiation should be proposed at a regular lodge meeting, balloted for at the ensuing meeting, and if then accepted receive his admission on the meeting subsequent to the ballot. That is certainly the meaning of the authoritative regulations. But custom has rendered the practice of entering the candidate immediately on his acceptance a usual one, and presumably that custom will be continued. So let it be; but in either case the proposal I now submit would be equally beneficial. Let each lodge appoint certain brethren other than the proposer and seconder of the candidate to name a date of meeting at which they might receive, in strict Masonic confidence, intimation from any member that the application for admission would be opposed (reasons for opposition being, if desired, withheld) and immediately after such meeting report the result to the W.M., who might thereupon exercise his own judgment as to the placing the name of the proposed candidate on the summons for the ensuing regular meeting, and it should be understood that the confidence placed in the committee of enquiry should not be broken without incurring the odium of committing a Masonic offence. The bye-laws of a lodge might provide for such or some such arrangement without express injunction from Grand Lodge, although subject to its approval, and the confidence of the members generally in regard to the propriety of accepting the candidate would be increased. On the other hand it would doubtless prove a stumbling block in the way of those who, interfering with the secrecy of the ballot by expressing their intention beforehand to reject whomsoever might be proposed, whether good, bad, or indifferent, lay themselves open to Masonic penalties, which should be in all such cases strictly enforced.

I am much obliged to you for the suggestion that I should "devote a little leisure to a study of the ballot and its working from a statistical point of view," an operation which I fancy is far outside the capacity of a vast majority of members of our Order. It is no concern of mine to prove how beneficially it has been used in hundreds, nay thousands, of instances. What should most concern us is the proof of even a single instance, amongst many, of its scandalous abuse, and the means whereby a recurrence of such practices as all earnest Freemasons possessing one spark of gentlemanly feeling must thoroughly condemn, should be prevented. My next "leisure" may be utilized by further reference to this subject, and probably by further suggestions; meanwhile I should like to learn what other brethren may have to say about it.—With fraternal regards, yours faithfully,

JAMES STEVENS,
Clapham, May 8th. P.M., P.Z.

PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Until "Lex Scripta" finds it convenient to reply to my remarks in your issue of 1st inst., I think I may assume I have fairly met him on the strongest points he had to adduce, and that with the able assistance of Bro. E. T. Budden, the point is proved beyond doubt that a Past Master, as a Past Master, is not "An officer of a lodge," and from the ancient laws quoted by Bro. Budden, there never was a time when he was considered as an officer. This being admitted, then I say that Art. 307 only provides collars for "Officers of private lodges," and therefore it is in my humble opinion necessary and desirable to add a new law as suggested in my letter in your issue of 10th ult., but if Grand Lodge will not agree to the silver cord as a distinctive mark of Past rank, I for one do not feel disposed to vex my soul over the matter, but finding it necessary to have a collar to obtain admission to Grand Lodge I want to be legally provided with one, and having once got it I shall claim the right to wear it in Grand Lodge or any subordinate lodge in the Constitution as Art. 288, until Grand Lodge inserts the words "Past Masters" in Arts. 307 and 308, and even after that I purpose contesting further the point as to a Past Master being in any way a lodge representative unless he voluntarily accepts the delegation as an addition to his other privileges.

The Grand Officers and Provincial and District Grand Officers Present and Past have taken especially good care of themselves in the dispensing of distinctive regalia and insignia, but Provincial and District Grand Officers perhaps will again read Art. 300, giving special attention to the last clause, and say where will they find a blue covering collar for their purple and gold if they deprive me of one as a P.M.? In the Grand Lodge their Provincial or District rank does not count, it is the Past Master, the Master or Warden's collar which must admit them or they too will have to bide outside the portals! True their purple collar will carry them anywhere else, and this is what I desire to claim for a Past Master's collar.

Some of your numerous readers may say, "who ever heard of anything to the contrary?"

What would such a brother say if he attended a Masonic function, say a consecration and installation with his collar and was told in a Board of Installed Masters that he "must either take that collar off or retire;" would he consider he was courteously dealt with? and being ruled by the Master on Art. 308 to be a lodge officer, would he feel disposed to acquiesce without appeal? Our Worshipful Brother has stated that it was a gross breach of Masonic etiquette to wear a collar in any lodge of which the visiting Past Master was not a subscribing brother! Since when has it become so gross an offence for a Past Master to wear a collar out of his own lodge? The present article 288 is a facsimile of article 1, page 118 of the late Book of Constitutions, with the exception of the words *under any pretence* (why they are omitted I don't know, as the rule seems to me to read quite as strong without them), there is no permissive license implied to dispense with proper clothing anywhere, either in Grand or subordinate lodge; but 308 comes in as a new law, and says it shall not be proper clothing for "officers" outside their own lodge, except when representing their lodges in Grand Lodge or their Provincial or District Grand Lodges, and

"Lex Scripta" says "Past Masters are Officers," I say they are not. Who is right?

Bro. Budden seems to consider the question as one already thoroughly well thrashed out, and is now perfectly right, so that only our youthful and verdant accessions would have the temerity to rush on the subject again, but I hope Bro. Budden will kindly pardon the veracity of my now over twenty-one years' Masonic experience, and my possibly hopeless attempt to have an error, or omission, or what seems to me to be one corrected, if I claim to differ from him on this point. I really do not consider the point at all clear as it stands, but as it is not convenient for me to attend personally in Grand Lodge in order to get the authoritative ruling of Grand Lodge, the only course I have open to me is to ask the favour of you, Bro. Editor, to bring the question under the notice of those who can conveniently attend, and may feel inclined to adopt the means necessary to have the point arranged, with sincere apologies for again venturing to trespass on your space, I remain, yours very fraternally,

P.M.



Craft Masonry.

ROYAL JUBILEE LODGE (No. 72).—The usual meeting of this excellent and flourishing lodge was held on Monday evening, the 3rd inst., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street. There were present Bros. G. Jenkins, W.M.; C. R. Williams, S.W.; M. E. Stokes, J.W.; F. Dunn, Treas.; Darch, P.M., Sec.; Abrahams, P.M., S.D.; Braund, J.D.; Russell, I.G.; Kinke, Org.; Bate, P.M.; Turner, I.P.M.; Hines, Roads, Weekley, Morris, Horton, Trew, Lewcock, Marshall, Williams, Lloyd, Koolmar, Reid, Rooke, Simmonds, Cotterell, Randall, F. H. Williams, and Tidy. The visitors were Bros. Tayben, 724; Cornish, 1319; Thwaites, 177; Ellis, 1275; Davis; Turnbull, P.M. 1275; Brinton, I.P.M. 1329; Parker, 1853; King, 1275; Cohen, J.D. 1658; Raffle, D.C. 1881; Hill, P.M. 1658; and Rev. Townsend, 333 (I.C.)

Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the preceding lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Tidy was afterwards passed to the Second Degree. Following this a vast amount of business associated with the Order in general, and this lodge in particular, was considered, and disposed of eventually.

The lodge being closed in due form, the W.M. then invited the brethren to dine with him in the banqueting room. Grace having been said by the Chaplain, Bro. Townsend, the brethren sat down to a sumptuous repast.

On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. proposed the loyal toasts, which he introduced by making some exceedingly apposite and eloquent observations. These toasts having been pledged right heartily, he then gave in suitable terms "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and the Rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," which elicited fraternal respect.

The I.P.M., Bro. Turner, then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," whom he congratulated on being once more among them. At the previous meeting they had to regret his absence owing to severe indisposition. It had, however, pleased the great Architect of the Universe to restore him to health and his wonted activity, for which they were all grateful. He had performed once more the duties of his office that evening most ably, and therefore, no doubt, the toast would receive due honour at their hands by evoking a truly fraternal response, which, in fact, it did unreservedly.

The Worshipful Master, who was evidently affected by the tender expressions of the brethren, thanked them for their sympathies, and remarked that it had been the cause of sorrow on his part that his indisposition had prevented him from attending to the duties of his office for a season. There were, however, those connected with the lodge—far more able than himself—to discharge the duties for him, which had been done. He was thankful for his restoration to health to Him from whom blessings, even in affliction, proceeded, and to the lodge also for their fraternal solicitude concerning him during his enforced absence. He then proceeded to propose "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Turner," upon whom he passed a warm eulogium, which was acknowledged by that brother in excellent terms, both as regarded the lodge and the W.M.

The next toast was that of "The Visitors." The W.M., who proposed it, remarked that the lodge was at all times pleased to receive as guests brethren from other lodges. In fact, the Royal Jubilee Lodge had been characterised as one at which a very large number of visitors was always present. They would receive a hearty welcome whenever they came. He would call on Bros. Hill, Brinton, Turnbull, and Townsend to respond to the toast on behalf of themselves and their brethren who accompanied them.

The brethren thus called on acknowledged the compliment at some length.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the P.M.'s of the Lodge," whom he was pleased to see around him. All of them had made their mark in the Craft, as the success which had attended that lodge proved beyond question.

The toast was responded to by Bros. Bate, Darch, Dunn, Hine, and Turner. The latter brother stated that there had been a lodge of instruction opened recently at 1, Bell-yard, Fleet-street, in connection with that lodge, which was open on Wednesday evenings at eight o'clock. Bro. Walker, a P.M. of that lodge, was the Preceptor. From the success that had already attended it, no doubt it would be well supported. He would urge upon the junior officers to avail themselves of the privilege now placed within their reach, and which was a desideratum.

Bro. Williams, S.W., said that no one appreciated lodges of instruction more than himself, inasmuch as he had had abundant opportunities of ascertaining the good results accruing to those who attended thereat. But inasmuch as 75 per cent. of the members of the lodge resided south of the Thames, he feared that the benefit derivable would be somewhat restricted in consequence. He hoped that all would make themselves proficient in the several duties assigned to them without loss of time.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge," to whom he was much indebted, as indeed

they all were. No Master of a lodge could discharge his duties acceptably unless well supported by competent officers. He had such officers around him. They had in the person of Bro. F. Dunn an excellent Treasurer, who was most careful that the funds of the lodge should be economised, and that the disbursements did not exceed the receipts. He confessed that their worthy Treasurer had from time to time stayed his (the W.M.'s) hand when he was about to expend money; therefore a most wholesome check had been put upon him when inconsiderately he had thought of "launching out" into expenditure. As regarded Bro. Darch, their worthy and zealous Secretary, they all knew that his labours were unceasing, and most efficient moreover. He (the W.M.) could assert, without fear of contradiction, that no other lodge possessed a more able or attentive Treasurer and Secretary than did the lodge over which at that moment he presided. No doubt they remembered that it was at a former meeting of the lodge that Bros. Dunn and Williams, their esteemed S.W., brought under notice the case of a brother who resided at Oxford. That brother had been reduced in circumstances owing to causes over which he had no control, and, in addition, sickness of a most distressing character had supervened. The appeal was considered, and Bro. Williams, at much personal inconvenience, as soon as practicable proceeded to Oxford and personally investigated the matter. This had proved that only facts had been reported to them. Bro. Williams was not a man who, on visiting a case of such a character, would say, "Be ye fed, be ye clothed," but who would administer substantial relief kindly and without delay. This, it had come to their knowledge, had been effectually done. The lodge had that evening resolved to supplement the relief already bestowed by forwarding a sum of money which would place their suffering brother beyond the pale of immediate want. That was as far as they could help, he was sorry to add. The restoration of their brother to health was a matter far beyond their power; but it was reposed in the hands of Him who does all things well for those who confide in His mercies under all circumstances.

The toast was responded to by the officers in exceedingly good speeches.

Several other toasts were proposed, and at a late hour the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

Bros. Cohen, Williams, jun., Braund, Horton, and several others contributed much to the pleasures of the evening.

GALLERY LODGE (No. 1928).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 8th inst., at the Brixton Hall, Brixton. There were present Bros. C. F. Pardon, W.M.; W. Mackenzie Duckworth, I.P.M.; Thos. Minstrell, P.M.; W. O. Goldsmith, S.W.; J. C. D. Duckworth, J.W.; H. Massey, P.M., Treas.; R. J. Alberty, Sec.; Dr. Griffiths, S.D.; Herbert Wright, J.D.; W. J. Perkins, I.G.; W. Peachey, Org.; Basil Cooke, Stwd.; G. Welsh, George Babington, W. S. Seabrook, Chas. Williams, W. Macdonald, Chas. Lock, C. K. Moore, W. J. Fisher, F. Saunders, J. C. Manning, W. E. Barling, W. Potts, H. G. Sanderson, T. McDonald Rendle, John Allan, Fred H. Gale, and P. Bruce. Visitors: Bros. T. O. Harding, P.M. 859; J. Hechsher, Hamberg Lodge; M. Vizetelly, 1297; Thomas Hunter, 114; and Frederick Cundy, 588.

The lodge being duly opened, Bros. Jas. Henniker, Heaton, M.P., and W. E. Barling were unanimously elected joining members. Subsequently Bros. George Babington and John Allen were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Bros. Rendle, Sanderson, and Chas. Lock were afterwards passed to the Second Degree. The working of the Worshipful Master was splendid, and gave great satisfaction to the brethren. Bro. Pardon is one of the best working Masons turned out by Bro. Stacey, the respected and much esteemed Preceptor of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, held at the Portugal, Fleet-street.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren sat down to a substantial supper. The usual Masonic toasts were given in due course, and the proceedings were enlivened by some capital songs by Bros. Cundy, Potts, Rendall, Manning, Gale, and Lock. Bro. Vizetelly also gave two of his inimitable recitations, and altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent.

THE ABBEY LODGE (No. 2030).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, Westminster, on Monday, the 10th inst., when there was a large and distinguished array of brethren present to witness the installation of Bro. F. Seager Hunt, M.P., W.M. elect. The chair was occupied by Bro. W. H. Baker, W.M., and amongst the members present were the following: Bros. F. Seager Hunt, S.W.; W. Sugg, J.W.; W. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., I.P.M.; J. F. Rogers, P.M., Treas.; J. E. Shand, P.M., Sec.; J. Gibson, S.D.; H. R. Baker, J.D.; R. E. H. Goffin, D.C.; H. M. Dunstan, I.G.; H. W. Schartau, Org.; C. E. Piper, Stwd.; G. R. Wheeler, Stwd.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., Chap.; R. T. Pigott, D.C.L., P.G.D.C.; and the following visitors:—Bros. Francis Byng; F. Binckes, P.G. Stwd., Sec. Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; C. Greenwood, jun., P.G. Sec. Surrey; W. C. Page, P.M. 1475; A. Clifford, P.M. 1017; J. W. King, W.M. 181; J. Stephens, P.M. 1425; J. J. Thomas, S.D. 753; C. R. Wicken, W.M. 733; E. Wallace, P.M. 907; W. Mitchell, P.M. 1558; A. Edwards, S.W. 1328; G. W. Jenkins, W.M. 72; A. T. Hayes, J.W. 1425; D. D. Langton, W.M. 2096; W. Herbage, P.P.G.R. Essex, P.M. 177; J. J. Wooley, P.M. 15; C. Wellard, P.M. 1319; F. J. Wray, P.M. 1257; H. Holson, W.M. 1604; H. Carman, S.W. 548; G. M. E. Hamilton, W.M. 1446; G. A. Garrett, P.M. 1366; G. Boulton, P.M. 1604; J. Kay, W.M. 742; C. Dovey, P.M. 176; W. Shurman, W.M. 1471; J. L. Baker, P.M. 1305; E. B. Cox, S.D. 1563; J. J. Pope, P.M. 1305; W. S. Whitaker, P.M. 1572; J. T. Pilditch, P.M. 1420; W. C. Wigley, W.M. 1348; J. Russell, W.M. 1572; R. Burdow, P.M. 860; S. Godden, P.M. 862; F. Hodson, P.M. 860; W. Richards, W.M. 1853; H. W. Davie, P.M. 173; D. P. Holness, P.M. 1471; H. Hunt, P.M. 1537; W. Worrell, P.M. 766; J. Oakham, P.M. 1853; E. Walker, W.M. 1766; W. H. Hall, W.M. 704; H. Henton, P.M. 1559; D. Haslett, P.M. 145; T. Butt, P.M. 700; T. Griffiths, P.M. 1446; G. Draper, P.M. 1305; W. W. Lee, 1897; and many others.

The lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the March meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bros.

Dawson, Morgan, Irving, and Cowley were passed to the Second Degree. Ballot having been unanimously taken in favour of Messrs. P. G. Hodson and J. Foster, they were regularly initiated into Freemasonry. The report of the Audit Committee, showing a balance to the credit of the lodge funds of over £150, was then received and adopted. Bro. F. Seager Hunt was next presented as W.M. elect, and he was impressively installed into the chair in the usual manner. The newly-installed W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. W. Sugg, S.W.; H. R. Baker, J.W.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., Chap.; J. C. F. Warrington Rogers, P.M., Treas.; J. E. Shand, P.M., Sec.; J. Gibson, S.D.; R. E. H. Goffin, J.D.; H. Mainwaring Dunstan, I.G.; C. C. Piper, D.C.; G. R. W. Wheeler, A.D.C.; J. B. Martin, Stwd.; F. J. Smith, Stwd.; H. W. Schartau, Org.; and W. Walkley, Tyler. The usual addresses were then ably rendered by the Installing Master, Bro. W. H. Baker, I.P.M.

All Masonic business having been transacted, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. After dessert, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The Worshipful Master, in introducing the first toast—"The Queen and the Craft"—said his task was a simple one in an assembly like that, for if there was onebody more loyal than another, it was the mystic body to which they belonged.

"H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.; the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M.; the Earl of Lathom, Dep. G.M.; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was the next toast, and the W. Master, in offering it to the brethren, said that as the other toast required no words from him, so this toast needed no comment of his. The brethren all knew full well the position these worthy men occupy, for they had obtained for themselves the admiration and esteem of the Craft. In the M.W.G.M. the Craft possessed a ruler who ably performed the duties of that important position; and great as has been the hold of Freemasonry upon the world, yet that influence has been considerably increased since the advent to power of His Royal Highness. He could safely say, in the words of the song:

"In the heart of every Mason there always will be shared,
The prayer that our Grand Master may long to us be spared."

Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap., in response, thanked the brethren, on behalf of the Grand Officers, for the hearty manner in which the toast had been received.

Bro. W. H. Baker, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," which, he said, would be received by the brethren with acclamation. He had intended to make a somewhat lengthy speech, but circumstances had occurred which prevented his doing so. Their W. Master occupied a position in public life, and the duties connected with that position had prevented his witnessing all the ceremonies that evening. Bro. Seager Hunt was a truly representative Westminster man, and as such they heartily greeted him as W. Master of a Westminster lodge. He (Bro. Baker) thought he would be right in saying that their W.M. was born in Westminster, and his parents had been recognised in that neighbourhood for very many years. He was assured that their newly-installed W.M. would maintain the reputation of the Abbey Lodge, and in the name of the members he heartily greeted him, and wished him a happy and successful year of office.

Bro. F. Seager Hunt, M.P., W. Master, in rising to respond, said he was perfectly prepared to have been received in a cordial manner, but he was quite unprepared for the magnificent reception that had just been accorded him. He had a feeling of diffidence when he was asked to accept the post he now occupied, but after the reception they had been pleased to bestow upon him, he felt he need have no fear about his year of office, and he trusted that any shortcomings he might have would be pardoned. The first duty he had to perform was to apologise for the non-performance of the programme in its original form, but circumstances over which he had no control prevented his keeping the engagement. He would assure them that during his year of office he was a Freemason, and nothing more, and he felt deeply indebted to the members for placing him in the position of W. Master. Reference had been made to the fact of his being a representative man. He was not only born in Westminster, but also had received his education in the Collegiate School not far distant. He had been identified with the neighbourhood all his life; and hoped to be connected with it for many years to come. Occupying as he did the position of W.M. for the first time, he considered it a great privilege to fill the chair of the Abbey Lodge. He had to follow two of the most successful Masters that any lodge had ever seen, but though he could not compete with them in the working, yet he might tell the brethren that he could safely compete with them in his belief of the doctrines which are the fundamental principles of the Order. By the teaching of these doctrines he hoped to confer a benefit on the people, by the help of which they might meet face to face any such foe as Atheism. By continuing that line of life they would be bringing others into their mystic fold, and by increasing their strength they would be increasing the greatness of their country. He wished now to propose "The Health of the Visitors," and his excuse for departing from the order of the toast list was that the hour was late, and that consequently some of the visiting brethren might be departing. But two short years had passed since the Abbey Lodge had been in existence, and two W.M.'s had reigned in the chair, during which time they had always been favoured with visitors, and there was no doubt that it was the way in which the officers had aided the W.M.'s that had brought down the halo which now beset the lodge. He hoped that what the visitors had seen would enable them to go forth into the Masonic world and say they were satisfied with the progress their young lodge was making.

Bro. Col. Edis, on behalf of the visitors, returned sincere thanks for their hearty reception, and compared the young lodge to a vine, the tendrils of which were spreading and shooting forth on every side. The work they had seen had shown them the way in which it ought to be done.

Bro. the Rev. F. Byng also responded, and thanked the lodge for the hospitality accorded the visitors.

"The Installing Master" was next introduced by the W.M., who said that when they looked on the way in

which Bro. Baker had performed the duties of the chair, they could but come to the conclusion that they had been carried out to the credit of the lodge. The Abbey Lodge being young, the number of Past Masters was small, and the Installing Master was the second P.M. it could boast. The two brethren who had passed through the chair had raised the prestige of the lodge, and a more energetic Master was never seen in the Masonic world than Bro. Baker. As he was speaking to many brethren who were inhabitants of Westminster, he would also draw their attention to the energy displayed by Bro. Baker in that neighbourhood, and to the enormous amount of work performed by that brother. Whether it was in the work of Charity or anything else, there could be no man more forward than the Installing Master. He was sure every brother would re-echo him when he expressed the hope that Bro. Baker would for many years be working with them in the parish of Westminster. He had now to present that esteemed brother with a jewel, which he trusted he would accept as a token of the good will of the members. He also hoped the I.P.M. would look back with pride and satisfaction on his year of office, and that he would find that deep friendships would be cemented, and that they would be brethren not only in name, but brethren in feeling.

Bro. W. H. Baker, I.P.M., said he had been placed in a difficult position by the W.M., who had imposed on him the task of responding to the kindly remarks he had made. In filling the chair he had followed one of the most distinguished Masons known to the Craft, and he was now succeeded by one who would fully maintain the reputation of The Abbey Lodge. The position of W.M. intermediate between those two brethren must necessarily be an important one, but he had endeavoured to uphold the honour and stability of the lodge. He had one word more to say, and that was to thank the brethren for the jewel the W.M. had placed on his breast. He would always look upon it as a token of their regard towards him, and he would always wear it in any lodge he might enter as a tribute of esteem and affection.

"The Initiates" having been given and responded to by Bros. Hodson and Foster,

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," and said that it was a matter of great regret that Bro. Burdett-Coutts could not remain with them, but circumstances over which he had no control compelled him to leave. They all knew very well that no brother had performed his duties better than Bro. Burdett-Coutts, and the lodge would ever be under a great debt of gratitude to him. When they looked about for their first W.M., they found Bro. Burdett-Coutts, and they also found one of the ablest Masons in Bro. Spinks. The latter brother had benefited the lodge, and had taught him (the W.M.) the small duties he was capable of performing, and he looked to that brother for support in the future. He looked upon Bro. Spinks as a sincere friend, and hoped he would find, as years went by, a bond of affection existing between them.

Bro. Spinks returned thanks for the kind manner in which the health of the Past Masters had been proposed and received, and assured the brethren that he would at all times endeavour to be present and assist the W.M.'s who might be placed in the chair.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" was next given, and having been warmly received, was responded to in appropriate terms by Bros. Rogers, P.M., Treas., and J. E. Shand, P.M., Sec.

"The Officers" having been given, the Tyler's toast concluded a most successful meeting.

WIGAN.—Lindsay Lodge (No. 1335).—The usual monthly meeting of the members of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 5th inst., under the W.M., Bro. Wm. Johnson, who was supported by Bros. R. B. Seddon, S.W.; J. Browne, J.W.; H. Boucher, Sec.; W. M. Wyld, S.D.; H. Riddellworth, J.D.; W. Holt, S.S.; W. Rigby, I.G.; J. D. Murray, P.M., P.G. D.C. West Lancashire, Treas.; R. P. White, C. A. Cronshaw, and C. Burland. Visitors: Bros. W. Goodacre, Prov. G. Sec. West Lancashire, and Wm. Dean, P.M. 178.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Burland was passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M. The ballot, on having been taken, was favourable to Bro. T. Banks, 1354, as a joining member. The Treasurer presented a report on the financial state of the lodge, and intimated that £20 could be well spared to assist the Masonic Charities. After discussion, it was proposed by the W.M. and carried, that this sum should go to the Girls' School.

"Hearty good wishes" having been tendered by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the ante-room for light refreshment, Bro. Johnson, the W.M., ably presiding and giving the usual toasts.

ANDOVER.—St. Hubert Lodge (No. 1373).—A meeting of this lodge, being the annual festival, was held on Monday, the 10th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when the following were invested with the insignia of office by Bro. Lavington, P.P.G.D.C. Wilts, who acted as Installing Master: Bros. J. W. Chater, W.M.; J. C. Witton, S.W.; F. S. Shaw, J.W.; E. Y. Nepean, Chap.; G. H. Barclay, Treasurer; W. J. Gradidge, Secretary; A. Farr, S.D.; H. Sherwood, J.D.; G. C. Eyles, D.C.; F. Bloxham, I.G.; and H. Stout, Tyler. There were also present Bros. W. H. Parsons, P.M.; C. V. Helsdon, P.M.; Purkess, Bienvenu, Hammans, P.J.W.; and Grainger. Visitors: Bros. W. W. B. Beach, P.G.M.; J. E. Le Feuvre, D.P.G.M., G.J.D.; Dew, P.M. 694; and H. P. Moore.

A vote of condolence to the widow and family of the late Bro. T. Best, of Redrice, P.P.G.S.W., senior P.M., and one of the founders of St. Hubert's Lodge, was proposed by Bro. Nepean, P.M., seconded by Bro. Lavington, I.P.M., and supported by Bro. W. W. B. Beach, P.G.M., and carried unanimously. A handsome banner was presented to the lodge by Bro. F. S. Shaw, J.W.

NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—The usual monthly meeting of this flourishing lodge took place on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at Bro. West's hostelry, the Three Crowns Hotel, Bro. C. Jolly, W.M., in

the chair, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. E. West, P.M., P.P.G.J.D. Herts; Dr. W. Vance, P.M., Treas.; J. Ives, P.M., Sec.; C. T. Lewis, P.M.; A. Ives, P.M.; J. Paul, S.W.; J. Savage, J.W.; C. H. Canning, S.D.; C. J. Jones, J.D.; C. Wood, I.G.; A. Knight, D.C.; J. G. Johnson, Stwd.; J. Gaskell, P.M. 1076, Tyler; B. Curtis, B. Chatterton, W. G. Barrell, S. Row, H. Vallom, M. Rillat, W. Clapperton, J. W. Monk, W. Ball, J. Delo, T. Gowers, T. Mason, W. E. Richardson, W. Turvey, G. Low, W. McGuinness, C. T. Powling, A. Johnson, E. Buck, G. Richards, S. Woodward, F. Budden, S. Sutcliffe, and E. Morgan, all of the lodge. The visitors included Bros. W. Weston, P.M. 1536, P.P.G. Swd. Br. Kent; W. Moulds, W.M. 1536; W. Akers, W.M. 13; C. H. Freyer, S.D. 879; E. W. Carter, P.M. 858; F. G. Burstow, S.D. 212; J. Horn, 13; Dr. E. Bryce-son, 913; J. Oliver, 902; W. Wood, 381; S. Thompson, 12 (S.C.); A. Hodge (S.C.); and B. Goodall, 1327.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes passed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. Robert Stephenson, and Charles Robert Hayward, and, after approval, those gentlemen were initiated. Bros. Steer and Richardson were passed, and Bros. Mason, Curtis, Johnson, and Chatterton raised. The next business was to consider the summer banquet, and it was unanimously agreed to have it at Eastbourne, and a Committee were appointed to carry out the arrangements thereof. Notice of motion by Bro. C. Lewis, P.M., "The purchase of a harmonium for the use of the lodge," was postponed in that brother's temporary absence.

A very handsome testimonial, consisting of an illuminated and inscribed vellum, in handsome gold frame, of the value of five guineas, was then presented to Bro. A. T. Ives, I.P.M., as a token of the brethren's respect, and to commemorate the admirable manner in which he had installed his successor. The W.M. made the presentation, and in suitable terms spoke of the earnest and zealous endeavour of Bro. Ives for the prosperity of the lodge.

Bro. Ives feelingly and eloquently returned thanks, and then the lodge was closed, after a heavy night's work.

From labour to refreshment was the next order, and the brethren sat down to one of Bro. West's elegantly served suppers, and afterwards honoured the usual loyal Masonic toasts as Masons should.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—On Monday last, the regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate. There were present Bros. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., P.P.G.W.; G. Simpson, P.M., P.P.G.P.; G. Balmford, P.M., P.P.G.O.; C. G. Padel, P.M., P.P.G.O.; J. T. Seller, P.M.; M. Millington, P.M.; J. Blenkin, P.M.; W. Brown, S.W.; Geo. Chapman, J.W.; J. Kay, Sec.; W. Lackenby, J.D.; P. Pearson, as I.G.; W. Storey and J. D. Irving, Stwds.; R. Ware, W. T. Nance, H. Mennell, C. Tuff, W. Routledge, John Thorpe, W. R. Jackson, W. Wriglesworth, J. E. Wilkinson, Wm. Sharp, R. M. Hayden, and others; whilst amongst the visitors were Bros. M. C. Peck, P.M. 250, Prov. G. Sec.; T. Thompson, P.M. 57, P.P.G.D.; J. Todd, P.M. 236, P.P.G. Reg.; W. Tesseymann, P.M. 57, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. H. Cowper, P.M. 1848, P.P.G. Reg.; E. Harding, W.M. 1991; F. Woolnough, 1991; A. M. White, 1991; H. S. Hopton, 256; W. Ward, 236; and others.

The lodge was opened by Bro. J. T. Seller, P.M., and, after the confirmation of the minutes, a ballot was taken for a candidate, after which an accepted candidate was initiated. The chair was then taken by Bro. M. Millington, P.M., who initiated a second candidate, the charge to the two candidates being given by Bro. Brown, S.W. The chair was then taken by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., who said that there were occasions in the working of the Craft when very pleasant tasks had fallen to his lot, and this was one of them. It was one of the duties inculcated in their teachings that merit should have its reward, and that patient industry should not go unrecognised. Those who were active workers in Freemasonry were well aware how essential it was to the prosperity of any lodge that those who might be termed its "staff" officers should be energetic and careful, and should have the real interests of the Order at heart. Since that lodge had been formed in 1876 it had been fortunate in the possession of a Treasurer who had steadily worked and laboured for its welfare. Bro. Balmford, P.M., was the first Treasurer appointed, and he had annually received the unanimous vote of the brethren to the same office, the result being that he was at that moment their Treasurer after a service of 10 years. All the older members of the lodge knew what had been done by the lodge. They remembered the difficulties that had attended its formation, and the struggles that had eventuated in their possession of the beautiful building in which they were then met, the splendid furniture that surrounded them, and the valuable collection of Masonic books, pictures, and relics that formed their museum. Much of this was due to the careful manner in which the Treasurer had husbanded the resources of the lodge, and the brethren had felt that some slight recognition was due from them to one who had served them so well. On behalf of the brethren of the lodge, he asked Bro. Balmford's acceptance of a gold Treasurer's jewel, which he had great pleasure in placing upon his breast, wishing that he might be spared for many years to come, to work shoulder to shoulder with them in the great cause of brotherly love, relief, and truth. After the applause had subsided, Bro. Whytehead resumed his remarks. He said that there was another brother with them that evening whose services had been even of a more laborious character than those of the Treasurer. He referred to the Secretary, Bro. James Kay. Bro. Kay was no novice at secretarial work. He had made his mark and won the respect of the brethren in Hull, where he was for years the Secretary of one of the lodges before he came to York. He had been appointed Secretary of the Eboracum Lodge at its formation, and had annually been re-appointed to the office, with the exception of one year, when he served in a Warden's chair. The work of a Secretary involved a great deal of careful attention to details, and they were fortunate in the possession of a brother who was able to devote time and trouble to the work of that office. They all knew how courteous Bro. Kay always was, how ready to give information, and how genial, and it had been the wish of the members to pay him the compliment of presenting him with a Secretary's gold jewel, which he was truly glad to place upon his breast with the same good wishes and congratulations as he had expressed towards Bro. Balmford. Bros. Balmford and Kay then rose, amid the continued

applause of the brethren, to express their thanks, which each did in a few well-chosen words. The presentations had come to them in the nature of surprises. Whatever they had done for the lodge had been in a true spirit of anxiety for its prosperity, and it would be their pride and pleasure when they wore the jewels to remember the donors and the happy hours they had spent under the banner of Eboracum, 1611.

The jewels were designed and manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, and were of a very chaste description.

The Treasurer's consisted of the cross-keys, suspended from a Past Master's emblem under a scroll, inscribed "Presented to W. Bro. G. Balmford, P.M., P.P.G.O., by the brethren of Eboracum, 1611." That presented to the Secretary had the cross pens under a scroll engraved "Presented to Bro. James Kay by the brethren of Eboracum, 1611."

The Secretary then read a letter from Bro. Stephenson, I.G., thanking the lodge for its sympathy with him in his severe illness.

"Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visitors, the lodge was then closed, and the whole party adjourned to an excellent supper which had been set out in the banqueting room. The tables were tastefully decorated with plants. Bro. T. B. Whytehead presided, and was supported by the other Past Masters and visitors.

At the conclusion of supper an adjournment was made to the smoke room, where the usual toasts were given.

"The Health of the Visitors" was responded to by Bros. J. Todd, P.M. 236, and W. H. Cowper, P.M. 1848.

"The Healths of the Treasurer and Secretary" were drunk with musical honours, and a right merry evening, enlivened with songs, came to an end all too soon.

WITNEY.—Windrush Lodge (No. 1703).—

Bro. James Stevens's Lecture.—The regular May meeting of this lodge was held in the Corn Exchange, on Wednesday, the 5th inst., the W.M., Bro. S. C. Wakefield, Prov. G.S., being supported by a large gathering of members and brethren from neighbouring lodges. Advantage had been taken by the W.M. of there being no work before the lodge to proffer an invitation to Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., to deliver his successful and interesting lecture explanatory of the ritual and ceremonial of the First Degree, now so well known to the Craft under the title of "Knobs and Excrescences." The lodge was opened by the W.M. and the following officers, viz., Bros. H. W. Drinkwater, P.M., Prov. G.S.W. Oxon, S.W.; Harry Robbins, P.M. and Sec. 1703, P.P.G.J.W. Oxon, J.W.; A. T. Matthews, I.P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Oxon; J. M. Clench, P.M. and Treas., P.P.G. Std. Br. Oxon; G. Owens, P.G. Org. Oxon, S.D.; T. A. Heath, J.D.; R. Sheaf, I.G.; W. H. Tarrant, Org.; A. Buck, S. Stwd.; and S. Smith, Tyler. There was a very fair attendance of members, and amongst the visitors were Bros. Butler, W.M. 1399, P.P.G.S.B. Oxon; J. H. Shayle, R. Corden, and others from 340; A. Pearce, S.D., and others from 1515; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Bro. Wakefield, the W.M., addressed the brethren, and stated that he had thought it advisable, as well in the interests of the lodge itself as for the good of Freemasonry generally, that the otherwise unemployed evening before them should be made instructive by a Masonic lecture. He had, therefore, invited a well-known London brother, whose efforts in the direction of Masonic instruction were receiving deserved recognition, to attend on this occasion, and to enlighten them on many points of ritual, with a view to comparing their own practice in lodge with the forms and ceremonial which he would expound. He hoped and anticipated that the initiative he had taken would in the result be justified by the pleasure and enlightenment which their visitor would afford them, and might be imitated by many other Masters of lodges who had "spare evenings" at their disposal. Bro. Wakefield then formally introduced Bro. Stevens to the brethren, and requested their kind attention. A very hearty welcome was accorded to the lecturer on his rising, and, after a brief acknowledgment of his reception, Bro. James Stevens commenced an address which during nearly two hours rivetted, without the slightest interruption, the attentive consideration of his hearers. We cannot, of course, print that which is intended only for utterance under a tiled roof, and must, therefore, be content with an expression of our conviction that this lecture ought to be heard in every lodge holding under the United Grand Lodge of England. It deals with the ritual as practised for the past seventy-five years; with the innovations made therein, and the anomalies and divergencies which have made the practices of some lodges, when compared with others, not only ridiculous, but, in many instances, most injurious to the welfare of the Order. We cannot go into any of these particulars, but we strongly commend the lecture to all who desire to have a common-sense reason for what they do and say in Masonic lodges. At the conclusion of his address Bro. Stevens was warmly applauded, and a vote of thanks was unanimously ordered to be recorded on the minutes of the lodge; the W.M., who proposed, and Bro. Drinkwater, who seconded the vote, respectively expressing their high appreciation of the service rendered to Freemasonry by the exposition to which the brethren present had so attentively listened. The lecturer returned his thanks for the compliment paid to him, and stated his readiness to accept from any lodges which might desire to extend the same, invitations for a like purpose. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper, after which the loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. Matthews, in proposing "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Wakefield," paid a high tribute to the excellent qualities which not only so well fitted him for his exalted position, but endeared him so much to the members of his lodge; and especially extolled the interest he had shown on this occasion by his personally inviting Bro. Stevens, and so giving his members the benefit of experiencing one of the most instructive and enjoyable evenings of the many passed by them in the Windrush Lodge.

The Worshipful Master, in response, stated how pleased he felt to receive such an acknowledgment of his efforts to carry out his duty, and especially that his personal invite had been attended with such satisfactory results. He had heard that if he could secure Bro. Stevens for his lecture neither he nor his lodge would regret doing so, and he must say that even his most sanguine anticipations had been exceeded. He would at once propose "The Visitors," and couple with the toast the name of their Lecturer.

The toast was drunk with much fervour, and responses were made by several of the visitors present, Bro. Stevens contenting himself with a few brief remarks in continuation of what he had previously said in lodge. What, however, he lacked in speech he made up for in recitations, and complied with the earnest requests of the brethren by delivering the Masonic poems, "The Three Great Lights," "Masons' Vows," and "The Level and the Square."

Several excellent songs by other members and visitors added to the social enjoyment of an evening which will doubtless be long remembered by those who shared in the proceedings, and who, at a somewhat later hour than usual, separated with the interchange of fraternal greetings and good wishes.

CATERHAM.—Caterham Lodge (No. 2095).—

The first installation meeting of this lodge since its consecration was held on Saturday, the 8th inst., at the Drill Hall. The chair was occupied by R.W. Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal, W.M., who was supported by the following brethren: Bros. A. S. Tomkins, S.W.; G. J. Eady, M.D., J.W.; Fred. A. Guimaraens, P.M., Treas.; F. W. Mansell, Sec.; J. E. Street, S.D.; C. W. C. Webb, I.G.; A. E. Tower, J. T. Cox, G. Hogarth, E. C. Balcombe, Percy W. Wall, H. E. Stenning, and G. S. Elliot.

Visitors: Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; Major-Gen. J. J. Boswell, P. Dep. D.G.M. Punjab, P.M. 1279; W. Booth Scott, P.M. 822; Ernest H. Morrison, P.M. 416; W. Stanhope Scott, P.M. 1307; T. Wood, P. Prov. G.W. Surrey, P.M. 1149; W. P. Browne, P.M. 90; George E. Pym, P.M. 416; T. F. Lloyd, P.M. 416; Claude Stott, W.M. 822; Col. W. Granville Sharpe, 822; H. E. W. Tower, 1579; T. C. Sandeman, 1383; George Ralling, 51; W. Crickmay, 1426; P. E. Campbell, 1670; T. Craston, 851; A. Parrish, 1397; H. Thompson, 1008; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge was opened in due form, and after the minutes of the preceding meeting had been read and confirmed, Bros. E. L. Balcombe and T. C. Sandeman, of No. 1383, were raised to the Degree of Master Masons. Ballot having been unanimously taken in favour of Mr. Hugh Gardiner Hill, M.D., he was impressively initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. Alfred Savill Tomkins, S.W., W.M. elect, was then presented, and was duly installed into the chair of the lodge for the ensuing year. The newly-installed W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. G. J. Eady, M.D., S.W.; J. E. Street, J.W.; F. A. Guimaraens, P.M., Treas.; F. W. Mansell, Sec.; C. W. C. Webb, J.D.; A. E. Tower, I.G.; and J. Holden, Tyler. Owing to the unavoidable absence of Bro. Andrew Lockie, his investment as S.D. was postponed. The usual addresses were then impressively delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman. There being no further business for transaction, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a substantial repast.

The first toast—"The Queen and the Craft"—was proposed by the Worshipful Master, who observed that as loyalty was one of the great principles of Freemasonry, the brethren would receive it with enthusiasm.

"The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. G.M.," was next given by the Worshipful Master, who referred to the great interest taken by his Royal Highness in everything calculated to benefit the country, remarking that no better proof of this could be found than in the fact that he presided in such an able manner over Freemasonry.

"The Grand Officers" was then proposed, the Worshipful Master observing that there was very little that he need say to ensure that toast being heartily received, for all the brethren respected and revered the Grand Officers as rulers in the Craft. There was one among them—Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Secretary—whom they greeted as an old friend of the lodge. He was, in fact, the oldest friend they had, for he was at their consecration meeting. Bro. Col. Clerke had come from a sick bed, and had been put to considerable exertion to pay the lodge that compliment, which the members duly appreciated, and they all sincerely hoped that he would often be their guest.

Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., said that, in rising to respond to the toast, he wished to explain that the task of replying should have fallen to Bro. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal, who was the senior Grand Officer present; but he anticipated that the W.M. was reserving him for a future occasion. It was a very great honour to be called upon to respond, for the toast was a most important and wide-spreading one. In the first place, the Grand Lodge had a long array of men, who, amongst their other ties, still found time to perform their duties as Grand Officers. Many supposed that the M.W.G.M. had an easy post as the leader of the Craft. The brethren present would admit that he (the speaker) had ample opportunities of knowing, and he could assure them that his Royal Highness took the greatest possible interest in everything connected with the Order, for he was not only an ornamental, but a good and able Master. The Grand Officers were all good and worthy men, and their ranks were recruited year by year from the most able brethren. The present year was no exception, for a brother who held the distinguished position of Lord Chancellor was invested as G.S.W., while the chair of G.J.W. was occupied by their very popular and esteemed Bro. Lord Charles Beresford. The M.W.G.M. always selected most eminent men to fill the position of Grand Officers, and they were men who had done suit and service in the Order. It was their wish and desire to be useful, and they were most grateful for the manner in which their healths were received. There was a Grand Officer—Bro. Sandeman—present, who was the father of that lodge, and, as there could be few lodges who had such men, he congratulated the Caterham Lodge on possessing such a brother. As he (Bro. Col. Clerke) had seen the consecration last year, he thought he would make a struggle to be present that evening, to show the great interest he took in the welfare of that lodge.

In proposing "The Provincial Grand Officers," the Worshipful Master said that they took a peculiar interest in that toast. They would all regret very much that Bro. General Brownrigg was unable to be present, but there were several Prov. G. Officers who had honoured them by their presence.

Bro. Wood, P. Prov. G.W. Surrey, after thanking the brethren for their reception of the toast, said that he was very fond of Masonry, and that he was always pleased to attend the various meetings.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The Health of the Visitors," observing that one of the greatest privileges a lodge could have was to receive visitors. It was also one of the special privileges of Freemasonry that a lodge should welcome members from other lodges, and it afforded him very great pleasure to see such a goodly array of visitors present on that occasion. They had amongst them Bro. Gen. Boswell, P. Dep. D.G.M. Punjab. The district over which that brother had presided was one in which there were a great number of very good lodges.

Bro. Major-General Boswell, P. Dep. D.G.M. Punjab, responded, and sincerely thanked the W.M. for coupling his name with the toast. He considered Freemasonry a grand institution, and he had always received the greatest kindness wherever he had visited, to which the Caterham Lodge was by no means an exception. He thanked the members for the honour accorded to the visitors, and assured them that in India they would receive as hearty a welcome.

Bro. Sandeman, I.P.M., then proposed "The Worshipful Master." The lodge, he said, had now been in existence two years, and the number of members had been doubled. He congratulated them on having elected Bro. Tomkins to the chair, who would do full justice to the office, and would no doubt treble the number of members. He felt certain that at the end of the year the same unanimity would exist in the lodge, and he asked them to cordially drink the health of their W.M.

Bro. A. S. Tomkins, W.M., said he had to thank the brethren for the compliment they had paid him in electing him to the chair. It was a responsibility to be the second Master of a lodge, but he was proud to follow so eminent a man as their late Worshipful Master. They would no doubt think he had made a mistake in omitting to couple the name of Bro. Sandeman with the toast of the Grand Officers, but he had reserved him for the toast he was now about to propose. It was "The Health of their I.P.M., the Installing Master," and he could assure the brethren present that but for him that lodge would never have been brought into existence. He sincerely hoped that the Caterham Lodge would bring a feeling of unanimity and good-fellowship into existence in the neighbourhood. He had now a very pleasing task, and that was to pay a small compliment to the I.P.M. on his leaving the chair. The members wished to leave a token of the love and affection they felt for Bro. Sandeman. It was therefore his pleasing duty to present that brother with a cup, which, though apparently empty, was nevertheless filled with brotherly love and affection. They sincerely hoped their I.P.M. would long live to be with them as a neighbour and a brother, and to help the lodge by his guidance and support. He also trusted that their young lodge would prosper, and be firmly established on that rock which was the foundation of their faith.

The cup presented to Bro. Sanderson was a silver one of handsome design, bearing on one side a suitable inscription, and on the other his coat of arms and crest with the motto "Stet veritas."

Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, I.P.M., in reply, assured the brethren that he was speaking in no hypocritical sense when he said that he could not find words to express his thanks. He was glad to know that he had the good will and esteem of them all. It was the seventh time that he had had the honour of filling a chair of a lodge, but on no previous occasion had he relinquished the task with greater regret. Everything that was possible had been done in the lodge to make him feel that he was well supported. He hoped to be with them for many years to come, and the valuable present he had received would be an incentive to him to continue every effort in his power to further the interests of the lodge. There were several brethren present at that table whom he had initiated and whom he looked upon as his Masonic children, and he hoped they would regard him with some degree of affection as their Masonic father. He had had considerable Masonic experience in India, where they worked with a will on behalf of Masonry and regarded it as a work of love. He had also had the honour of being twice appointed for two consecutive years as W.M. of a lodge. He was very pleased to see such a large array of visitors present at their installation, and he hoped before long the lodge would have a better place to receive them in, as it was in contemplation to build a large public hall to meet the requirements of the neighbourhood. He thanked the members for the very kind manner in which they had recognised his small efforts, and he hoped that God would prosper their young lodge.

"The Health of the Initiate" was then cordially given, and suitably responded to by Bro. Hill, after which, "The Masonic Press" and "The Officers" having been heartily given and received, the Tyler's toast concluded a most successful and enjoyable meeting.

INSTRUCTION.

DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).—The weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Tuesday, the 11th inst. There were present Bros. H. Buckridge, W.M.; E. M. Gibson, S.W.; A. Banister, J.W.; F. J. Tull, S.D.; J. D. Smith, J.D.; G. Venables, I.G.; R. Walden Sec.; James Hill, Preceptor; and R. Rowlands.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed in the First Degree, and Bro. R. Walden gave proofs of his proficiency in the First, was entrusted, and retired. The lodge being resumed in the Second Degree, Bro. Walden was admitted, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The explanation of the tracing board was given. The lodge was called off. The First Section of the Second Lecture was worked by Bro. R. Rowlands and the brethren. The lodge was resumed in the Third Degree, and closed down. It was proposed and seconded that Bro. R. Rowlands be the W.M. for the ensuing week, and carried unanimously, after which he appointed his officers, and named his work as the third ceremony and the First Section of the Third Lecture. Bro. Hill then brought forward the amended bye-laws, and proposed that Tuesday, the 25th inst., be appointed to consider and approve them. Bro. Hill proposed that the fifth Tuesday in June, the 29th, be appointed as the day for the annual festival of the lodge. Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in due form until Tuesday, the 18th inst., at eight o'clock.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 10th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. Alphonse Hardy, W.M.; W. J. Mason, S.W.; J. Potter, J.W.; J. Cruttenden, acting Sec.; O. W. Battley, S.D.; J. Bailey, J.D.; G. D. Bailey, I.G.; W. Harris, Stwd.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1974, P.D.G.S. of Vks. Punjab; J. Smith, W. Chapple, A. C. Conway, W. C. Williams, C. S. Mote, E. C. Van Tromp, W. H. Wadham, and F. Chandler. Visitor: Bro. E. Wilkinson, 901.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last weekly meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. W. C. Williams being the candidate. The charge in the First Degree was delivered by Bro. J. Bailey. The lecture on the tracing board was afterwards given by Bro. J. Crutenden in the most elaborate and perfect style. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The passing questions were put by the W.M., and well answered by Bros. Chappelle and Wilkinson, successively. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The dues collected amounted to 7s. Bro. W. J. Mason was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. Bro. Edward Wilkinson, 901, was elected a joining member of the lodge. A cordial vote of thanks to Bros. Bailey and Crutenden for the able manner in which they had respectively given the ancient charge and lecture on the tracing board was ordered to be recorded on the minutes. The business of the evening being ended, the lodge was closed.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—A meeting was held at the Moorgate, Moorgate-street, on Monday, the 10th inst., when there were present Bros. G. W. Knight, W.M.; G. Bolton, S.W.; Fry, J.W.; Edwin Storr, Sec.; Saunders, Asst. Sec.; W. M. Styles, Preceptor; C. Scales, Treas.; Wace, S.D.; Burgess, J.D.; Tomkins, I.G.; and several others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Fryer candidate. The W.M. gave the explanation of the working tools. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Kaufman candidate. The lodge was closed down to the First Degree. Bro. G. Bolton, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, when he hoped to have a good attendance of the brethren. After "Hearty good wishes" was given to the W.M., the lodge was closed.

WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Gibson, P.M., Treas.; W.M.; Hayes, S.W.; Salter, J.W.; Wray, P.M., Preceptor; Musson, Sec.; Mimms, S.D.; J. Davis, J.D.; M. Dunstan, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Brindley, P.M.; Giffin, P.M.; Bull, P.M.; Docker, P.M.; H. White, Wombell, Smales, Baker, Edwards, Goode, Coleman, Holms, Baughn, Geisel, Hill, Chilcott, Adams, Davies, and Folsom.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed. The Auditors' report was adopted. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Baker, W.M. of the Abbey Lodge, 2030. Bro. Goode answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Goode duly passed to the Degree of a F.C. The W.M. then proceeded with the ceremony of installation. Bro. Folsom was presented as W.M. elect, and duly obligated. Lodge opened in the Third Degree, when the M.M.'s retired. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. Henry Folsom was duly installed in the chair of K.S. The M.M.'s having been admitted, the W.M. was proclaimed, and saluted in the Three Degrees, and invested his officers. The retiring W.M. gave the Three Charges, and the ceremony concluded. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Baker for the very able manner in which he rehearsed the ceremony. The S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. There being no further business, the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., on the 6th inst., when there were present Bros. H. J. Pellatt, W.M.; J. B. Grieve, S.W.; E. J. D. Bromley, J.W.; E. C. Mulvey, S.D.; J. D. Graham, J.D.; W. Hancock, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; R. J. Harnell, acting as Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; G. Coop, J. Woodward, W. Ham, Henry Crookes, W. J. Mason, W. H. Folen, J. S. Hunter, J. S. Henry, C. Corby, J. Rowe, R. Blum, A. Clark, C. Grassi, J. T. Virthy, C. Holland, H. Omelot, J. Mitchell, A. Wells, J. Giannelli, P. W. Rogers, C. Lambert, H. G. Marsden, C. F. Fox, and G. H. Reynolds.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the First Section of the First Lecture. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. C. Corby being the candidate. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the Fourth Section of the First Lecture. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. C. Corby, who rehearsed the ceremony of investment of officers at installation. Bro. H. J. Pellatt resumed the chair as W.M. On rising for the first time, the following brethren were unanimously elected joining members of this lodge of instruction:—Bros. G. Coop, S.W. 141; W. J. Mason, 1328; W. Ham, 858; H. Crookes, 2087; J. Giannelli, 1559; H. Omelot, 1563; and C. A. Ilder, 1899. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. J. B. Grieve be W.M. that day fortnight (Bro. James Terry having kindly undertaken to work the ceremony of consecration and installation on the 13th)—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of this lodge of instruction to Bro. H. J. Pellatt, W.M., for the very able and efficient manner in which he had carried out the duties of the chair for the first time in this lodge of instruction—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. made a suitable reply. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 10th inst., at the New Market Hotel. Present: Bros. Sherer, W.M.; Hodge, S.W.; W. Jolly, J.W.; J. W. Jolly, Sec.; W. C. Brasher, S.D.; J. F. Rumball, J.D.; Bolander, I.G.; Smyth, Tyler; H. J. Lardner, P.M., Preceptor; T. Butt, P.M.; Simpson, Greenwood, Doring, Linnett, and Young.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. By general request, the W.M. worked the First Ceremony. Bro. J. Young succeeded to the chair, and worked the Installation Ceremony, Bro. Simpson as W.M. elect, the ceremony and addresses being well done. Bro. Sherer inquired for the good of the Craft, Bro. Lardner, P.M., proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Young for working the Installation Ceremony, the lodge unanimously adopting the same, for which Bro. Young expressed his thanks. The lodge was then closed. The officers and brethren of the mother lodge are particularly requested to be present at the next meeting, on the 17th inst., to be enrolled.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 7th inst., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Coleman, W.M.; Musson, S.W.; Glover, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Gibson, P.M., Treas.; A. Hayes, Sec.; Gilbert, S.D.; Arnold, J.D.; Mason, I.G.; Wombell, Upton, Frost, Holmes, F. Purnell, Roberts, Hume, Clarkson, Christian, Mann, Chinn, Coughlan, J. Purnell, and Folsom.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Frost candidate. Bros. Frost and Wombell answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. The W.M. then vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. Mason, who performed the ceremony of investing his officers. The 1st Section of the lecture was then worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bros. Upton and Frost were unanimously elected joining members of this lodge of instruction. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Musson was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The W.M. rose for the third time. All Masonic being ended, the lodge was closed.

Bro. Sir Edward Watkin, Bart., M.P., presided at an extraordinary general meeting, held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Friday, the 7th inst., of the Sub-Marine Continental Railway Company. Bros. Lord Brabourne and Lord R. Churchill were among those present. The scheme for the purchase of the Channel Tunnel Company (Limited) was agreed to.

Royal Arch.

PANMURE CHAPTER (No. 720).—The 21st installation meeting of this excellent working and prosperous chapter was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Monday, the 10th inst. The chapter was opened by Comps. J. W. Watts, M.E.Z.; W. Wilkins, H.; H. Baldwin, J.; and the Past Principals then present, after which companions below the chairs were admitted. Amongst those who attended, in addition to the above-named, were Past First Principals James Stevens, M. S. Larham, T. Poore, S.E.; R. N. Field, B. R. Bryant, J. S. Terry, D.C.; and Comps. G. T. Thorne, S.N.; H. C. Jefferys, J. elect; C. Holcroft, P.S.; H. A. Woodwell, E. Whittaker, G. Treves, W. H. Tilling, S. Richardson, H. Burnell, W. Lane, and others. The visitors were Comps. S. P. Catterton, P.Z. 79, 548; H. Maunder Williams, J. 1326; and J. Read, 279.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been confirmed, Bro. Wm. Lucas, of the Royal Leopold Lodge, was exalted into R.A. Masonry. The installation of the Principals for the ensuing year was then undertaken by Comp. Thomas Poore, P.Z., S.E., who, it is needless to say, discharged that duty with all the care and attention to detail for which that veteran Freemason is so justly celebrated. Comp. H. Wilkins, whom we regretted to find still in anything but good health, was installed M.E.Z.; Comps. H. Baldwin, H.; and H. C. Jefferys, J. The officers then invested were Comps. Poore, P.Z., S.E.; C. Holcroft, S.N.; B. R. Bryant, P.Z., Treas.; E. Whittaker, P.S.; G. Treves, 1st A.S.; W. H. Tilling, 2nd A.S.; J. S. Terry, P.Z., D.C.; and W. Lane, Janitor.

The report of the Audit Committee, which was of a most encouraging character, was received and adopted, and in the course of the evening the services of the I.P.Z., Comp. Watts, in promoting during his year of office the great improvement in the financial condition of the chapter, were suitably acknowledged by the presentation to him of a handsome P.Z.'s jewel with appropriate inscription (manufactured by Comp. George Kenning, London).

After the despatch of routine business the companions adjourned to banquet, and spent a very pleasant evening, after the never, yet broken, fashion which has characterised the Panmure Chapter throughout its 21 years' existence. To this fact Comp. James Stevens, P.Z., bore witness from practical experience of every such meeting of the chapter since its consecration, and the visitors, Comps. S. P. Catterton, H. Maunder Williams, and J. Read, severally expressed their pleasure in renewing former visits, for association with R.A. Masons who so well understood the practice of the principles of the Order in communicating happiness.

With earnestly expressed wishes for the restoration to perfect health of their M.E.Z., Comp. Wilkins, and for the continued improvement of the chapter, the companions separated at a reasonable hour, well satisfied with the proceedings of the evening.

WEST KENT CHAPTER (No. 1297).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Thicket Hotel, Anerley, on Saturday, the 8th instant. Present: Comps. B. Fullwood, M.E.Z.; T. Perrin, H.; J. C. Woodrow, S.E.; J. Crowden, S.N.; W. J. Lavington, P.S.; G. H. Finch, 1st A.S.; G. W. Rowe, Janitor; R. H. Crowden, P.Z.; W. Lake, P.Z.; Dr. E. A. Bazley, Org.; C. W. Fox, W. Cock, W. H. Lee Davies, A. R. W. Pawles, and the following visitors: Comps. W. D. Merritt, Z. elect 1000; Fred Bennett, 30, P.G. Std. Br. Essex; G. P. Gelland, Z. 19; R. G. Burton, P.Z. 771; Rosenthal, P.Z. 1260; and F. Brown, P.Z. 538.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee, showing a balance in favour of the chapter, was read, received, and adopted. The chair of First Principal was then occupied by Comp. R. H. Crowden, who proceeded to install the M.E.Z. elect, Comp. T. Perrin, into the chair of First Principal in his well-known able and impressive manner. Comp. Osmond, being unavoidably absent, the installation of the Second Principal did not take place; but Comp. James Crowden was duly inducted into the chair of J. The M.E.Z. invested the officers as follows: Comps. Woodrow, S.E.; W. F. Lavington, S.N.; G. H. Finch, P.S.; Robins, 1st A.S.; W. Cock, 2nd A.S.; and G. W. Rowe, Janitor.

The M.E.Z. then rose, and said that he had the pleasing duty to perform of presenting to the retiring M.E.Z., a Past Principal's jewel (manufactured by Comp. George Kenning, London). He complimented Comp. Fullwood on his general Masonic proficiency and the valuable services he had rendered to the chapter and lodge.

Comp. Fullwood returned thanks in a neat speech, conveying his gratitude for the gift, not for its intrinsic worth, but for the expression of goodwill it conveyed.

Two candidates for exaltation were proposed, and, there being no further business, the companions adjourned to a very choice banquet, presided over by the M.E.Z.

The toasts of "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry"; "The M.E.Z. of the Order, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales"; "The Pro Grand Z., the Earl of Carnarvon, the Grand H., the Earl of Lathom, and the Grand J., Lord Leigh," having all been proposed and duly honoured,

Comp. Fullwood then proposed in flattering terms "The Health of the M.E.Z., Comp. Thos. Perrin."

The M.E.Z. responded, thanking Comp. Fullwood for the kind expressions he had used and the companions for the manner in which they had received them. He was alive to the responsible duties the position of M.E.Z. of that chapter imposed upon him, and hoped at the end of his year of office the companions would have no cause to complain of the choice they had made. He thought it an auspicious beginning to propose for exaltation two brethren like Bros. Stead and Hands, both of whom were so well known to many present that evening—Bro. Stead being one of the senior P.M.'s of the West Kent Lodge, and for many years Treasurer, and Bro. Hands, J.D., and he (the M.E.Z.) looked forward to his holding still higher positions. While he occupied the chair of that chapter it would not be his ambition so much to add to its numbers as to maintain its high position for the excellence of its working and high calibre of its members. Before he resumed his seat he desired to thank Comp. Fullwood for the flourishing condition in which he found the affairs of the chapter, in all respects a good balance to start with not being the least important. He was sure they could congratulate Comp. Fullwood on his year of office just expired, and wish him many years of happiness and usefulness to the Craft in which he took so much interest; the number of

jewels which adorned his breast testifying to the large amount of work done. He gave them, with all heartiness, "The Health of the I.P.Z., Comp. Fullwood."

Comp. Fullwood replied, remarking that, although they had had no candidates in the past year, he had spent some of the most pleasant evenings in his Masonic life at the West Kent Chapter. Although he had no opportunity of distinguishing himself, there was a brighter prospect for the present M.E.Z. and his officers.

The M.E.Z., in proposing the next toast, that of "The Visitors," which he was taking rather out of the regular course, as some of them lived at a distance and might have to leave, said they were to be congratulated upon so numerous a list, and assured them he gave them a hearty welcome and felt honoured by their presence. They had among them Comp. Barton, P.G.S., P.P.G.S.W. and P.P.G.S. Berks and Bucks; Comp. Rosenthal, who had recently passed through the chair of his chapter with distinction; Comp. Merritt, P.M., who in the course of a week or two would have the honour of going through a similar ordeal to that he had that evening; Comp. Gillard, who presided over the destinies of the Mount Sinai Chapter with great ability; Comp. Brown, of the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, to whom all R.A. Masons were under such deep obligations; and Comp. Bennett, whom all were pleased to see, and whom he trusted would repeat his visit. He hoped the Visitors one and all had spent a pleasant evening, and would depart with pleasant recollections of the West Kent Chapter. He proposed, with all heartiness, "The Health of the Visitors."

Comp. Barton replied, thanking the M.E.Z. for his kind expressions towards the visitors, and for the treat offered them in the working of the chapter and their reception at the banquet table. Comp. Perrin and himself had business relations of an agreeable character, and when he found they were also both Masons that relationship became more pleasant and lasting. There was no one he respected more highly than Comp. Perrin, and he wished him a happy and prosperous year of office.

Comp. F. Brown also replied, expressing his belief that from what he knew of Comp. Perrin as a student of the beautiful ritual of the Royal Arch he would be found equal to all that the office demanded. He hoped during the coming year his abilities would be put to the test, and that he would have an arduous year of office. He could not sit down without referring to the way in which the ceremony of Installation had been performed that day by Comp. Crowden; knowing as he did the difficulties he had to encounter in preparing the work, he could more appreciate its excellence.

Comps. Gillard and Rosenthal also responded.

The M.E.Z. said he approached the next toast with the greatest possible pleasure, it being that of "The Health of their Excellent Comp. R. Crowden," who had so impressively installed him that evening. He understood that some distinguished Grand Officers were invited to perform that function. They were at all times gratified to see those distinguished brethren amongst them, and felt honoured at their presence; but at the same time, without hinting at the slightest disrespect to those high officials to whom they were so much indebted, he was pleased the ceremony should have been performed by his old friend, Comp. Crowden, who also acted in a similar capacity by installing him some years since into the chair of his—the M.E.Z.'s—lodge. They all appreciated the services Comp. Crowden so generously gave the chapter, and trusted he might be spared many years to devote those services for the good of the chapter and Masonry generally.

Comp. R. H. Crowden, in reply, said: You have made some very kind remarks, M.E.Z., in proposing my health, and I thank you sincerely for so doing, and I thank the companions for responding so heartily to the toast. In attempting the ceremonies of installation to-day, I consider that I have been only doing my duty to you, and carrying out the many promises I have made to you, of preserving the prestige and traditions of the West Kent Chapter; and I thank Comp. Fullwood for allowing me to take his place to-day, and to install my old friend Comp. Perrin, into the chair of Z., and my own brother, Comp. James Crowden, into the chair of J. I can assure you it has given me the greatest gratification in performing these ceremonies, for I introduced Comp. Perrin into the West Kent Lodge, and ultimately installed him as W.M.; and in the chapter, as you are aware, I have placed him in the several chairs. My brother, James Crowden, was my first initiate in the lodge, and I had the pleasure and satisfaction of installing him also as W.M. He was my first exalte on the foundation of this chapter, and it is as gratifying to him as it is to me that he assumes the duties of the J.'s chair to-day. A week since I had given up all idea of installing, for, as you are aware, my thoughts and time have been so much taken up on business matters the last few months that I have had no opportunity to think of Freemasonry. I, consequently, invited our Grand Scribe E., Comp. Shadwell H. Clerke, and also Comp. Philbrick, G. Registrar, to perform the ceremonies, but both, unfortunately, being engaged, I determined to carry them out myself, and I have to ask the P. Principals who were present to make every allowance, considering the short space of time at my disposal for perfecting the ritual. I congratulate the M.E.Z. on his high estate; he is one who, I am sure, will cement that bond of unity and fraternal affection which, as we have been reminded to-day, is the foundation of our Masonic superstructure; and, at the same time, he will preserve those happy feelings that have now become traditional in the West Kent Chapter.

The M.E.Z., in proposing "The Healths of the P.Z.'s of the Chapter," said they were honoured that evening with the presence of all their P.Z.'s, and he thanked them individually for so kindly supporting him on that occasion. They were always ready to serve the M.E.Z. in any capacity, so that the ceremonies should not suffer through the absence of any officer, and none more so than Comp. Lake, who when presiding over that chapter was one of their most popular chiefs. He had the pleasure of proposing "The Health of the P.Z.'s," coupling with it the name of Comp. Lake.

Comp. W. Lake responded.

The M.E.Z. said he now had the pleasure to propose "The Healths of the Treasurer and Scribe E." The Treasurer was an important officer, and in Comp. Crowden they had a companion who carried out in a satisfactory manner any duty he undertook. They were singularly fortunate in having Comp. Woodrow for Scribe E., and he desired to personally thank him for relieving him (the M.E.Z.) of any anxiety or responsibility in providing that

banquet; perhaps he should not say so, but it appeared to him to be perfectly satisfactory, and from the heartiness with which they received his name he saw they fully appreciated his services. He hoped they might have the satisfaction of seeing his genial face for many years in the chapter, and in proposing "The Healths of Treasurer and Scribe E.," he wished them long life and many years of usefulness.

Comp. R. H. Crowden was happy to be able to tell the companions that the finances of the chapter were in every way satisfactory; there was nothing owing, and there was a good balance in hand. He hoped this happy state of affairs would continue; at any rate, as long as he was honoured by being elected Treasurer, he should endeavour at all times to promote the prosperity of the chapter.

Comp. Woodrow, Scribe E., assured the companions that, although he might seem to be troubled if little things did not always go right, yet it must be considered as his anxiety for the happiness of the companions. He would like them to know it was no easy task this transacting the duties of Scribe E. He had made a special effort that day, for he was most anxious to please Comp. Perrin, and provide such refreshment as would be approved by him, and do honour to the important occasion of his taking office. He was delighted to think that this effort of his, and he had the sole responsibility of it, had been so much appreciated, and as long as each M.E.Z. felt it expedient to elect him as his Scribe E. he would do in the future as in the past—his very best to gain the satisfaction and good will of the chapter generally.

The next toast the M.E.Z. said he had the pleasure of proposing was that of "The Healths of Comps. H. and J." Comp. H. had been prevented from attending there that evening, and he should call upon Comp. Jas. Crowden, who occupied the chair of J., and which he was sure he would fulfil in a creditable manner. Many of them had been gratified with the way he performed the duties of W.M., and he had no doubt they would all be pleased at the expiration of his term with the performance of the duties he had to carry out. He gave them "The Healths of Comps. H. and J."

Comp. James Crowden replied, and said he was fully aware of the great responsibilities that had fallen upon him that day, and he would endeavour to carry out his duties to the best of his skill and ability, and he was sure he could speak for Comp. Osmond, who, unfortunately, was absent that day, in promising to support the M.E.Z. on all occasions.

The M.E.Z. said they were gradually approaching the end of the toasts, but, although somewhat low down on the list, there was a very important one for him to propose, and that was "The Healths of the Officers." To Comp. Lavington, S.N., they looked forward with confidence; they would all remember how very satisfactorily he performed the work of P.S. In Comp. Finch they had a very worthy successor, and he congratulated him on his appointment.

Comps. Lavington and Finch suitably replied.

The M.E.Z. then said he desired to make an addition to the regular toasts by proposing "The Healths of the Companions not in Office," and would call upon Comps. Fox and Powles to respond. Although both of those companions had declined office, he hoped to see them carry on their Masonic career. Comp. Fox, whom they all esteemed so highly, had already passed the chairs of W.M. and M.E.Z. with every credit, and Comp. Powles, who had recently vacated the chair of the Selwyn Lodge, where he had had a successful year of office, initiating some 10 or 12 brethren, was about to act as Steward for the Girls' School. He had the pleasure to congratulate him on the large amount he had to take up. He asked the companions to drink their healths.

Comps. Fox and Powles briefly responded.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER (No. 1507).—A convocation of this chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, on Thursday, the 6th inst., when there were present Comps. Side, M.E.Z.; Fullwood, H.; Minstrell, J.; W. M. Stiles, S.E.; T. C. Edmonds, S.N.; J. C. Smith, P.S.; G. W. Knight, 1st A.S.; Dickey, 2nd A.S.; Dimsdale, D.C.; Silvester, W.S.; and Mordey, A.W.S.

The chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last convocation read and confirmed. A brother was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry in an admirable manner. The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place, the Assistant Sojourners having to be elected under the new rules. The following were unanimously elected: Comps. Fullwood, M.E.Z.; Minstrell, H.; J. C. Smith, J.; G. W. Knight, P.S.; Dickey, 1st A.S.; R. W. Fraser, 2nd A.S.; J. Willing, Treas.; W. M. Stiles, S.E.; and Edmonds, S.N.

Chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed, and, after some good songs and recitations were given by several companions, the M.E.Z. wished the companions an enjoyable holiday until November next.

YORK.—Zetland Chapter (No. 236).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 28th ult. The chapter was opened at 6, and minutes confirmed, after which the outgoing M.E.Z., Comp. T. B. Whytehead, opened a Board of Installed Principals, and proceeded to instal Comps. M. Rooke, Z.; J. Sykes Rymer, H.; and G. Kirby, J., Comp. J. Todd, P.Z., acting as Chaplain, and there being also present Comps. Rev. W. Valentine, P.Z.; A. buckle, P.Z.; and G. Simpson, Z. 1611. The companions were then admitted, and the officers were invested as follows: Comps. George Garbutt, S.E.; S. Border, S.N.; J. Fairburn, P.S.; H. Foster, D.C.; T. J. Hodgson, Org.; J. Clark, 1st A.S.; G. J. Robinson, 2nd A.S.; Crummack and Watkinson, Stwds.; and Calvert, Janitor. Bro. H. V. Milbank Lennox, 123, having been balloted for, was exalted by the M.E.Z.

At the close of the chapter, the companions met at supper, and spent a pleasant evening.

TWICKENHAM.—Era Chapter (No. 1423).—This chapter met at the Albany Hotel, on the 8th inst. Among those present were Comps. J. B. Ryley, M.D., P.G.J. Middx., I.P.Z., in the chair; E. H. Thielley, P.P. G.D.C. Middx., P.Z., Treas., acting H.; G. L. Wingate, J.; T. C. Walls, P.G.P. Soj. Middx., P.Z., S.E.; H. Higgins, P.Z., acting S.N.; C. H. Köhler, P.Z., acting P.S.; Lane, acting Janitor; and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed, and the election of principals and officers for the year ensuing took place with the following result: Comps. Wingate, H. and M.E.Z. (subject to disposition); Elliott, H.; C. Stevens, J.; Walls, S.E.; Matthews, S.N.; Lee, P.S.; Higgins, 1st A.S.; Köhler, 2nd A.S.; Thielley, Treas.; and Gilbert, Janitor. Comps. Higgins and Köhler were appointed Auditors. Letters pleading inability to attend were read from Comps. J. Mason and Elliott.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to refreshment. A few toasts followed.

INSTRUCTION.

CAMDEN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 704).—A convocation of the above chapter was held at the Moorgate, Moorgate-street, on Tuesday, the 4th inst. Present: Comps. Gregory, M.E.Z.; Carter, H.; J. C. Smith, J.; H. Slyman, S.E.; G. W. Knight, S.N.; Jenkins, P.S.; Edmonds, Preceptor; Christian, Whiting, Marsh, J. Knight, and others.

The chapter was opened in due form, and the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Marsh candidate. Too much praise cannot be given to Comp. Gregory, the M.E.Z., for his able rendering of the ritual, being word perfect. It is always a treat for companions to hear this splendid ritual rehearsed as the companions do it at this chapter of improvement, under the genial Preceptorship of Comp. Edmonds, who spares no pains to make them perfect.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 975).—Those who attended the meeting of this chapter on Tuesday last at the White Hart, corner of Abchurch-lane and Cannon-street, E.C., must have felt gratified at the increasing interest this beautiful Degree is obtaining, amply evinced by the large number—25—of past and present Principals who assembled to participate in the working of installation of the three Principals. We may observe that Comp. Brown has thrown open these chairs on two occasions during the session, so that opportunity is afforded to our companions each session to exercise themselves in these ceremonies. Last Tuesday the duties were undertaken by Comps. S. Brooks, P.Z. 975, Z.; F. Brown, P.Z. 538, H.; and R. H. Crowden, P.Z. 1297, J.; and it is needless to say that with such efficient workers the ceremonies were most carefully rendered. This part of the evening's business being finished, the companions were admitted, when the various offices were filled as follows:—Comps. Charles, Z.; J. L. Payne, H.; B. Haynes, J.; C. H. Webb, S.N.; M. L. Levey, P.S.; and the exaltation ceremony was most ably worked, Comp. C. Daniel being the candidate. Comp. E. Collard, 19, was unanimously elected a member. An unanimous vote of thanks was given to Comp. Charles for the very impressive manner in which he had performed his duties for the first time. Comp. Charles will be installed into the first chair of the Mount Sinai Chapter on the 18th inst., and we congratulate the chapter on having so accomplished a worker to preside over them. Votes of thanks were recorded to the three installing officers, when the chapter was closed, and the convocation adjourned until the 18th inst.

We noticed amongst the Principals present Comps. S. Brooks, H. Forss, H. W. Ruff, T. Cull, W. S. Lee, T. Perrin, J. S. Fraser, C. P. Collard, E. Child, G. Powell, R. H. Crowden, M. L. Levey, J. Brittain, J. Charles, J. L. Payne, R. P. Tebb, B. Haynes, H. C. Jepps, C. H. Webb, C. Daniel, and others. The chapter will close the session on the 25th inst.

NORTH LONDON CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 1471).—A convocation was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Alwyn Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury. Present: Comps. Wm. Radcliffe, M.E.Z.; F. Brasted, H.; W. H. Dean, J.; J. E. Sheffield, S.E.; J. E. Sheffield, S.N.; and T. Cusworth, P.S. Comp. Wm. Cook acted as candidate.

The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed in a praiseworthy manner by the foregoing officers, thereby fitting themselves for their duties in their respective chapters, and a very profitable evening was spent.

Mark Masonry.

YORK.—York Lodge (T.I.).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 20th ult., when there were present Bros. F. Smith, W.M.; G. Simpson, J.W.; W. B. Dyson, M.O.; W. Lackenby, S.O.; H. C. Pickersgill, J.O.; T. B. Whytehead, P.M., Sec.; J. T. Seller, P.M.; C. G. Padel, P.M.; J. Blenkin, R. of M.; G. Padel, P.M., as Org.; G. Lamb, S.D.; A. H. McGachen, J.D.; P. Pearson, Tyler; W. Wrigglesworth, S. G. Crummack, W. Brown, A. M. White, R. Ware, E. W. Purnell, J. R. Jackson, F. Smith, 352; and others.

Successful ballots were taken for Bros. H. K. Milbank, 123, and Wm. Sharp, 1611; and Bros. S. J. Dalton, T. Watkinson, W. Sharp, and H. V. Milbank were advanced to the Degree. The Secretary reported a grant from the Educational Fund of the Grand Lodge towards the education of the son of a deceased brother. The D.P.G.M., Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, was announced and received with the customary honours. Bro. J. S. Cumberland, P.M., whose resignation had been previously announced, was, on the motion of the Secretary, seconded by the W.M., elected an honorary member. After the close of the lodge, the brethren met at refreshment and passed a pleasant and social evening.

WIGAN.—Rose and Thistle Lodge (No. 158).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 14th ult. The chair was filled by the W.M., Bro. H. T. Byrom, who was supported by the officers of the lodge and a number of visitors. The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. J. D. Murray, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., took the chair, and proceeded to instal Bro. A. H. Crossley, the W.M. elect. This ceremony having been completed, the W.M. appointed and invested his officers for the year. After "Hearty good wishes" had been tendered by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a comfortable cup of tea. Afterwards the usual loyal toasts were given and responded to, the newly-installed W.M. presiding.

FOREST OF DEAN.—Royal Forest of Dean Lodge (No. 340).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 28th ult., at the Speech House, when there were present Bros. Rev. Wm. Lynes, P.G. Chap., G.W., W.M.; J. Shaw Carleton, S.W.; H. Clark, J.W.; M. F. Carter, M.O.; J. S. Bradstock, S.O.; S. J. Thomas, J.O.; S. W. Haddingham, Treas.; F. Asgill Carter, Sec.; H. T. Curwen, S.D.; J. J. James, J.D.; Richard Macartney, I.G.; Job Webb, Tyler; W. C. Heane, I.P.M., Prov. G.J.W., G.W.; George Clark, P.M., P.G.S. England; A. Parker, J. Shiles, W. G. Roberts, S. W. Woods, W. A. Hurle, T. H. Deakin, W. Spence, A. E. Brice, and J. E. James.

The lodge having been opened, a ballot was taken for

Bros. Deakin and Spence, and being favourable, they were advanced with Bros. Woods, Hurle, Brice, and James, already elected, to the Degree of a M.M.M., the ceremony being performed by the W.M., assisted by Bro. W. C. Heane, I.P.M.

The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting room, where the evening was spent in harmony and brotherly love.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

SUPREME COUNCIL, THIRTY-THIRD DEGREE.

The regular half-yearly meeting in these Degrees was held at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, W., on the afternoon of Wednesday, the 12th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Captain N. G. Philips, Lieutenant Grand Commander, in the absence of the Sovereign Grand Commander, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, who, being in attendance on her Majesty the Queen at Liverpool, was unable to attend the meeting.

The following brethren were advanced to the 32°: Ill. Bros. Rev. Henry R. Cooper Smith, M.A., 31°, 40; Lieut.-Gen. Charles W. Randolph, 31°, 67; and John Emilius Le Feuvre, 31°, 41—To the 31°: Ill. Bros. John Thomas Griffith, M.D., 30°, 1; R. V. Vasaar-Smith, 30°, 49; Chas. Holtum, 30°, 82; and Wm. Jno. Thomson, 30°, 31—To the 30°: Bros. Louis George Letord, 1; Geo. Graveley, C.E., 3; Thomas Lamb Smith, 3; Thomas J. Armstrong, 8; Thomas Ness, 8; Major Mortimer Hancock, 43; G. J. Crosbie-Dawson, 52; James Herman de Ricci, 53; Alfred Cooper, M.D., 67; William Kelly, 92; Charles Rutter Fry, J.P. 96; Robert Allen Luck, J.P. 96; Henry Maddison, 96; Henry Joseph Lardner, 97; and Edward Francis Storr, 97.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies, the brethren dined together at the Café Royal, when the usual loyal and other toasts were given.

YORK.—Hilda Chapter (No. 23).—On Thursday, the 6th inst., a meeting of this body was held at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate. Bro. George Simpson, M.W.S., presided. Two candidates were balloted for and accepted, Bros. Wm. H. Vane Millbank, 123, and W. B. Dyson, 1611, and these brethren were duly installed and proclaimed, the ceremony being worked by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M.W.S. Apologies for absence were read from a number of brethren, including Bro. C. J. Banister, S.G.I.G. for the district. Subsequently a pleasant evening was spent by the brethren, an excellent supper having been provided in the banqueting room.

Scotland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF AYRSHIRE.

A meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Monday, the 3rd inst., in the Angel Hotel, Kilmarnock, Bro. Cochran-Patrick, LL.D., Provincial Grand Master, presiding. A motion by Bro. James Allan, R.W.M. of Kilbirnie Royal Blues, against the initiation of candidates in lodges other than those in the town to which they belong, was, after discussion, withdrawn. A motion by Bro. J. Houston, of Ayr Operative, as to the relation at present existing between that lodge and the Grand Lodge, was discussed at some length, and it was ultimately agreed to remit the matter to a Committee consisting of Bros. Hamilton, Irvine, Mearns, Ardrossan, Kennedy, Maybole, and Wyllie, Killwinning; to examine the matter and report to a future meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The Prov. G. Lodge was then closed, and the proceedings terminated.

On the 4th inst. the brethren of the Lour Lodge, No. 309, assembled at their lodge room, together with deputations from Kilwinning, Forfar; Airlie, Kirriemuir; Bruce, Frickheim; Elijah Royal Arch Chapter, No. 12, Forfar; and Thistle Operative, Dundee. The brethren, numbering in all about 75, marched in procession, and clothed in full regalia, to the parish church, where the Rev. Patrick Stevenson, of Inverarity, the Chaplain of the lodge, preached an able discourse on Freemasonry. The streets were crowded all along the route to the church. It is twenty-one years since a Masonic sermon was last preached in Forfar.

Ireland.

BELFAST MASONIC CHARITIES.

The annual meeting of the Belfast Masonic Charities, held on Friday, the 16th ult., was an unusually attractive gathering. Instead of the customary meeting, confined to the members of the Craft, formerly held in the Masonic Buildings, there was a successful conversation, attended by many friends, in the Exhibition Hall of the Royal Botanic Gardens. The chair was occupied by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Antrim, Bro. T. Valentine. As the public are well aware, the Charities embrace the Belfast Masonic Charity Fund and the Belfast Masonic Widows' Fund. In the case of both organisations satisfactory reports were presented. The receipts of the Charity Fund showed an increase of £96 odd, and those of the Widows' Fund an increase of £37 over the income of the previous year. The amount of philanthropic work done by the Funds also showed a marked increase. During the year no fewer than fifty-one widows and their families received grants amounting in all to £410. The Charities were established for the benefit of the deserving poor, and for the assistance of the widow and the orphan, objects which appeal strongly for support and sympathy to the members of the Masonic Order. It is gratifying to find these objects realised in such a praiseworthy manner, to know that philanthropic appeals are never made to Freemasons in vain, and to see that in such a practical way they take a laudable delight in rivaling each other in smoothing reverses of fortune, in soothing the distress of the widow, and in caring for the feeble and the fatherless.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management held their usual monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. Bro. Edgar Bowyer, Patron, P.G. Std. Br., occupied the Chair, and there was a numerous attendance of brethren present.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Secretary reported the death of a male annuitant.

The Wardens' report was read, as also was a letter referring to one of the male candidates, whose name, after a full consideration of the circumstances, was ordered to be removed from the list.

The list of attendances of the several members of the Committee having been read, those who had attended the fewest times retired, but were at once nominated for re-election. Bro. George Bolton, P.M., No. 169, having handed in a list of 10 other nominees, and Bro. Lacey having likewise nominated a brother to serve on the Committee, the draft of the annual report to be presented at the Annual General Meeting, on Friday, the 21st inst., was submitted and approved, and the Committee adjourned with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

THE LOGIC CLUB.

The annual dinner of the club of instruction in connection with the Logic Club and Masonic Charities Association, Cavendish Rooms, Mortimer-street, W., was held recently at the Criterion, under the presidency of Bro. John Maclean, P.M., Preceptor. In the course of the proceedings a presentation was made to Bro. James Percy Fitzgerald, P.M., Hon. Sec., of a spirit frame and case of fish knives and forks, suitably inscribed, in recognition of his unremitting services as Hon. Sec., &c., &c.

About 50 brethren were present at the dinner, which was admirably served, and did great credit to the Dinner Committee, Bros. Robert P. Stevens, R. D. Cummings, and Muir Smith.

On the removal of the cloth there were the usual toasts, interspersed with songs, recitations, &c.

This Club, which is in a most flourishing condition, subscribed 200 guineas to our Charitable Institutions during the past year.

LAYING FOUNDATION-STONE OF NEW MASONIC HALL AT PONTYPRIDD, AND INSTALLATION OF W.M.

On Monday, the 3rd inst., the foundation-stone of a Masonic Hall now being erected by the members of the Merlin Lodge, No. 1578, was laid by the R.W. Bro. Sir George Elliot, P.G.M. of the Province of South Wales (Eastern Division). The members of the Merlin Lodge met at 11.15 a.m. at the Town Hall, when there were present Bros. J. Sprague, W.M.; H. N. Davies, I.P.M.; E. Jones, P.M.; P.P.G.J.W.; T. Dickson, P.M.; P.P.G.S.D.; R. Male, P.M.; P.P.G.R.; W. H. Key, P.M.; P.G.A.D.C.; S. R. Jones, S.W.; S. Lewis, J.W.; M. R. Williams, Treas.; E. Henry Howard, Sec.; Wm. R. Perrott, S.D.; W. R. Davies, J.D.; E. N. Davies, D. of C.; J. Davies, Org.; J. F. McClune, I.G.; David Phillips and J. Evans, Stwds.; A. Parsons, Tyler; W. Williams, P.P.G. Stwd.; J. Snape, R. Thomas, Robert Smyth, J. Morgan, E. Lewis, T. W. W. Morgan, John Carson, W. H. Mathais, D. Jenkins, T. R. Phillips, Wm. Davies, J. Lloyd, R. Rogers, L. D. Llewellyn, Wm. Williams, A. A. McClucas, T. Thomas, T. S. Keys, M. Price, G. F. Lewis, and E. C. Spickett.

The lodge having been duly opened by the W.M., Bro. Sprague, the following visitors from other lodges were admitted:—Bros. S. Coleman, S.W.; T. Harrison, W. D. Blessley, and S. Kendrick, of No. 36; J. J. Jones, W.M.; W. H. Willett, and W. Morgan, of No. 110; G. King, P.M. 172; F. King, 304; D. Morris, 364; T. Harris, W.M.; G. Abraham, Treas.; F. G. Musgrave, Sec.; T. Richards, E. P. Evans, S. T. Jolliffe, F. Russell, T. W. Mander, and S. Shipton, of 679; J. H. Hussey, W.M.; J. Mundy, S.W.; T. James, T. H. Richards, J. Pike, W. F. Grovier, and J. A. Yorke, of 960; J. C. V. Parminster, W.M. 1323; D. E. Davies, 1429; J. H. Taylor, A.D.C. 1573; C. E. Perry and E. Price, of 1752; F. A. Miles, W.M., and W. R. Thomas, S.W., of 1882; H. M. Tainsh, 1992; C. E. Munchin, 754 (I.C.); and Carl Bendit, Eagle Lodge, Frankfurt Maine, Germany.

The Prov. Grand Officers within the lodge having retired, the Provincial Grand Lodge procession was formed, and having been announced, the following distinguished brethren were admitted and received by the brethren upstanding: Bros. Sir George Elliot, Bart., D.C.L., Prov. G.M.; Marmaduke Tennant, D.P.G.M.; Capt. S. G. Homfray, D.P.G.M. Monmouthshire; Samuel Davies, P.P.G.S.W. Monmouthshire; George Hazell, P.P.G.J.D. Monmouthshire; A. P. Fabian, P.P.G.S.W. Hants; S. Cooper, P.M. 36, P.P.G.S.W.; H. Simons, P.M. 237, P.G. J.W.; W. H. Martin, P.M. 960, P.P.G.S.W.; Walter Whittington, P.M. 364, P.P.G.S.W.; Evan Jones, P.M. 679, P.P.G.J.W.; Thomas Walters, P.M. 1573, Prov. G. Chap.; E. H. Lloyd, P.M. 364, P.G. Treas.; John Hemming, P.M. 1752, P.G. Reg.; J. O. Lewis, P.M. 960, P.P.G. Reg.; Richard Male, P.M. 1578, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Jones, P.M. 833, Prov. G. Sec.; Evan Jones, P.M. 976, P.P.G. Sec.; R. W. A. Southern, P.M. 36, P.P.G.S.D.; Thomas Dickson, P.M. 1578, P.P.G.S.D.; W. C. Peace, P.M. 960, P.P.G. Supt. Works; Wm. Howels Key, P.M. 1578, Prov. G.A.D.C.; Frederick Bradford, I.P.M. 237, P.G. Svd. Br.; Robert Capper, P.M. 1323, P.G. Std. Br.; W. B. Broad, P.G. Org.; Frederick Atkins, 36, P.P.G. Org.; William Jenkins, P.P.G. Purst.; Thomas Phillips, P.M. 679, P.P.G. Purst.; Watkin J. Thomas, P.M. 679, P.P.G. Purst.; George Bullerwell, P.G. Tyler; Henry Taylor, W.M. 237, P.G. Stwd.; Sidney Coleman, S.W. 36, P.G. Stwd.; H. M. Bradford, W.M. 1807, P.P.G. Stwd.; S. Gibson Lee, 1822, P.P.G. Stwd.; and Wm. Williams, 1578, P.P.G. Stwd.

The W.M. having delivered over the gavel to the R.W. P.G.M., and the other officers having vacated their chairs, which were taken by the Prov. Grand Officers, Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by the R.W.P.G.M., Bro. Sir Geo. Elliot, Bart., immediately after which a procession was formed, headed by the Band of the Pontypridd Detachment of the 2nd Glamorgan Rifle Volunteers, and the bre-

thren proceeded to the site of the new Masonic Hall; the banner of the Merlin being carried by Bro. Robert Thomas, and the volume of the Sacred Law by Bro. T. S. Keys, the youngest Mason present, he having been initiated a member of the Merlin on the previous Thursday evening.

On reaching the site the brethren opened out right and left, facing inwards, and the R.W. Prov. G. Master and the V. Wor. Dep. Prov. G. Master, and the members of Prov. G. Lodge, passed up the avenue thus formed, preceded by the Standard and Sword Bearers, and occupied the front rank round the stone, the other brethren taking up the positions assigned to them. The ceremony of laying the foundation stone was then commenced by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Walters, offering up a prayer, after which, a choir, formed from the brethren of the Merlin Lodge, under the leadership of Bro. Joseph Davis, Organist of the lodge, sang the anthem, "O Praise God in His Holiness," Bro. Atkins, P.P.G. Org., accompanying the choir on the harmonium.

The W.M., Bro. SPRAGUE, then addressed the R.W.P. G.M., and requested him to lay the foundation stone of the new hall, which the brethren of the Merlin Lodge were erecting for the purpose of providing a suitable and permanent home for the lodge; and the following inscription, engraved on a brass plate, was read by the PROV. GRAND SECRETARY:

"This foundation stone of the Masonic Hall, Pontypridd, was laid with Masonic honours, on Monday, the 3rd day of May, 1886, by Bro. Sir Geo. Elliot, the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master of the Province of South Wales (Eastern Division).

"Joseph Sprague, W.M.
"Samuel Rowland Jones, S.W.
"Stephen Lewis, J.W.
"W. Douglas Blessley, Architect.
"Howell and Son, Builders."

A bottle, containing various coins of the present reign, copy of the local newspapers, the bye-laws of Prov. Grand Lodge, and the Merlin Lodge, a list of the present officers of the Merlin Lodge, and a copy of the programme of the day's proceedings was deposited by the Prov. Grand Treasurer in the cavity cut in the lower stone, and the Prov. G. Secretary covered the same with the brass plate. The cement having been placed on the lower stone, the R.W.P.G.M. adjusted the same with a silver trowel presented to him by Wor. Bro. H. N. Davies, I.P.M., on behalf of the Merlin Lodge, after which the upper stone was slowly lowered, solemn music being played on the harmonium by Bro. Atkins during the time occupied in adjusting the stone.

The Right Wor. P.G.M. subsequently proved the just position and form of the stone by the plumb rule presented to him by the P.G.J.W., by the level delivered to him by the P.G.S.W., and by the square, delivered to him by the V. Wor. Dep. Prov. G.M., and on being satisfied in these particulars, he gave the stone three knocks with the mallet delivered to him by Bro. Sprague, W.M., of the Merlin Lodge, and declared the stone duly laid according to ancient custom.

W. Bros. Dickson, Male, Key, and H. N. Davies, Past Masters of the Merlin Lodge, then approached the stone bearing the vessels containing the corn, wine, oil, and salt, and presented the same to the V.W. Dep. Prov. G. Master, who strewed the corn and salt, and poured the wine and oil over the stone, with the accustomed ceremonies, and the solemn dedicatory to "Masonry," "Virtue," "Universal Benevolence," and "Wisdom," was followed by the singing of the usual odes by the choir.

The Architect, Bro. W. DOUGLAS BLESSLEY, was then presented by Bro. Sprague, to the R.W. Prov. G.M., who, after having the plans explained to him, addressed the brethren, and said he had returned from the continent for the express purpose of being present at the laying of the foundation stone, and that it had given him the greatest pleasure in being present to take the part he had in the ceremony, as he was most desirous of seeing all the lodges in his province located in a building specially built for Masonic purposes. He warmly congratulated the members of the Merlin on their having resolved to erect a Temple at Pontypridd, which he looked upon as a place which must rapidly develop, and which in his opinion had a very bright future before it, and concluded by stating it would afford him very much gratification to contribute 100 guineas towards the cost of the building, which he understood would amount to about £2000.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPLAIN having pronounced the Benediction, the concluding anthem, "Hail, Masonry Divine," was sung by the choir, and the band played "God Save the Queen." This ended a particularly impressive and solemn service, which was listened to throughout with marked attention by a vast concourse of people who appeared to be much impressed with the thrilling emphasis with which the Rev. Dr. Walters, the Prov. G. Chaplain rendered the part of the service allotted to him.

The brethren then re-formed, and returned to the Town Hall, headed by the band, and P.G. Lodge was closed.

The Worshipful Master of the Merlin Lodge, Bro. Sprague, and his officers then again assumed their respective chairs, and the ceremony of installing Bro. Stephen Lewis as W.M. of the Merlin, for the ensuing year, was proceeded with. Bro. Lewis having been duly presented to the Installing Master, Bro. Sprague, the ancient charges were read, and Bro. Lewis having given his assent thereto, he was duly obligated. A Board of Installed Masters was thereupon formed, and Bro. Stephen Lewis was installed into the chair of K.S., and greeted according to ancient custom, after which he invested Bro. Sprague as I.P.M. The Board of Installed Masters having been dissolved, the M.M.s. were re-admitted, and Bro. Lewis was for the first time proclaimed W.M. for the ensuing year, and saluted in ancient form.

The following officers were appointed and invested for the ensuing year: Bros. Edward Henry Howard, S.W.; Wm. Rosser Perrott, J.W.; Samuel Rowland Jones, Chap.; M. R. Williams, Treas.; W. R. Davies, Sec.; Joseph Davies, S.D.; John Francis McClune, J.D.; Jno. Samuel Davies, D.C.; Joseph Davies, Org.; David Phillips, I.G.; John Evans and Wm. Davies, Stwds.; and Albert Parsons, Tyler. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony Bro. Sprague was congratulated by the R.W.P.G.M. on the able and impressive manner in which he had performed the duties of Installing Master, and on the motion of the W.M., Bro. Lewis, hearty votes of thanks were accorded the R.W.P.G.M., the V.W. Dep. Prov. G.M., the Prov. G. Officers, and visitors from other lodges for their attendance, and the same were ordered to be recorded on the lodge minutes.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the New Inn Hotel, where a luncheon was served. The W.M., Bro. S. Lewis, presided, and was supported on his right and left by the R.W.P.G.M., Sir George Elliot; the V.W. Bro. Tennant, Dep. P.G.M.; the V.W. Deputy Prov. G.M. of Monmouthshire, Bro. S. George Homfray; the I.P.M., W. Bro. Sprague; and other distinguished brethren.

The usual toast list was gone through, that of "The R.W.P.G.M." and "The V.W. Dep. P.G.M.," given by the W.M., Bro. Lewis, being received with immense enthusiasm.

In the evening a Masonic Ball was given by the members of the Merlin, at Bro. Howard's Hall, at which the V.W. Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, Dep. Prov. G.M., and other distinguished members of the Craft were present, as well as most of the leading inhabitants of the town and neighbourhood. Messrs. Johnson and Roberts' string band of 12 performers, discoursed excellent music, to the strains of which dancing, which commenced at 9 p.m., was kept up, with much spirit until 4.30 a.m.

At midnight the company sat down to a sumptuous supper, provided by the caterer, Mr. Maggs, Cardiff, and when the time came for parting all were agreed that a most enjoyable evening had been spent. Bros. Richard Male, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., and Bro. McClune, J.D., acted as joint Hon. Secretaries to the Ball Committee, and much praise is due to them for their careful attention to every detail, which in no small measure contributed to the success of the ball.

Obituary.

BRO. THE REV. A. G. HOW.

Bro. the Rev. Augustus G. How, B.D., rector of Doynton (in the diocese of Gloucester and Bristol), died on Good Friday in his 73rd year. Bro. How, who was much and deservedly respected, was formerly vicar of Bromley, Middlesex, until his appointment in 1872 to Doynton, which now becomes vacant by his death. The living is in the patronage of the Lord Chancellor, and is worth per annum about £440, with a rectory house. The funeral took place on Wednesday, the 28th ult., in the village churchyard. The mourners were the Rev. G. A. M. How and Mr. A. F. O. How (sons); the Rev. H. B. Thompson (son-in-law); Messrs. W. Davy, T. H. Falcon, J. Day Bush, and G. W. H. Cumming. The service was read by the Rev. W. T. Blathwayt, rector of Dyrham, and among the clergy present were the following: The Revs. Canon Nash, Prebendary Barnard, E. F. Trotman, E. Sayeres, J. Hope, J. Dumas, H. A. C. Tomkins, Pixell, Howard, W. Taylor, Murray, and Fry. Capt. Blathwayt, Messrs. W. E. Blathwayt, Mills, Dare, Alvis, and a large number of parishioners were present. Bro. How was a P.M. of the Royal Sussex Lodge, Bath, and the following brethren, amongst others, attended the obsequies: Bros. Lieut.-Col. Ford, J. A. Timmins, R. King, E. N. Fuller, C. Collins, W. F. Collins, W. Gill, R. B. Cater, Cuffe Adams, Charles Milsom, and B. H. Watts. The coffin was covered with a profusion of wreaths and crosses of flowers sent by friends.

BRO. J. R. FOULGER, P.M.

Our readers will have heard with deep regret the sudden death, on Saturday last, of Bro. Ex-Inspector J. R. Foulger. At the inquest which followed, the medical evidence showed that death was due to heart disease. Bro. Foulger was initiated many years since in the Domestic Lodge, No. 177, and having served the office of S.D. in 1867, and that of S.W. in the year 1868-9, was elected to the chair as W.M. in 1870. Since then Bro. Foulger had taken a deep interest in the affairs of the lodge, and his loss will be sincerely regretted by all its members, by whom he was most deservedly esteemed and respected.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

BURN.—On the 9th inst., at Lansdown-crescent, Bath, the wife of Col. J. Burn, B.S.C., of a daughter.
DAVIS.—On the 8th inst., at Elmsleigh, Budleigh Salterton, the wife of the Rev. E. Davis, of a son.
PYM.—On the 10th inst., at the Rectory, Cherry Burton, the wife of the Rev. C. M. Pym, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

LAIVSON—ST. LEGER.—On the 28th ult., at Cairo, Count Max Lavison, son of the late Count Lavison, to Florence, daughter of Col. St. Leger, Commanding Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders.

DEATHS.

FIGG.—On the 7th inst., at Denmark-street, W.C., J. W. Figg, aged 75.
SAYLE.—On the 29th ult., at 27, Stonor-road, West Kensington, W., Harriet Layton, the beloved wife of George Moore Sayle, the younger daughter of Bernard T. Fountaine, Esq., Stoke House, Stoke Hammond, Bucks, aged 25.
SUNLEY.—On the 26th Feb., at Pomony, J. Wm. Sunley, formerly H.B.M. Consul for the Comoro Isles.
TAYLOR.—On the 7th inst., at Claremont House, Maidavale, Thomas Richard Taylor, aged 48.

Bro. the Duke of Connaught opened the Red, White, and Blue Bazaar, in aid of the Home for Little Boys at Farningham and Swanley, at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, on Thursday, the 6th inst. The ceremony was a simple one, and his Royal Highness received a very hearty welcome. The bazaar closed on Wednesday.

The Queen opened the International Exhibition at Liverpool on Tuesday, having travelled north for the purpose during the previous night. Her Majesty, who was accompanied by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and the Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, and attended by Bro. Earl Granville and other important functionaries, was received with the greatest enthusiasm, both on her way to the Exhibition and in the building itself. In the interval between the arrival of the Royal party and the ceremony, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught visited and thoroughly inspected the Southern Hospital, close to the docks.



Bro. Lord Abercorn has been elected a member and bencher of the Society of Gray's Inn.

Bro. the Earl and Countess Bathurst arrived at their residence in Grosvenor-gardens from Cirencester House, Gloucester, on Wednesday.

Bro. G. Mason was installed W.M. of the Ubique Lodge, No. 1780, at the Café Royal, Regent-street, on Monday last. A full report will appear in our next.

At the regular meeting of the Arlecdon Lodge, No. 1660, Frizington, on Wednesday, the 5th inst., Bro. Dr. Jas. J. Lacey was elected W.M. for the ensuing year.

Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks Beach, Bart., M.P., was one of the pall-bearers at the funeral of the late Lord Redesdale, who was buried at Batsford on Thursday, the 6th inst.

Bro. Sir P. Cunliffe Owen opened the club for the Commissioners of the Colonial and Indian Exhibition in the Old London Street, on behalf of the Prince of Wales, on Monday.

Bros. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., and Lord George Hamilton, M.P., are among the Stewards for the eighth festival in behalf of the East London Hospital and Dispensary for Women, Shadwell.

Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress attended the first reception given by the Countess of Rosebery, at the Foreign Office, on Saturday evening last, when the Prince and Princess of Wales were present.

Bro. the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress will entertain the Judges at dinner at the Mansion House on Wednesday, the 9th June, and the Archbishops and Bishops of the Established Church on Wednesday, the 7th July.

All the Masonic Grand Bodies in the State of Maine were to hold their annual meetings last week, the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter on Tuesday, and the Grand Council and Grand Commandery on the following day.

At the reassembling of the House of Lords after the Easter holidays, on Thursday, the 6th inst., there were present the Prince of Wales, and Bros. Earl Granville, the Earl of Cork, Lord Wolverton, and the Earl of Carnarvon.

Bro. C. Corby was installed as W.M. of the Leigh Lodge, No. 1354, on Monday last. There was a good number of brethren of the lodge present, and upwards of 40 visitors to greet him and wish him a happy and prosperous year of office.

A recent number of the Philadelphia *Keystone* contains lengthy quotations from the address delivered by Bro. J. H. Estill, at the sesqui-centennial celebration of Solomon's Lodge No. 1, of Savannah, Georgia, which was chartered by the Grand Lodge of England in 1735.

At the annual meeting of the Ebor Council (T.I.) of the Allied Degrees, held in the Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, on the 29th ult., Bro. Bernard Langley Mills, M.D. (Medical Staff), was elected Worshipful Master, and Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer.

The Baroness Burdett-Coutts and Bro. W. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., arrived in London from Italy on the 6th inst., their return having been hastened by the unexpected death of their Steward, Mr. Weedon, who for upwards of 40 years had held a position of great trust and responsibility in the Baroness's household.

Bro. Henry T. Fryer, twice Chairman and many years Treasurer of the Bromley and District Licensed Victuallers and Beersellers' Protection Society, has been installed W.M. of the Excelsior Lodge, No. 1155, and on the 7th inst. a banquet was given at the White Swan Hotel, Deptford, in celebration of the event.

The monthly gathering of the Palladian Lodge, No. 120, Hereford, took place on Tuesday, the 4th inst., under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. John Barnes, when the business included the initiation of Mr. George Ponsonby Rogers, of The Field, who was duly elected at the previous meeting, and the passing of Bro. W. Cecil Gethen.

M.E. Comp. George W. Kendrick, jun., G.H.P. of Pennsylvania, paid a grand visitation to the Palestine Royal Arch Chapter, No. 240, in the Masonic Hall, Philadelphia, on Friday, the 9th ult. Comp. Kendrick, who was accompanied by his Grand Officers, delivered an admirable address, and the chapter having been closed, the companions adjourned to a very pleasant repast.

The W. Bro. the Rev. T. Cartwright Smyth, D.D., LL.D., delivered an address to the members of the Lodge of Prudence, No. 2069, Leeds, on Saturday afternoon. Dr. Smyth is the Master of this new and flourishing lodge, and has recently been appointed to the office of Provincial Grand Chaplain of West Yorkshire. He was for some time Deputy District Grand Master of the Eastern Archipelago, and served the Craft most faithfully in India for many years, so that the rev. brother is well qualified to speak on "Incidents and Reminiscences experienced during his Masonic career in India and elsewhere."

In addition to the noblemen and members of Parliament already announced, the undermentioned members of the Corporation will support Mr. Horace B. Marshall, C.C., at the annual festival of the News-vendors' Benevolent and Provident Institution, to be held at Cannon-street Hotel, on the 25th inst., viz.: Alderman Sir John Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., Mr. Alderman Stone, Mr. Alderman De Keyser, Mr. Alderman and Sheriff Evans, Mr. Alderman Savory, Mr. Ex-Sheriff Smith, J.P., Mr. W. Basingham, C.C., Mr. D. Colegrave, C.C., Mr. H. Dickenson, C.C., Mr. Banister Fletcher, C.C., Mr. Henry Green, C.C., Mr. Frank Green, C.C., Mr. William London, C.C., Mr. Graham King, C.C., Mr. George Manners, C.C., Mr. C. T. Mathew, C.C., Mr. John Pound, C.C., Mr. T. Wildash, C.C., and Mr. W. P. Treloar, C.C.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Lathom and the Ladies Wilbraham have returned to town to their residence in Portland-place, from Lathom House, Ormskirk.

It seems that, according to the latest returns, there are 354 lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of Michigan, with an aggregate membership of 27,045.

Miss Lingard, whose impersonation of "Sister Mary" is creating such world-wide sensation, has given permission to Bro. C. E. Towell, of Manchester, to dedicate to her a newly-invented ladies' collar.

Bro. Hyde Clarke was present at the anniversary festival, at the Holborn Restaurant, on Wednesday, of the Metropolitan Free Hospital, Kingsland-road. The subscriptions amounted to £2168.

Bros. Alderman Sir W. Ellis, Bart., T. F. Halsey, F. Seager Hunt, C. B. McLaren, and P. McLagan, were among the guests at the Speaker's sixth full dress Parliamentary dinner on Wednesday evening.

The Prince and Princess of Wales and the Imperial Crown Princess of Germany visited the Lyceum Theatre on Monday evening, and witnessed the performance of "Faust."

Bro. Lord and Lady Wolsley and Bro. Sir P. and Lady Cunliffe Owen were among the guests present to meet the Imperial Crown Princess of Germany at dinner at the German Embassy, Carlton House-terrace, on the 6th inst.

M.E. Comp. Alfred F. Chapman paid a grand visitation to the Cambridge Royal Arch Chapter, Cambridge, on the 12th March, the business of the evening, which was carried out by E. Comp. L. H. Averell, H.P., being the exaltation of three candidates.

Bro. Sir M. W. Ridley, Bart., was one of the principal guests at the 28th anniversary festival, held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, in aid of the Railway Benevolent Institution. The subscriptions announced in the course of the evening amounted to £8256.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has addressed a letter to the daily press, in which he states that, with a view to offering facilities to the public to respond to the recent appeal of the Prince of Wales for further funds in aid of the Gordon Boys' Home, he has consented to receive donations at the Mansion House.

Bro. Lord Halsbury has consented to take the chair at a dinner, to be held at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Wednesday, the 19th inst., in aid of the funds of the Public Dispensary, in Clare Market. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, O.C., G. Reg., and J. W. Goodinge are among the Stewards.

A short operatic season at Drury Lane Theatre will be opened on Monday, the 31st inst., under the auspices of the opera company of which Bro. Carl Rosa is the chief. It is expected the season will last four weeks, Mozart's "Marriage of Figaro" having been selected for the opening performance.

According to the *Freemason's Journal* of New York, the proceeds of the grand performance by the American Opera Company on the 12th ult., of Wagner's "Lohengrin," exceeded 5000 dollars, which sum was placed in the hands of Grand Master Lawrence, towards the fund for liquidating the debt on the Masonic Hall, New York.

Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress will preside at the ceremony of unveiling a Shakespeare memorial window at St. James's Church, Curtain-road, at 3 p.m., this (Friday) afternoon, and will afterwards be present at the opening of the new Institute in connection with the Young Women's Christian Association, Finsbury-square.

We are pleased to hear that the M.W. Bro. Daniel Spry, who has had such a splendid term as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, has been presented with a handsome set of regalia, a compliment well deserved, for few, if any, have done more of late years for the Canadian Craft than that indefatigable brother. In Knight Templary he has also "won his spurs" as Grand Chancellor of Canada, and his devotion to the Order has been lately especially recognised by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Temple, who has conferred on Bro. Spry the distinction of "Grand Cross of the Temple," notwithstanding the fact that the recipient of the decoration has been a determined advocate of the separation of the "Great Priory" of Canada from the "Convent General," of which our Royal brother is the distinguished Chief.

At the Criterion Theatre on Wednesday evening the two-act comedy, "Court Favour," by the late J. R. Planché, was introduced as the first piece. The principal character—Lucy, the Ward—was skilfully portrayed by Miss Rose Saker, who carried on State intrigues in favour of her faithful swain in a charming manner, that kept the audience in a merry mood until the dénouement at the end of the second act. Mr. George Giddens caused considerable amusement as the lover, David Brown, while Mr. Harry St. Maur was very successful as the fascinating but designing Duke of Albemarle. A change of programme will be made next week, when the mirth-provoking three-act farce, "The Man with Three Wives," will be withdrawn for a time. This farce has had a short but successful run, the complications and cleverly devised situations causing a continual round of laughter until the fall of the curtain. Bro. Chas. Wyndham returns next week with his company, when he will appear in the part of Schamyl, in a new fantastic drama, entitled "The Circassian."

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

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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Bro. Deputy Controller Bake was on Tuesday last installed W.M. of the Henniker Lodge of Mark Master Masons, in succession to Bro. James Terry. A report is in type, but crowded out, and it will appear next week.

Bro. J. W. Figg, whose death occurred quite recently, and whose funeral took place on Thursday afternoon, was a Mason of several years' standing, having been a member of the Lodge of Unions, 250. He was also a Life-Governor of, and had acted as Steward for, all our Institutions.

Bro. Sheriff Clarke has been invited to stand as a candidate in the Conservative interest for one of the divisions of Lincolnshire at the next General Election.

Lady Borthwick has consented to open a fancy fair in Kensington Town Hall on Monday next, in aid of the Charities connected with St. George's Church, Camden Hill.

The Prince and Princess of Wales will be present to-morrow (Saturday) at the performance, in Prince's Hall, of Professor Warr's classical drama, "The Story of Orestes."

Bro. the Lord Mayor has received an intimation that the Prince of Wales will, on some day which has not yet been fixed, lay the foundation-stone of the proposed Tower Bridge.

Bro. Earl and Countess Granville, Bro. Lord Kensington, and Bro. Sir P. Cunliffe Owen had the honour of joining the Royal dinner party at Windsor on Saturday evening last.

The new theatre which is about to be erected in the Strand, on the site of the Occidental Tavern, will be called Terry's Theatre, Bro. Edward Terry having secured a lease of it for twenty-one years.

Bro. the Earl of Kintore presided at the house dinner of the Constitutional Club on Wednesday evening, Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., being one of the principal guests and speakers.

In the unavoidable absence of the Prince of Wales, the Marquis of Ormonde, who is Vice-Commodore, presided at the annual meeting, held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on Saturday last, of the members of the Royal Yacht Squadron.

Bros. Earl Granville and the Right Hon. G. J. Shaw-Lefevre, M.P., attended and spoke at a political meeting at the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, on the 7th inst. Bro. G. O. Trevelyan, M.P., being present, and speaking at a meeting of his constituents at Galashiels, the same day.

Bros. Dixon-Hartland, M.P., and J. D. Allcroft, P.G. Treas., were present at the annual festival, held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Friday, the 7th inst., of the Royal Hospital for Incurables. The subscriptions amounted to £3700.

A new Preceptory of Knights Templar, named the Malta, was recently opened at Truro, Nova Scotia, the necessary dispensation having been forwarded by Sir Knt. Daniel Spry, Grand Chancellor of the Order in the Dominion. Sir Knt. L. B. Archibald, of the Inter-Colonial Railway, is the E. Preceptor.

Bro. the Right Hon. G. J. Shaw-Lefevre, M.P., presided, and Bros. Lord North, Storey-Maskelyne, M.P., and Cavendish-Bentinck, M.P., were among those present at a meeting held at the Society of Arts on the 6th inst., to protest against the contemplated mutilation of the London Charterhouse.

Bro. Sir Algernon Borthwick, M.P., presided at a meeting held in the Kensington Town Hall on the 6th inst., of the National Health Society, when H.R.H. the Princess Christian distributed certificates to a number of students who had successfully passed an examination on Dr. Schofield's lecture on Sanitation.

R.W. Bro. the Marquis of Hertford, G.S.W. of the Mark Grand Lodge, will be installed Prov. G.M.M. of Warwickshire, in succession to R.W. Bro. Lord Brooke, M.P., at the Great Western Hotel, Birmingham, on Wednesday next, the 19th inst. The ceremony will be performed by M.W. Bro. the Earl of Kintore, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, &c.

Bro. Augustus Harris having issued an invitation to the Colonial and Indian Commissioners to a reception at Drury Lane Theatre, after the performance of "Human Nature," on Thursday evening, a large company assembled on the stage of the Theatre, amongst the distinguished guests present being the Duke of Teck, the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn, the Turkish Ambassador and Suite, Lord and Lady Napier of Magdala, General Malcolm Khan, Sir Philip Cunliffe and Lady Cunliffe-Owen, Sir C. Tupper (Canada), Hon. Capt. Loftus and Mrs. Loftus (New South Wales), Sir A. Blyth and Lady Blyth (South Australia), Hon. J. E. Mason (Fiji), Sir C. Mills (Cape of Good Hope), Sir W. C. Sergeant and Lady Sergeant (Natal), Colonel Palmer (St. Helena), Mr. A. N. Birch (Ceylon), Mr. Swettenham (Straits Settlement), Mr. Despeissis (Mauritius), Mr. Hawtayne (British Guiana), Mr. Adderley (West Indies), Sir James Marshall and Lady Marshall (West Africa), Sir Victor and Lady Houlton (Malta), General Sir Peter Lumsden, G.C.B., and Lady Lumsden, the Thakur Sahib of Gondal, Sir Owen Burne, Sir George Birdwood, C.S.I., Earl of Wharfedale, Sir William Clarke, Sir Richard Pollock, Sir James Fergusson, Sir George Wombwell, Sir Francis and Lady Bolton, Mr. Henry Oppenheim, Mr. Edmund Yates, Mr. R. Sassoon, General Sir H. Lumsden, Sir F. Abel, General J. H. Burne, Mr. H. Lucy, Mr. Bancroft, Mr. Seager Hunt, M.P., Sir John Gorst, O.C., M.P., and Lady Gorst, Sir George Bowen, Mr. T. H. Bolton, M.P., Major Dickson, M.P., Mr. Wm. Ingram, M.P., Colonel Hughes-Hallett, M.P., Mr. W. Woodall, M.P., Mr. W. Pearce, M.P., Mr. Dixon Hartland, M.P., Admiral Sir E. Inglefield, Hon. Malcolm Fraser and Mrs. Fraser (Western Australia), Mr. Purdon Clarke, C.I.E., Mr. A. J. Trendall, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Wood, Mr. Alderman Isaacs, Mr. Bosisto and Mrs. Thomson (Victoria), Mr. Horace Voules, Mr. and Miss Bhowmuggree, Mr. Phipps, F.S.A., Mr. Dicey, C.B., Mr. Sutherland Edwards and Lady White, Dr. George Watt and Mrs. Watt, Mr. and Miss Seymour Vesey Fitz-Gerald, Dr. and Mrs. Morrell-Mackenzie, Mr. Dadabhai Naroji, and others.