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WE congratulate both Bro. Sir M. W. RIDLEY, Bart., M.P., and the Province of Northumberland on the successful proceedings at Newcastle on Tuesday. Thanks to the able and genial rule of Bro. Earl PERCY, the late P.G.M., during the last 17 years, the latter is in a high state of efficiency, and the utmost harmony prevails among the lodges and their members. As regards Bro. Sir M. W. RIDLEY, he is well qualified, not only on account of his high social position in the county, but likewise from his known ability as a lodge worker and kindly disciplinarian, to succeed his lordship, and we anticipate for Northumberland, under its new ruler, a long continuance of that prosperity which it has enjoyed so uninterruptedly and so fully during the period of Bro. Earl PERCY's Prov. G. Mastership.

OUR readers will have seen from the report we published last week of the proceedings of the latest Committee meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution that the prospects of the candidates for the benefits of the two funds are about as bad as bad can be. There are upwards of 40 old brethren who have been approved as worthy to be elected on the Male Fund; but there is only one vacancy as yet, so that, as matters stand, and taking into account the three deferred annuitants eligible under Law 13, all but four out of these 40 and odd candidates will have to wait a further twelve months, reckoning from the third Friday in May, 1887, for another chance of being successfully balloted for. It is highly probable there will be other vacancies occurring between now and the aforesaid third Friday, which will be duly filled up on that day, but it is also pretty certain that before the list for the election is closed the present 40 and odd candidates will have been increased to 50 and odd. As regards the Widows' Fund, the case is infinitely worse. There are already close on 90, and there will no doubt ultimately be some 100 candidates; but at present there is not a single vacancy to be filled. Only three deaths have occurred since May last, and the vacancies thus created have been filled by the three deferred annuitants then elected. Thus, if even twice as many deaths occur in the latter as in the earlier half of the current year, and we add to these the three deferred annuitants under Law 13, there will still only be about nine that can be elected in May next out of a total list of about 100 candidates, and the other 90 will have to stand out in the cold for at least another twelve months. We have been purposely as explicit as possible, so that our readers, and, indeed, the Craft generally in all parts of the country, may have ample time and opportunity for reflecting on the present terrible position of affairs, and devising some safe, yet practical, mode of remedying it, and so lessening the almost unutterable distress which will certainly overtake the majority of these poor candidates. But the case is even worse if we remember that of the 40 and odd male candidates upwards of 30 remained over from the last, and some even from previous elections, while of the nearly 90 female candidates, some 60 were candidates in May last, and several of them in previous years likewise. Let the reader try and realise what this waiting on from one election to another means in the case of our unsuccessful candidates—all over sixty years of age—who at the time of their acceptance as such were all of them already in a state of almost abject poverty. It is said that "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick," and this is true enough in the case of hale and hearty men and women; but what a fearful degree of heart sickness must that be which results from Hope again and again deferred in the case of poor old men and women without, or with hardly any, means of their own to support them, with but few friends or relatives to help them, and with their mental and physical powers almost, or it may be entirely, broken down? And, as ill luck will have it, the prospects of lessening this amount of suffering are less promising, because the outlook as regards the Anniversary Festival in February next is less favourable than it was at the corresponding period of last year. There are fewer brethren who have consented to act as Festival Stewards, and that means of course that the chances of accumulating a good return are less bright. This is the present position of affairs as stated at the Committee meeting of the Institution held as recently as the 10th inst. We have not drawn the long bow in describing it, nor have we understated it. We have merely repeated what was stated officially at the meeting in question, and

it is for the brethren to settle in their minds what must be done to make the picture less harrowing. There are, on the one hand, the 40 and odd male candidates and the nearly 90 women candidates, all worthy of being placed in possession of the benefits afforded by the Institution, and on the other hand there is the one male vacancy to be filled and the three deferred annuities on each fund. There is no need to make this the text for an elaborate sermon; let the text speak for itself and appeal in all its naked deformity to the innate goodness of heart of our brother Masons.

THE members of the Prudence Lodge, No. 2069, had a happy time of it on the 13th inst. Bro. J. L. MASON, P.P.G. Treasurer of West Yorkshire, and an old and respected P.M., was installed as the new Master, in succession to that distinguished Masonic veteran, Bro. the Rev. Dr. SMYTH, the Board of Installed Masters consisting of some *four score brethren*. Although one of the new Temperance lodges, pleasure, as well as profit, were duly provided for, and in the evening an entertainment, at which the ladies were able to be present, completed the successful proceedings, which, from beginning to end, went smoothly and most effectually, thanks to the able management of the W.M. and the zealous Secretary of the lodge, Bro. WILLIAM WATSON, P.M. We congratulate Bro. MASON on another honour, and we feel assured that the prosperity of the lodge is in the right hands.

WE fully sympathise with the desire expressed at the recent meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Norfolk for an increase in the number of lodges in that province. There are no doubt many who think the Grand Lodge of England has on its roll lodges enough and to spare. This may or may not be the case, but it is very certain that these lodges are by no means equally distributed among our provinces and districts, and that while some have more than they can support in a reasonably healthy condition, there is ample room in others for an addition of one or more lodges to the roll, and that, too, without the slightest risk of injuring the present effective condition of the Craft, as already established within its borders. We believe this is the case with Norfolk, which, since the constitution of the Walpole Lodge, No. 1500, Norwich, in 1874, has had but two lodges created, namely, the Montgomerie, No. 1741, Diss, in 1878, and the Suffield, No. 1808, North Walsham, in 1879. But what chiefly confirms us in this opinion is the fact that more than a hundred years since, when the country was less thickly populated and far less wealthy, there were more lodges in it than now—we do not speak of mere occasional lodges, but such as held their ground and remained apparently in good working order for a longish term of years—while, as compared with other provinces, which are now considerably ahead of it in this respect, Norfolk was, for a great part of last century, one of the strongholds of Freemasonry in this country. We have glanced casually through the Lodge Lists in the Appendix to Bro. GOULD'S "Four Old Lodges," and from those we gather that a lodge was established in Norwich in 1724, which, after successive changes of number, became No. 16 in 1792, and died out between that year and the Union. Other lodges followed this, there being as many as 12 in the county up to the close of 1756. Nine more were added, and, with the previous 12, were brought forward and re-numbered in 1770. In 1781 there remained on the roll, but with new numbers assigned to them, 20 out of these 21 lodges. In 1786 two lodges were erased, while at the re-numbering in 1792 three more had disappeared from the roll, and one had migrated into the adjoining Province of Suffolk, so that at the date of the last closing up of the list there were 14 lodges in the province, and six more were constituted between 1792 and 1813. Naturally the bulk of these lodges met in Norwich, which appears at one time to have boasted of a round dozen of them, and both Lynn and Great Yarmouth appear to have been never during this period without a lodge or lodges, the small remainder being held variously at various times—Swaffham, Diss, Fakenham, Acle, Cottisham, Blakeney, and Thetford, being the favoured resorts. Thus about a century since Norfolk, with a smaller population and less wealth, had some 20 lodges as against its present roll of 16. The latter are better distributed perhaps, Norwich having six, North Walsham and Great Yarmouth two each, and Diss, East Dereham, Fakenham, Harleston, Lynn, and Wymondham one each. But what of Thetford, which till a few years back was a Parliamentary borough, and could boast a lodge during the latter half of last century? what of Swaffham, which also had its lodge from 1764 till close on 1792? what of Blakeney, where both a "Modern" and an "Ancient" lodge were established? what of Acle, Cottisham, and Walsingham, where there were once lodges; and of Aylsham, Cromer, Holt, Wells—the new rector of which is a most energetic Freemason—and other towns of position enough to

support each one its lodge? Of course, in a country which is mainly agricultural, railway communication and other means of access between town and town may not be as frequent or as easy as in others and more favoured districts. But the difficulties hence arising are not insuperable, and it occurs to us that a province which 100 years ago had twenty lodges on its roll ought not long to remain content with only sixteen lodges. It must be remembered that in offering these suggestions, neither we nor the brethren who started the proposition at the last meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge are touting for Freemasonry. We are urging on the brethren to provide greater facilities for the congregation of Masons, which, we take it, is the principal object in establishing new lodges, and we trust no long time will pass ere the proposal finds encouragement in towns as yet unoccupied by our lodges.

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BRO. FREEMAN, the Provincial Grand Secretary of Sussex, has already in print an exceedingly neat pamphlet, giving a condensed account of the Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Brighton, on the 12th ult., and full reports of the various Committees, the whole of which are of a most satisfactory character. The Treasurer's statement exhibits over £150 as the receipts for the past year, the expenditure being about £120, inclusive of donations for charitable purposes. The balance now in hands of the bankers, &c., amounts to £273 9s. 11d.

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THE table prepared by Bro. FREEMAN is a most valuable one, and from it we learn there are now 1097 subscribing members in the province belonging to the 25 lodges, showing a slight increase since the last numerical list was printed. It would add much to the efficiency of all the Provincial Grand Lodges if each had similar useful particulars published from time to time.

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THE secret is out at last, and it will be no use our pretending any longer that the proceedings of a Masons' lodge are hidden from the knowledge of the public. Such an idea may have held good formerly, and even now it may pass current for the truth among the inmates of Bedlam or the aborigines of Central Africa. But civilised people, and especially those dwelling in the favoured counties of Limerick and Tipperary, know better. A Mr. R. H. COTTER has written a letter to a journal circulating in those parts, in which he describes, in all its diabolical hideousness, the whole ceremony of Masonic initiation. Mr. COTTER is by no means scrupulous about the use of strong language, there being almost innumerable "damns" and "devils" introduced into his description of the scene, but he supports his statements by frequent references to articles and reports in the *Freemason*, and therefore there can be no doubt about the authenticity of his facts. At all events, our readers who have gone through the dread ordeal of initiation know from experience what "devilish" cruelties were perpetrated at their expense by the "incarnate fiends" who performed the ceremony. They know, alas! but too well, that one of the most important features in a properly furnished Masons' lodge room is the "rough ashlar," or "rock, of half a ton or more in weight, ballasting the goat or tracing board," to which the candidate is tightly strapped, and on which he lies in a paroxysm of terror, the big beads of perspiration dropping from his forehead, while one "devil" prods him with a dirk or poniard "in the left mammary region," just over the heart, and another "devil" extorts from him the oath of allegiance to the "devilish" principles of the Craft. Of course, too, if he were slow to utter the words of that "nefarious oath," he has a most vivid recollection of how those "devils," kept prodding him more and more sharply by command of the "thundering devil" in the "chair of A—," till "broken down in spirit for all time, if not for eternity," he at length "caved under to that incarnation of Satan in those depths of Hell." Even now probably he feels "a certain sensation" "go through him and down to his legs," and shudders fearfully at the bare recollection of that awful scene. For ourselves, we have done nothing else than shudder since reading Mr. COTTER'S letter, and as the blood-stained garments in which we underwent the ceremony are "still religiously preserved among our ancient archives," we fear we shall go on shuddering for the rest of our days.

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BUT this is by no means the sum total of Mr. COTTER'S disclosures, derived, as he tells us, from a journal, which is published "with the special sanction of the Prince of WALES," and such other trustworthy sources as "KENNING'S Cyclopædia," &c. He recounts, among other things, that "the process of initiation is so cruel that even the devils themselves are obliged to have 'lodges of instruction' in order to get their hand steady—and one devil acts as sham candidate for the rest to practise on." He explains that a "Lewis" is "the son of a Mason devil father who has 'the privilege' of murdering his own son in body and soul at the tender age of eighteen!" and that whenever an event of this kind takes place "the sponsor announces that 'a new creature' is born into 'the mother lodge.'" Further on we read—and on our own authority, too—that CAIN was our "first Grand Master," and that he (CAIN) "made a bungling attempt to make a freemason of his brother ABEL and failed." It appears also that when NEBUCHADNEZZAR, who was a "Sovereign Grand Conservator of the Rite," tried "to make Freemasons of SHADRACH, MESHECH, and ABEDENEGO, he smelt fire, and repented." Well, we suppose we must content ourselves with the wise reflection that this is an age in which—to use a hackneyed phrase—"we live and learn." We, of course, and our readers, have known all these things from our initiation onwards, and can therefore vouch for their perfect truth. Now, thanks to Mr. COTTER'S exposition, the profane world knows them likewise, and is doubtless edified. To the phantasies in green, the studies in black and white, the blue devils, the devils in red, must be added henceforth this "alto relievo" in terra Cotter,

in which the artist has delineated in all its devilry the only true mode of initiating Freemasons. We are much obliged to Mr. COTTER for giving publicity to our ceremonies, and we hope he will follow up his first success by others still more astounding. The one thing that surprises us is that the editor of any journal, especially if he is under the necessity of disclaiming all knowledge of the Craft, should have allotted so much space in his correspondence columns to these Masonic "devils." They must have "played the very devil" with the nerves of his more sensitive readers.

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GENERAL CHARLES ROOME, of New York, who is the new Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templars, is a prominent figure in all that concerns the welfare of the Craft in New York, and a most zealous and efficient frater. Having raised and commanded a regiment during the Civil War, and, by his valour and meritorious efforts obtained a commission as Brigadier-General of the United States Army, Bro. ROOME is precisely fitted for the important position he is now called upon to fill, and beyond question, out of the many fratres eligible for so distinguished a command, there is not one more competent to fulfil such onerous and difficult duties. When we remember that there are about 50,000 Knights Templars who are proud to acknowledge him as their Grand Master, it will readily be seen that the office is not one easily filled, and we congratulate the Grand Encampment on the excellence of their choice. Though only initiated in 1865 in the famous "Kane" Lodge, General ROOME was elected Grand Master of New York in 1879, and, though comparatively young as a Craftsman, that large Grand Lodge had every reason to be satisfied with his term of office. We cannot do better than quote the concluding portion of an appreciative article in the *Freemasons' Repository*, from which we have gleaned a few facts—"In other lines of effort, and in the ways of beneficence and Charity as well, he has made worthy expression of a true quality of Masonic life. As brother and citizen, as friend and associate, he is deservedly honoured and esteemed."

CONSECRATION OF THE OSBORNE LODGE, No. 2169, EAST COWES, ISLE OF WIGHT.

On Monday, the 15th inst., the Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight, under the guidance of R.W. Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M., increased its still growing strength by the addition of another, and what promises to be a flourishing, lodge at East Cowes, Isle of Wight. The Isle of Wight itself can now boast of eight lodges, viz., one at West Cowes, one at East Cowes, one at Newport, two at Ryde, one at Sandown, one at Shanklin, and one at Ventnor.

The founders of the new lodge are Bros. R. L. Robertson, I.P.M., W.M. designate; G. A. Mursell, P.M., Sec., P.P.G.S.D., S.W. designate; Jas. Halliday, J.W. designate; J. C. Airs, P.M.; F. R. Harris, H. Halliday, H. T. Deacon, Wm. Pryer, C. Gregory, Edward Matthews, R. James, A. Perry, C. Stock, and H. Heyes, all of whom belong to the oldest lodge in the province—Medina, No. 35, Cowes—and the whole of the arrangements for the day's proceedings were admirably carried out at the Albert Hall, East Cowes, commencing at half-past one o'clock.

Amongst those present were—

Bros. W. W. Beach, M.P., P.G.M.; J. E. Le Feuvre, G.J.D., D.P.G.M.; T. Newman, P.P.G.S.W., acting as P.G.S.W.; T. W. Faulkner, P.P.G.J.W., acting as P.G.J.W.; Rev. R. S. Wood, M.A., 151, P.G. Chap.; F. F. Lancaster, P.G. Reg.; E. Goble, P.G. Sec.; H. Lashmore, P.M. 394, P.G.S.D.; H. Loader, P.M., P.G. S.D.; S. Lowe, P.M., P.G.J.D.; F. Powell, 153, P.G.D.C.; J. Bailey, I.P.M. 1884, P.G.A.D.C.; H. Kimber, 804, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Farrance, P.M. 152, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Jackson, I.P.M. 142, P.G.P.; H. Pigeon, jun., P.G. Org.; Exell, P.G. Tyler; Col. Terry, P.M. 533, P.P.G. Std. Br. Cheshire; S. Wheeler, P.M. 151, P.P.G.J.D.; G. Fack, P.M. 175, P.P.G.J.D.; Rev. P. G. W. Pickering, P.M. 35, P.P.G. Chap.; A. Barfield, P.M. 35, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Leftwich, S.D.; E. Poland, F. Osborne, H. F. W. Stallard, R. James, H. Barlow, R. W. Roberts, C. Gregory, W. Pryer, I.G.; R. Cullingford, I.G.; H. H. Wheeler, P.M.; E. Matthews, A. W. Jones, C. Long, J. M. Taylor, S. J. Clark, F. W. Dyett, W. Trew, C. Stock, F. P. Patch, A. Perry, R. Sullivan, and E. Young, Tyler, all of 35; G. R. King, S.W.; J. H. Wavell, S.D.; J. G. Garnham, W.M.; C. Knell, A. Millidge, J.D.; G. A. Brannon, I.G., and H. Groves, 151; H. Durrant, W.M., C. Carter, J.W., and H. Pearce, 175; G. Brown, 328; J. Reed, 487; C. P. Cramer, 244; F. Topham Jones, W.M. 551; A. Dashurra, W.M., and W. Hammond Riddett, Sec. 698; J. H. McQueen, 11; W. Armstrong, 441; A. Greenham, W.M., F. Couper, Treas., F. Rayner, J.W., W. J. Mew, and E. G. Boehme, 1884; Z. J. Wilkins and D. Warn, 1780; J. Conner, 1869; P. H. Emanuel, J.W. 2068; and the founders of the lodge, before enumerated.

The brethren having assembled in their respective places in the lodge room, the Prov. Grand Master took the chair, and appointed his officers *pro tem.*, and the lodge was opened in the three Degrees, and the brethren saluted the P.G.M. in due form.

THE PROV. GRAND MASTER, in addressing the brethren on the nature of the meeting, said that they had met together that day for a purpose which was always of interest and importance. In constituting a new lodge it showed the great interest taken by the brethren, and gave them greater opportunity to improve their Masonic knowledge. The new lodge would be the first that side of the water, and it should be proud for the oldest lodge in the province to be able to raise an offspring, it might be said, under their banner. This new lodge, he felt assured, would not be detrimental to its mother, but would increase Masonry in those parts, and consequently he felt it his duty to recommend the petition which had been granted that day. It was needless for him to detail the responsibilities that befal upon those who undertook the government of the lodge, as the majority were old and experienced Masons. From what he had heard, the population of that side of the water was increasing rapidly, and he expressed a hope that many would be induced to join, as they would probably be, when brought home so close to them, but, at the same time, he must impress upon the brethren not to be too anxious, and take into their folds men who would not be worthy of the confidence reposed in them. Better wait than to do it hurriedly. He

was quite confident, from what he knew of the officers, they were fully alive to what he had stated, and would do their utmost to carry out the precepts of Freemasonry, and make the Osborne Lodge a credit to Freemasonry and to the Island. He concluded by expressing a sincere wish that the lodge would flourish and prosper in the future, and he assured the brethren he should watch their development with great interest, and when he should have the pleasure of visiting them he would find his hopes realised. (Applause.)

The brethren of the new lodge were then arranged in order, and the P. G. Sec., Bro. E. GOBLE, P.M., read the petition and warrant, and, in reply to the P.G.M., the brethren signified their approval of the officers named therein.

The PROV. G. CHAPLAIN then delivered an eloquent oration.

An anthem, "Tis a pleasant thing to see," was sung and the first portion of the dedication prayer was read, and the brethren having turned towards the East, the P.G.M. gave the invocation, and the P.G. CHAPLAIN read a portion of the Scripture from Chronicles II.

In reply to the P.G.M., the D.P.G.M. said he had examined the Master and Wardens designate, and found them skilled in the noble science, and duly instructed in the mysteries of Freemasonry, and, at the same time, presented the W.M. designate to the P.G.M., and was duly placed in the chair.

The ballot was then taken for the election of Treasurer, and Bro. E. Matthews was unanimously elected, and Bro. Young was elected Tyler.

The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows for the ensuing year: Bros. G. A. Mursell, P.M. 35, P.P.G.S.D., S.W.; James Halliday, J.W.; Airs, P.M., D.C. 35, acting I.P.M.; E. Matthews, Treas.; R. James, Reg.; L. T. Wilkins, Sec.; H. Halliday, D.C.; C. Gregory, S.D.; H. T. Deacon, J.D.; W. Pryer, I.G.; F. Hayes, Org.; A. Perry and C. Stock, Stewards; and E. Young, Tyler.

Bro. MURSELL, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., on behalf of Bro. H. C. Manners, W.M. 35, asked the Prov. Grand Master to present to the lodge a banner in his name.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said it afforded him great pleasure in doing so, as it evinced the great united and friendly feeling existing, as it should, between two such near lodges. The banner was most beautifully decorated, and was well worthy of the Osborne Lodge, and the brethren would estimate its value and importance.

Letters of apologies were read from Bros. the Hon. Somerset Calthorpe, P.G.W. of England; Rev. J. N. Palmer, G. Chaplain of England; Lord John Taylour, P.G.J.W.; W. H. C. St. Clair, P.P.G. Reg.; T. Giles, 35; F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. R.M.I.G.; C. Miles, W.M. 195; and the Rev. A. A. Headley, P.P.G.C.

Votes of thanks were duly recorded to the P.G.M. and his officers for their assistance that day.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER returned thanks.

On the proposition of the W.M., seconded by the J.W., the P.G.M., Dep. P.S.M., P.S. Sec., and P.G. Chap., Bro. Wood, were duly elected honorary members, and each returned thanks.

Five candidates were proposed for initiation, and the same number for joining.

Heartly good wishes being elicited from nearly all parts of the province, the lodge was closed in due form.

The bible was presented to the lodge by Bro. R. Cullingford, I.G. Medina Lodge, and all the furniture, regalia, &c., were manufactured by Bro. Kenning. The banner which was admired by one and all, was also executed at the establishment of Bro. Kenning. It was pale blue silk surmounted with blue and white corded silk and the crest of the lodge—Osborne House and Gardens—most accurately and beautifully painted thereon, and was really a work of art.

A large number of the brethren afterwards, adjourned to the Oddfellows' Hall, where a most recherché banquet was partaken of, the W.M., Bro. Robertson occupying the chair. The toast list included "The Queen and Craft," "H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," "The Pro G.M. and Officers of Grand Lodge," "The R.W.P.G.M., Bro. W. B. Beach, M.P.," "The Dep. P.G.M., Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre and Officers of P.G. Lodge," "W.M. and Success to the Osborne Lodge," "The Visitors," "Officers of the Lodge," "The Charities," and the Tylers' toast. Some excellent harmony was given by the brethren during the evening.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH WALES.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North Wales was held at Newton, Montgomeryshire, on Thursday, the 28th ult., under the presidency of the R.W. Bro. Lord Harlech, P.G.M., assisted by Bro. Colonel Henry Platt, Deputy P.G.M., and the following Prov. Grand officers, viz: Bro. Samuel Pope, Q.C., G. Deacon of England, and J. F. Edisbury, P.G. Wardens; Rev. R. H. Williams, P.G. Chaplain; James Salmon, P.G. Treasurer; T. E. Harris, P.G. Secretary; J. F. Jesse, P.G. Deacon; D. Wynn Williams, P.G.D. of C.; J. Danilly, P.G.S.B.; H. Steer, P.G. St. B.; Hugh Jones and John Owen, P.G. Stds.; H. P. Stubbington, Tyler. There were also present Bro. Robert Roberts, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; J. Kitts, P.P.G.S.D.; W. Collender, P.P.G.D. of C.; Felix Williams, P.P.G. Organist; T. A. Forster, P.P.G. Steward; W. H. Spaul, P.G. Secretary of Shropshire, and about seventy brethren representing the eighteen lodges constituting the province.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened at three p.m., the business stated on the summons calling the P.G.L. was gone through. Bro. J. Salmon was re-elected Treasurer, and after receiving the P.G. Secretary's report of the work done in the past year, which was of a very satisfactory nature, showing that there were over 800 members belonging to the province, and that the Order was on the increase, the R.W.P.G.M. informed the G.P.L. that the province, with the help of the Province of

Shropshire, had been successful in getting the boy Murless, son of the late Bro. Murless, of Wrexham, into the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, London, which was very gratifying, as it was the first time he had been on the list of candidates. His lordship then presented Bro. C. K. Benson with a Charity jewel for the valuable services he had rendered the Masonic Charities.

The Provincial Grand Master then appointed and invested his officers for the year 1886-7 as follows:—

Bro. Colonel Hampton Lewis	Prov. G.S.W.
" Colonel George Croft	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. Watkin Williams	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. John Williams	Prov. G. Chap.
" James Salmon	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. O. Davies	Prov. G. Reg.
" Thomas E. Harris	Prov. G. Sec.
" D. Wynn Williams	Prov. G.A. Sec.
" C. K. Benson	Prov. G.S.D.
" Dr. W. Roberts	Prov. G.J.D.
" A. M. Dunlop	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. R. Hazledine	Prov. G.D. of C.
" J. W. Poole	Prov. G.A.D. of C.
" R. W. Evans	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" J. Parry Griffith	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" K. McEwen	Prov. G. Std. Br.
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The Provincial Grand Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to a banquet prepared in the Victoria Hall, the Prov. G. Master presiding, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were gone through, interspersed with songs, &c., and a very satisfactory and interesting meeting was brought to a close.

Great praise is due to the members of the Cedewain Lodge for the elaborate arrangements they had made for the reception of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF MONMOUTHSHIRE.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Monmouthshire was held at the Masonic Hall, Tredegar, on the 4th inst. Comp. Capt. George Homfray, P.G.H., presided as P.G. Supt., and the business having been carried out, the following were invested as Prov. Grand Officers for the year:—

Comp. Capt. Homfray ...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" John Lewis ...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" R. B. Evans ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" A. McMahon ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" J. H. Little ...	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" J. Orders ...	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" J. Saunders ...	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" H. Feathers ...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" G. Golding ...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" L. P. Gravenor ...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" G. J. Jacob ...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Henry Fletcher ...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

At half past two the companions sat down to luncheon at the Tredegar Arms Hotel, Bro. Capt. Homfray presiding, and among those present were Comps. R. B. Evans, W. Davies, J. Williams, R. W. Jones, W. H. Williams, J. Lewis, G. A. Brown, J. A. Shepard, T. M. Walters, J. T. Jenkins, C. Golding, A. McMahon, L. P. Gravenor, T. Harrhy, Charles Evans, T. B. Jones, C. Widdowson, N. Bradley, J. J. Williams, Daniel Evans, W. Charles, B. Phillips, E. Morgan, E. H. Davies, R. H. Spencer, and M. Lewis.

The usual toasts were honoured.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF SOUTH WALES.

The annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of South Wales was held at Freemasons' Hall, Cardiff, under the banner of the Langley Lodge, No. 28. The Prov. Grand Master, Sir Pryse Pryse, Bart., assisted by his Deputy, the Rev. J. Marsden, B.D., presided over a goodly attendance of the brethren. The following were appointed officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. William Dobbs, W.M. 28 ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" W. H. Richards, 256 ...	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Charles Mathias, 197 ...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" John Lewis, 116 ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.O.
" Robert Capper, 179 ...	...	...	Prov. G.J.O.
" Rev. Charles G. Browne, 116 ...	...	...	Prov. G.S. Chap.
" Rev. Thomas Gwynne Mortimer, 297 ...	...	...	Prov. G.J. Chap.
" N. D. Marks, P.M. 28 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" John Munday, 28 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Asst. Sec.
" J. H. Taylor, 179 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" W. D. Wiltshire, 28 ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" Arthur Roberts, 28 ...	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" F. S. Lock, 28 ...	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" John Francis, 116 ...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" R. E. Jones, 28	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" Richard Price, 28	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Henry Ratcliffe, 179	Prov. G. Org.
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- Provincial Grand Chapter of Oxon.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1886.

Original Correspondence.

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

ADMISSION INTO LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you kindly inform me in your next issue how often a brother who is not a subscribing member to a regular Craft lodge is entitled to visit a Craft lodge of instruction, he being a subscribing member to a Royal Arch chapter? Does this not come under the provisions laid down in Art. 152 of the Book of Constitutions? By so doing you will oblige, yours fraternally,

I.G. 1326.

[We should say that admission to a Craft lodge of instruction must be governed by the rules regulating admission to a Craft lodge; Membership of a Royal Arch Chapter does not affect the question. E.D. F.M.]

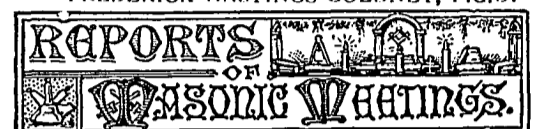


691] **A TREASURE.**
"Bro. Bookworm," who has lately been calling our attention to some choice lots in Claudin's list of curious books, seems to have overlooked the choicest of all. I allude to the original MSS. of C. A. Thory's two great works, the *Annalis Originis* and the *Acta Latomorum*. These are in Thory's own writing, every page marked with the initials of the printer and the censor of the press, substantially bound in calf, and containing, besides the contract with the printer, many lodge lists and an introduction which were suppressed in the printed works. I was desirous of inducing our Grand Lodge, or perhaps the librarian at Golden-square to acquire these, but foresaw that whilst urging the purchase the books would be secured either for America or Canada, both countries having addressed enquiries to Mons. Claudin. Luckily, an English brother, possessed of greater financial resources than myself came to my rescue, and through his help I have been enabled to secure the MSS. for England. I believe the brother in question may possibly part with them at some future time, but he has assured me it shall not be to anyone outside our own country, and by preference to some Institution where they will be available to the Craft. My thanks are due to this brother, but as I have not communicated with him on the subject, I hardly know whether I am at liberty to mention his name.
G. W. SPETH.

692] **OLD WARRANTS.**
Anxious to answer Bro. Hughan's enquiry in the *Freemason* of the 6th inst., I have carefully examined the warrant of the Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 37, but, as I expected, found the seal so much broken and dilapidated that, even by the aid of a powerful magnifying glass, I was unable to decipher the motto, or, in fact, to make out any portion of the seal. In past years the warrant evidently

suffered from lack of care; indeed, I find no record of its having been framed until 1830. Judging by the dates of the warrants quoted by Bro. Hughan, I should suppose the same seal would be used for all.
JAMES NEWTON.

693] **A FIVE-POINTED STAR.**
Bro. Edgar Neale, the valued Secretary of the lodge at Chippenham, has shown me a silver jewel, which, for some seventy years, has been in the possession of his family. The following is a rough description of it:—On a solid star of five points, irradiated, within a circle ornamented, are three hollow crossed triangles forming five points, on the centre whereof is the letter G. enclosing an eye. Does it belong to the order of a Temple? I do not remember to have seen a similar one at the Shanklin Exhibition. A descriptive catalogue of ancient Masonic jewels, to form a sort of record of their varieties, with notes of any interesting circumstances affecting them, would be very useful. Has any such catalogue been compiled, or has anyone undertaken it?
FREDERICK HASTINGS GOLDNEY, P.G.D.



Craft Masonry.

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE (No. 917).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, when there were present Bros. W. T. Yates, W.M.; H. Forss, I.P.M.; J. Salmon, S.W.; A. Hamilton, J.W.; F. Keays, P.M.; Treas.; A. Stean, P.M., Sec.; Egbert Roberts, S.D.; J. J. Abell, J.D.; J. Draper, D.C.; Carlo Tichiaz, I.G.; P.M.; Van Raalte, Redding, Taylor, and Edwards; Bott, Crookes, Bull, Nash, Hall-Hilton, Hall, Crawford, Francis, Thomas, Prime, Davies, Alderson, Kaneman, Brown, and Marsh, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Dewsbury, S.W. 1599; Lee, I.G. 1624; Fenton, 10; Clemov, 1744; Woolton, 1086; Thomson, 1524; Jones, 173; Crookes, 2087; Bullen, 254; St. Aubyn, 357; Dottridge, P.M. 172; May, S.D. 429; Weston, 1278; Allen, 1056; Scard, 177; Stephens, P.M. 1623; Gosling, 1287; and Sull, 1027. Lodge being opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting having been unanimously confirmed, Bros. Hanaker, Alderson, Davies, and Crookes, 2087, were passed to the Second Degree, after which Bro. G. Brown was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., both ceremonies being rendered by the W.M. in a most able and impressive manner. Bro. J. Salmon, S.W., was then presented as W.M. elect, and was duly and most ably installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, amidst the highest commendations from all present, by Bro. H. Forss, P.M., who acted as Installing Master. Bro. Stephens, P.M. 1623, acted as D.C. Bro. Salmon, W.M., then appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. A. Hamilton, S.W.; Egbert Roberts, J.W.; W. F. Keays, P.M., Treas.; A. Stean, P.M., Sec.; Carlo Tichiaz, S.D.; J. Draper, J.D.; Francis, I.G.; H. Forss, P.M., D.C.; Nash, A.D.C.; J. Taylor, P.M., and Bull, Stewards.

The W.M. having received the "Hearty good wishes" of the visitors, lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the large hall, where an excellent banquet was served, under the superintendence of Bro. Kite, whose kind attention was much appreciated. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, the W.M. alluded to the Queen in most gracious and generous terms and her coming jubilee. When each toast had been heartily drunk, they were ably responded to. The proceedings were enlivened by music and harmony, to which Miss Sargent, H. Forss, jun., Bros. Roberts, Tichiaz, Hall, and other brethren contributed. Bro. W. T. Yates, I.P.M., had the honour of having a most beautiful jewel pinned to his breast, and testimonial, executed on vellum, by Bro. T. Salmon, W.M., who, at the same time, eulogised Bro. Yates on the courteous, able, and meritorious manner in which he had conducted the business of the lodge during his year of office. A very successful evening was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

CAPPER LODGE (No. 1076).—The installation meeting of the above flourishing lodge took place on Thursday, the 11th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham street, and was honoured by the presence of Bro. D. P. Cama, W.M. 2105, Grand Treasurer of England. There was also a large muster of the brethren of the lodge, and visitors from far and near, who were amply repaid for their attendance by the excellent work done and the splendid hospitality shown. The lodge was opened by Bro. W. H. Harris, W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Lionel B. Lewis, which proved unanimous. Bro. J. Wright, of No. 78, was then unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. W. Watkins, S.W., W.M. elect, was then presented to the Installing Master, Bro. Harris, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, and that worthy and distinguished brother was placed in the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom, and saluted in due form. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. D. Mears, S.W.; W. Temple, J.W.; J. Dorton, P.M., Treasurer; J. C. Pitt, Secretary; J. Still, S.D.; A. Dale, J.D.; J. Tytheridge, I.G.; L. Crow, D.C.; J. White and F. C. Ward, Stewards; M. Sherwin, Organist; and A. K. Tuberfield, Tyler. The W.M. then inaugurated his reign by initiating the candidate, who, being an old friend, he, Bro. Watkins, was desirous of personally initiating into the mysteries and privileges of the Craft, and right well did he and his officers work the Degree. At its conclusion Bro. Harris gave the three addresses, and concluded the installation ceremony. It was from first to last a masterly exhibition of perfect Masonic ritual, and was the theme of approbation and congratulation among all present. The Worshipful Master then announced that they were honoured by the presence of an officer of Grand Lodge—Bro. Cama, the Grand Treasurer—and called upon them to salute that distinguished brother with Grand honours, which (under the direction of Bro. H. Tapley, P.M., who had admirably performed the duty of D. of C. during the ceremony of installation) were given with hearty enthusiasm.

Bro. Cama briefly returned thanks. The W.M. pinned a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel on the breast of Bro. Harris, and, in the name of the lodge, wished him many years of health and happiness to wear it. It was also proposed and carried that the thanks of the lodge should be inscribed on a vellum, mounted and framed, and presented to Bro. Harris, to mark the estimation of the lodge for the admirable manner in which he had that day installed his successor, a copy of the same to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge.

Bro. Harris having feelingly returned thanks for these several honours, the lodge was closed in due form, the brethren afterwards adjourning to the banquet, which was admirably served.

Among those present, and not above mentioned, were Bros. H. B. Holliday, P.M.; F. Brian, P.M.; E. West, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Herts; A. Knox, P.M.; P. McCarthy, P.M.; J. Mitchell, P.M.; T. Day, P.M.; W. Dorton, P.M.; W. Nevins, P.M.; Taylor, Brown, Beckwith, Grice, Keymer, Simpson, Spenn, Savage, Barrett, Callcut, Pankhurst, Piper, Mansell, Sully, Yates, R. Harris, Amos, Surrey, and Daws, all of the lodge; W. Gilbert, P.M. 1327, P.P.G.S.D. Herts; A. J. Manning, P.M. 1472, P.P.G.S.D. Essex; C. Reeve, P.M. 1816; Jas. Elder, P.M. 1472; H. Cant, P.M. 1816; H. Gabb, P.M. 813; E. Benjamin, P.M.; Carroll, W.M. 1816; G. Stevens, P.M. 1623; Canbro, P.M. 1565; Blackbury, P.M. 1563; Boulton, P.M. 18; Bare, P.M. 1185; J. A. Robinson, P.M. 1386; J. Paul, S.W. 1472; T. A. Ward, 1564; F. Graham, 58; G. Simms, 1816; R. Gibbons, 1467; A. Trew, 959; H. Chown, 1349; S. Barfoot, 2048; Brading, 453; Dawson, 1228; More, 548; Broughton, 1604; and Sir W. McGrigor, 1884.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.M. of England," and "The Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon," having been duly honoured,

The Worshipful Master gave that of "The Deputy G.M., Lord Lathom; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." He said they were honoured that day by the presence of a Grand Officer whose name, not only as a Mason, but as one who gave liberally in the cause of Charity, was a household word in the Craft. His gifts to the several Charities of the Order were enormous, and on behalf of the Capper Lodge, he thanked him for his attendance, and felt sure that when the brethren rose to respond to the toast with which Bro. Cama's name would be coupled, they would show by the manner in which they received it that they honoured their esteemed guest as one worthy of honour, both as a man and a Mason.

Bro. Cama, who was accorded an enthusiastic reception, said he was proud to be an English Mason as well as an Indian one; and as they were proud of and honoured their Queen, so he honoured and was proud of her as the Empress of his native land. The high honour that had been conferred upon him by the Masons of England in electing him Grand Treasurer was one that he held in high estimation. It was a proud position, and the highest a Mason could aspire to, especially as it was conferred by the suffrages of the members of the Grand Lodge, and as such he looked upon it, and as such he prized it. With reference to the remarks of their esteemed W.M., he (Bro. Cama) was afraid that worthy brother had overrated his Charity; but, whatever he had done, it was not him they had to thank, but his and their Creator; to Him all praise was due. He cordially thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks, and the brethren for their hearty reception of them; and resumed his seat amid rounds of applause.

Bro. Harris then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and in so doing said he felt sure they would have in Bro. Watkins a Master second to none, and that he would be a credit to the Capper Lodge. He asked them to give him a jolly good fire, and they did, until the very roof rang again.

Bro. Watkins, in response, thought, and in fact, was very much afraid that he should not be able to excel, nor even come up to, the high standard set by his predecessors. He had been a member of that lodge for a goodly number of years, and would promise them that it should be his earnest endeavour to maintain its lustre, and be worthy of the confidence reposed in him, so that at the end of his year of office they would not have to regret the honour they had conferred upon him that day.

Bro. Harris responded for "The Past Masters," and said that eight years ago he and Bro. Watkins were appointed Wine Stewards, and had, hand in hand as it were, worked together in and for the welfare of the lodge. That feeling was universal in it, and he trusted it would long continue. In the name of the Past Masters he thanked them for their hearty reception of the toast.

"The Initiate" having been complimented, the toast of "The Visitors" followed, and Bros. Gilbert, Bolton, Macgregor, and others, severally returned thanks.

Bros. Stephens and Elder responded for "The Masonic Press," the former regretting the absence of Bro. Jolly through an accident; and the latter, who attended for Bro. Jolly, assured the brethren that he should endeavour to do his duty for that brother and to their satisfaction.

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were marked by the utmost cordiality on all sides; universal regret being expressed at the misfortune that had precluded the possibility of our old contributor's attendance.

ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).—The stated meeting of this lodge took place at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Monday, the 15th inst. Bro. E. Y. Jolliffe, W.M., presided, and among the members present were Bros. Edward Anderton, S.W.; G. Vickey, J.W.; Alfred Brookman, P.M., Treas.; Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette, P.M., P.G.C. Middx., Hon. Sec.; Joseph Renals, S.D.; Arthur B. Hudson, J.D.; F. Crookford, I.G.; Charles W. Lovett, Org.; E. F. Brewster Fuller, Steward; G. Rawlinson, W.S.; J. Derby Allcroft, P.M., P.G. Treas.; George Kenning, P.M.; Samuel Benton, M.D., P.M.; Samuel White, P.M.; Thomas Benskin, Henry Matthews, and James Shotter. Visitors: Bros. C. Lee, I.G. 1624; C. V. Walker, S.W. 22; C. H. Chapman, 556; J. H. Fisher, 1489; and W. F. Coles, 41.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Jarvis, Thompson, and Shotter were elected a Finance Committee. The election of certain officers was then proceeded with, the result being that Bro. Edward Anderton, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, while Bros. A. Brookman, P.M., and Thomas were severally re-elected Treasurer and Tyler.

It was proposed by the Treasurer, seconded by the W.M., and agreed unanimously, that the invitation given to the lodge by the then Lord Mayor, Bro. Alderman Sir John Staples, K.C.M.G., to be present at the Masonic banquet at the Mansion House, should be recalled on the minutes.

A distressed brother having been relieved with £10, and a unanimous resolution having been passed to the effect that a Past Master's jewel should be presented to Bro. E. Y. Jolliffe in recognition of his services as W.M. during the past year. Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room.

The usual toasts were honoured, those of "The W.M.," "The Past Masters," and "The W.M. Elect," being received with the greatest cordiality.

COBORN LODGE (No. 1804).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 11th inst., in the Bow Vestry Hall, at which were present Bros. C. J. R. Tijou, W.M.; A. Souch, S.W.; E. G. Johnson, J.W.; R. Logan, P.M., Treas.; R. R. Green, D.C.; P. Balme, I.G.; A. Paterson, Stwd.; G. Harrison, Tyler; D. Annan, jun., J. W. Gibbs, J. Holland, A. R. Couless, C. S. Bohli, J. Sulley, C. Erlam, C. Webster, A. A. Millns, and D. J. Sutton. Visitors: Bros. H. B. Fernes, S.W. 1805; F. Marsland, S.D. 1805; J. Taylor, P.M. 753; E. Symmons, 1889; R. Toole, 1805; J. H. Brown, S.D. 933; and J. F. Porter, S.D. 1719.

The lodge being opened, the minutes of the last meeting were duly read and confirmed. Bro. J. H. Johnson, who was to have been raised, being unable to be present from continued ill health, the W.M. passed Bros. Couless, Bohli, and Millns to the Degree of F.C. The by-laws of the lodge having been read, as customary at this meeting, Bros. Paterson, Green, and Webster were appointed on the Audit Committee. The members then proceeded to vote for the W.M. for the ensuing year, which was found to be unanimously in favour of Bro. A. Souch, S.W. The W.M. elect announced his intention of serving as a Steward at the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution, as customary with the Masters of this lodge, and the lodge voted a grant of £10 to his list. Bro. R. Logan, P.M., was re-elected Treas., and Bro. G. Harrison, Tyler.

No other business presenting itself, the W.M., after hearty congratulations, closed the lodge, and with the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

ALLIANCE LODGE (No. 1827).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, when Bro. Perkins, who has already filled a similar position in another lodge, was installed W.M. This lodge was originally formed by members and high officers of the Corporation, and the Town Clerk, Bro. Sir John Monckton, who filled the position of Master, and has had the pleasure of installing each Master since the consecration of the lodge, inducted Bro. Perkins into office in his usually impressive manner. The brethren assembled to do honour to the new Master's advent to the chair were very numerous, and included Bros. Ex-Sheriff Burt, Lieut.-Col. Phillips, Capt. Hall, Major Colls, J. M. Wilson, R. Fisher, W. Hayes, W. Hanson, O. Tinorne, S. J. Watson, T. Minstrell, Thomas Gill, Courtney, and Major White.

The loyal and Craft toasts were given by the Master at the banquet which followed the lodge business.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. Phillips replied for "The Grand Officers."

Bro. Henry Wright, the retiring W.M., in eulogistic terms, proposed "The Health of the new W.M.," who in every capacity he had filled, whether in the Corporation, as one of its members, or as an officer of that lodge, had ably discharged his duties. They were certain that the prestige of the lodge would not suffer in his hands, and they all hoped that he would have health and strength for the work.

The Worshipful Master replied, stating that his efforts would be directed to prove the great bond of brotherhood which existed among Masons, and that the warm and kindly feeling among Freemasons existed more than in name.

Bro. Ex-Sheriff Burt, who was loudly cheered, responded for "The Visitors," and congratulated the members upon the close connection which existed between the lodge and the Corporation.

The Worshipful Master then gave "The Health of the Retiring W.M.," Bro. H. Wright, whose knowledge of, and efficiency in, Masonic work were well known and fully recognised by everyone. He regretted that he would not be able on this occasion to present the retiring W.M. with the Past Master's jewel; but the retiring W.M., himself was not a little responsible in this matter, as he had desired that the presentation should take another form.

Bro. H. Wright acknowledged the kindness of the brethren during his year of office, and thanked the officers for the manner in which they had supported him.

Bro. Johnson, for "The Past W.M.'s," three of whom occupy the position of Grand Officers, replied to the toast of their health, and congratulated the brethren upon the continued prosperity of the lodge.

Bros. Little and Green, were associated with the toast, and Bros. Major Sewell and Mann, also P.M.'s, responded.

The Worshipful Master next submitted the toast of his Officers. The two Wardens (all knew were enthusiastic Masons, who had done their work well in the past, and all the officers were men who were anxious to do their utmost to maintain the prestige of the Alliance Lodge.

Bro. Squire, S.W., in the name of the J.W., Bro. Clarke, replied, congratulating the W.M. upon the proud position he occupied, assuring him that it was the earnest desire of all the officers to give him their most cordial support, and that nothing should be wanting on their part to render his year of office as happy and as successful as it possibly could be. The proceedings were enlivened by several gracefully played solos on the violin by Mrs. Jenson, an able and most accomplished violin player, who has at so many previous banquets of the Alliance met with a very warm and hearty reception. Bro. H. Larsdale acted as toastmaster.

LODGE LA FRANCE (No. 2060).—After two years of a most successful career this lodge held its third installation meeting on Monday the 15th inst., at the Regent Masonic Hall, Café Royal, Regent-street. Bro. Eugene Monteuis, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bro. E. H. Thiellay, the lodge's first W.M., the W.M. elect, Bro. Henry Bué, the rest of the officers of the lodge, most of the lay members, and a large number of visitors, the whole company numbering 100.

The proceedings were highly interesting, the whole of the ceremonies being conducted in French, and the W.M. giving the ritual throughout uncurtailed. During the ceremony of installation Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.D., President of the Board of General Purposes, had charge of the Senior Warden's chair, and Bro. Casabianca held the chair of Junior Warden. Bro. Thiellay, P.M., presented Bro. Bué for installation, and Bro. Monteuis immediately proceeded with the ceremony. Bro. Bué having been installed, the offices of the lodge were bestowed as follows: Bros. Eugene Monteuis, P.G. Stwd., P.M. 14, I.P.M.; Ernest Dubois, S.W.; Ernest St. Clair, J.W.; Léon Clerc, Treasurer; Léon A. Mesrouze, Secretary; Adonis Aret, S.D.; V. Benoist, J.D.; Emile Casabianca, D.C.; Léon Delavaux, 1st Stwd.; Anguste Lacoste, 2nd Stwd.; Anguste Sauvé, I.G.; and A. Oberdoerffer, Tyler.

Some complimentary votes having been passed the lodge was closed, and a choice banquet provided by the Café Royal followed. The toasts were subsequently given, and the W.M. in giving "The Queen and the Craft," referred to her Majesty as "the first lady of the first nation in the world."

The second toast was "La France, et son Représentant, M. Le Président Grévy." Notwithstanding the members of the lodge were in a foreign land they still loved their own dear land, and they respected and honoured the name of "French." France was their good mother, but although they were Franks resident in England they knew how to respect and honour the first lady of the first nation.

Giving the toast of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," the W.M. said he was referring now to the most popular of Grand Masters. It was of no use talking about the enormous spread of Freemasonry since the Prince of Wales became the head of the Order, because it was so well known to everyone. Masons were all loyal to their Grand Master, and he asked them to drink to "The Health of Le très Vénérable le Grand Maître de l'Ordre, S.A.R. Le Prince de Galles."

In proposing the toast of "The Earl of Carnarvon, and the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers," the W.M. took occasion to remind the brethren that Bro. Thomas Fenn had about two years ago given the First Degree in Freemasonry, in the French language, like a Frenchman. He congratulated him on his knowledge of the language, of which the brethren had that evening a good opportunity of judging. Referring to Bro. Robert Grey he said he could not but view him with respect and affection, as he had been brought up with him in the same lodge. Of Major Sampson Peirce and Dr. Ralph Gooding he also had an intimate knowledge, and he could not help mentioning one who was very dear, Bro. Frank Richardson, who was not present, but who would have been if his health had allowed him. He was, however, on a voyage for the benefit of his health, and he had taken a great interest in this lodge. They wished him health and prosperity and all good luck on his voyage.

Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.D., in replying, regretted the absence of Sir John Monckton, who should have responded. This was the fifth time he (Bro. Fenn) had replied to the toast in this lodge, and it was now time that some other Grand Officer took upon himself the task. All the Grand Officers were interested in this lodge, and ten of them were now present, and had listened with very great attention, pleasure and satisfaction to the ceremony so worthily given by Bro. Monteuis.

Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, G. Sec., who was also called upon, and who replied in English, said he was sorry to break the continuity of discourse which had been carried on so charmingly. Although he had been associated with Frenchmen nearly all his life his natural modesty forbade his airing his French. He had had the great honour and pleasure of consecrating Lodge La France two years ago, and also of seeing Bro. Monteuis placed in the chair. The ceremony of the evening had afforded the greatest possible pleasure to him. It was a new departure in London that foreign brethren who settled down in London should be allowed to work the Masonic ceremonies in their own language. It was, however, a thing very much to be desired, and foreign brethren had an excellent example before them in the marvellous success of Lodge La France. Honestly speaking, he was at first very curious to see how the ceremonies were worked, and to-night he was perfectly delighted to see how the ceremonies were carried through. Everything showed the greatest possible care, and La France Lodge was to be congratulated upon the immense labour and thought that had been bestowed on the work. This was through the lodge having good and true men at the helm, and he was sure it would always continue to have them under the present régime. As long as this was the case the lodge would prosper, as it richly deserved to do.

Bro. J. Parkinson, P.G.D., likewise responded, and after narrating several anecdotes of men speaking other languages than their own, said when he heard the familiar accents of their beloved ceremonies so beautifully rendered and translated, he felt that there was a language of the heart which spoke with an eloquence deeper than the richest words, and as point after point of that ritual was presented in French, he rejoiced that there were brethren able and eloquent who could be the medium of translation, for it was idle to conceal that from Bro. Fenn this lodge must have had great help.

Bro. Monteuis, I.P.M., proposed "Le Vénérable Maître, Frère Bué." He classed him as a man eminent in every way. He was greatly respected in every way; but especially as a man of great science. He knew him well in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and he had listened there perpetually, as well as in another lodge, to his perfect mode of rendering the ceremonies. Bro. Bué did not require that the ceremony that evening should be given in its entirety; but he (Bro. Monteuis) gave the ceremony in the language which was so dear to them, because he knew all the brethren would like to hear it. All the brethren would rejoice to drink his health, and wish every prosperity to him and La France Lodge during his year of office.

The Worshipful Master, in acknowledging the toast, said Bro. Monteuis had spoken so unselfishly about him, although he had been helping him so materially, and the brethren had accepted Bro. Monteuis' kind words so warmly, that he thought he had better only say he thanked them for their great cordiality. He would remind the brethren of the Old Peoples' Institution, and he would ask them when they received letters from him on the subject to be as generous as possible. The Institution wanted to get as much money as it could.

The Worshipful Master, in giving the toast of "The Guests," made special allusion to the charitable efforts on behalf of their countrymen of Bros. Nicol and Rimmel, and as many of the brethren had responded on a former occasion to this toast, he called on Bro. Rimmel.

Bro. Eugène Rimmel said he had been very happy that evening in the company of his friends and brothers. He was very pleased that the lodge was established. He had listened with great pleasure to all that was said in the lodge. He was rejoiced to find Bro. Robert Grey present, who was a worker with him in the cause of beneficence. This was a great tie between them, and he hoped to see a similar tie created in Lodge La France. The brethren of the lodge had long had in their souls the idea of doing good. The idea of Freemasonry was love of one's neighbour, and the Society was brought together and fostered for that purpose.

Bro. Broadley, P.D.D.G.M. Malta, also replied. He said:—Worshipful sir and brethren, in my civil capacity of French Advocate, and my Masonic capacity of first W.M. of a lodge which, like your own, was worked almost exclusively in French, I must apologise to you for the halting accents in which I address you. Four years have elapsed since I last spoke in public in the French language at the trial of Arabi Pasha in Cairo; and a still longer time has passed away since I was busily engaged in initiating many of your compatriots into the mysteries and privileges of English Freemasonry at Tunis. I congratulate you most sincerely on the wonderful success which your lodge has achieved; for it is precisely the existence of lodges like that of "La France," which illustrates the cosmopolitan character of our great confraternity. When I took a prominent part in founding the Ancient Carthage Lodge in Tunis, Masonry had been for some years practically dead on the southern shores of the Mediterranean. The banner of English Freemasonry seemed, however, to revive as if by magic, the Masonic spirit which had so long remained dormant, and the peculiar tenets of our English Order with its sacred watchwords of "Brotherly Love," "Relief," and "Truth," were particularly acceptable to the men of many nations, creeds, and languages, who flocked to join the new lodge. The Tunisian brethren were not slow to understand the privileges, distinctive features, and I think I may say the inherent superiority of English Masonry; and the result was the formation of a lodge of great strength and influence, in which, during my own two years of office, I initiated more than 100 candidates into the secrets of our common Brotherhood. They varied from members of the Reigning Family down to those who occupied comparatively humble positions in life; but one and all—Moslem and Christian, Arab and European, Israelite and Greek—were perfectly united in their admiration of the unsectarian and unpolitical tenets, which do so much to gain for the Grand Lodge of England a proud pre-eminence among the Grand Lodges of the world. I am pleased to tell you that the spirit which animates the Lodge La France still reigns in the councils of the Tunisian Masons. Political events have, since the foundation of the Ancient Carthage Lodge, made your country morally responsible for the future of the State "which once was Carthage;" but as long as the titular power of the Beys of Tunis exist, so long assuredly the Masonic flag of Tunis will remain English, and the pristine glories of 1717 will rest undimmed. At present nearly all its officers and members are French—the French language alone now resounds within its walls; but the spirit and the devotion to our Grand Lodge is the same as it is within the precincts of La France. I was deeply impressed with the ceremony, which I saw worked for the first time in England in the French tongue. I congratulate you also on the great interest which the Grand Officers of England, and especially that illustrious veteran in Masonic ceremonial, the P.B.G.P., Bro. Thomas Fenn, take in your progress, and in your prosperity. I hope I may have the pleasure of seeing some of the brethren of La France at the Drury Lane Lodge; but I would remind you one and all, that if they go further afield, and exchange the detestable fog which so often surrounds us, for the bright and brilliant sunshine of North Africa, they will find there not, perhaps, a Café Royal, presided over by a Bro. Nichols, but still a Masonic lodge like their own, in French; proud, like their own, of its connection with the greatest Grand Lodge in the world, and especially delighted to welcome alike to its atelier, and to its frugal hospitality to the brethren who hail from the Lodge La France, which this evening enters, under such inspiring auspices, on its third year of Masonic life.

The W.M., in the name of the brethren, expressed his regret at the absence of Bro. Frank Richardson, and hoped he would soon return to England in good health and with renewed strength to continue his Masonic duties.

"The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Eugene Monteuis, the first Master who had worked the ceremonies in French," was then drunk with the greatest enthusiasm.

In proposing this toast, the W.M. said, We are about to drink the health of a brother who has rendered our lodge the greatest services in a pecuniary and in a Masonic point of view; we are about to drink the health of him who may be said to have founded the lodge a second time. We do not forget that our esteemed Bro. Thiellay, as first Master, laid out the ground for the foundation of No. 2060, but we are anxious to proclaim the fact that Bro. Monteuis has raised a French edifice on that foundation. What a vast amount of trouble our Bro. Monteuis has taken, what a vast amount of time he has sacrificed to carry out our dearest wish, that is to say, to work the ceremonies in French; we are deeply grateful to him for all he has done for us, and it is my proud privilege to pin on his breast, in your name, brethren, this P.M.'s jewel as a token of our great satisfaction, esteem, and fraternal regard. The W.M. enumerated the ceremonies worked in French by Bro. Monteuis, and which amounted to 22, including the ceremony of installation. He then called on the brethren to drink the health of the first Master of La France Lodge who had worked the ceremonies in the language of France.

Bro. Monteuis, I.P.M., did not know how to thank the W.M. and the brethren enough, but he might say he should be proud to wear the jewel all the years of his life. He did not know that he deserved such kindness from the brethren. They had shown him how to work his way. He was happy in giving up his position of W.M. to Bro. Bué, who he hoped would have health and strength during his year, for he knew that health and strength would be devoted to the good of Freemasons.

Bro. E. H. Thiellay, P.M., replied to the toast of "Le Digne Maître," and said he was delighted to see so many

distinguished Masons sitting at the board that night. They had all taken great interest in the lodge, and that was the reason they had come in such large numbers.

The remaining toasts were then given, and the brethren separated.

LODGE QUATUOR CORONATI (No. 2076).

—This lodge held its festival and installation meeting on Monday, the 8th inst. (being the day of the “Four Crowned Martyrs,” at Freemasons’ Hall. The following members were present: Bro. Sir C. Warren, W.M.; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, I.P.M.; R. F. Gould, J.W.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; Major Pratt, J.D.; W. Simpson, I.G.; W. M. Bywater, and Professor Hayter-Lewis. Letters of apology for inability to attend were read from Bros. W. H. Rylands, S.W.; Major Irwin, T. B. Whytehead, Ramsden Riley, Paul Rylands, and W. J. Hughan. The visitors included Bros. Æ. J. McIntyre, P.G.W.; Sir John Monckton, P.G.W.; F. A. Philbrick, G.R.; Thos. Fenn, P.B.G.P.; Col. Clarke, G. Sec.; E. Letchworth, F. Glasher, Alfred Meadows, and Ralph Gooding, P.G. Deacons; Major Lambert, P.G. Swd. Br.; Henry Sadler, G. Tyler; Hyde Clerke, Rep. of G.L. of Columbia; Webster Glynes, P.G. Stwd.; J. Paddon, P.D.G.S.W. of Grigueland; T. H. Tilton, P.D.D.G.M. New York; Alfred Dent, W.M. 92; W. Bohm, P.M. 92; Arthur Butler, I.P.M. 1367; S. R. Baskett, P.P.G.R. Dorset; T. Francis, P.M. 56, 804; F. A. Glaeser, 238; W. F. Pettigrew and J. Pettigrew, 624 (S.C.).

The W.M., Bro. Sir Charles Warren, G.C.M.G., assumed the chair for his second year of continuous office, and was duly proclaimed by Bro. Woodford, and saluted in ancient form. After an interesting address to the lodge, the W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Gould, S.W.; W. Simpson, J.W.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; Major Pratt, S.D.; W. M. Bywater, J.D.; and Professor Hayter-Lewis, I.G. Bro. Walter Besant, who had been elected Treasurer, being absent, his investiture was deferred.

The following presents to the lodge were announced and suitably acknowledged. By Professor Hayter-Lewis, a Bible and Wardens’ columns and several photographs of Roman antiquities of great Masonic interest; by Bro. Speth, an album, photographs of two remarkable certificates granted at the beginning of this century by a lodge at Ashby-de-la-Zouche, composed of French prisoners of war, and a minute book for the use of the lodge; and by Bros. Ramsden-Riley, Major Irwin, and Whytehead, their photographic portraits for the album.

Bro. Dr. William Wynn Westcott, Dep. Coroner for Middlesex, P.M. 814, P.P.G.D.C. Somerset, author of “The Everlasting Lamps of the Ancients,” “The Occult Origin of the Signs of the Zodiac,” and of many other Rosicrucian and medical works, was proposed as a joining member.

The paper for the evening proved, as was anticipated, of exceptional interest and importance. It was read by Professor T. Hayter-Lewis, and entitled “On an early version of the Hiramic Legend.” The discovery is due to the learned Rabbi, Dr. Marks, and consists of an Arabic MS. of the 14th century, written in Hebrew characters, tracing Masonry back to the Patriarchs, and making a distinct reference to the legend of the Builder. The MS., evidently the work of some person imbued with the mysterious learning of the Cabbala, depends for its elucidation upon a key, which is by no means the least interesting feature of the discovery, as to those who can read between the lines it tends to establish the undoubted antiquity of a portion of our oral teachings, to which a much later origin has been somewhat arbitrarily assigned by influential writers. The paper fairly bristled with “points,” which were lucidly explained by the lecturer, whose remarks led his auditory to infer that the actual MS. would shortly be included among the publications about to be brought out by the lodge.

An animated discussion ensued, in which Bros. Sir Charles Warren, Webster Glynes, Gould, Woodford, Sir John Monckton, George Lambert, W. Simpson, and Speth took part, and which was not only rendered instructive, but amusing, by a good-humoured passage of arms between Bros. Woodford and Gould, arising from their regarding the subject from diametrically opposite points of view. As it would be simply impossible to give a *precis* of the discussion in the limited space of a report, those of our readers desirous of studying the subject in detail are referred to the transactions of the lodge, the first volume of which, we believe, is in the press, where all papers and discussions will be printed at length.

After the usual vote of thanks, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which, in honour of the festival of the Quatuor Coronati, had been provided on a scale of luxury far exceeding the customary frugality of the common meal after the ordinary meetings of this lodge.

Bros. McIntyre and Sir John Monckton replied for the “Grand Officers.”

The toast of the evening—“To the memory of the Quatuor Coronati, and prosperity to the Lodge,” was eloquently proposed by Bro. Sir Charles Warren, and Bro. Woodford, being called upon to speak to it, gave a short sketch of the acts and martyrdom of the worthies in question, leaving his hearers, however, somewhat in the dark as to whether the saints were three, five, or nine in number, and by what arithmetical process they were made four.

“The Health of the W.M.” was given in a racy speech, replete with humour and eloquence, by Bro. Philbrick. The spokesmen for “The Visitors” were Bros. Hyde Clarke, I. H. Tilton, Past Dep. G.M. for the 7th district of New York, and Alfred Dent, W.M. 92; whilst Bro. Gould replied for “The Officers of the Lodge.”

The lodge of the Quatuor Coronati having been formed for the express purpose of hammering out knotty points by the aid of fraternal disputation, it was but natural that healthy differences of opinion should be manifested by the members. This feature of the evening’s entertainment was pleasantly alluded to by Sir John Monckton, who advised the brethren to fondly cherish and, if possible, still further excite, the spirit of free and independent enquiry which had already been so abundantly displayed. Much truth, indeed, was conveyed in the remark of the W.M. that difference of opinion, if carefully fostered, would conduce to the ultimate success of the lodge, as it undoubtedly did to the interest of the discussions.

A most enjoyable and instructive evening was spent by all those who had the privilege of attending, and the lodge enters upon its second year of work with every indication of continued success in the mission it has undertaken.

UNITED NORTHERN COUNTIES LODGE

(No. 2128).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, 8a, Red Lion-square, on Wednesday, the 10th inst., when there were present Bros. J. S. Cumberland, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. N. and E. Yorks, W.M.; W. F. Smithson, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., S.W.; W. Masters, P.M., J.W.; J. L. Cooke, Secretary; J. L. Potts, I.G.; E. Carr, P.M.; S. B. Bolaz, G. E. Davis, and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. W. Lake, P.M., 131 (who acted as I.P.M.); J. Rushford, W.M. 602; T. Myall, 1287; and others.

The chief business of the evening was the raising of Bro. G. E. Davis, which was gone through most impressively, and could not fail to make a lasting impression on the minds of those brethren who were present. The by-laws were also read, and the lodge was then closed.

The brethren afterwards partook of supper at Freemasons’ Tavern, when the usual Masonic toasts were drunk.

In the course of the evening, the W.M. mentioned the fact that it was exactly twelve months that day since the warrant was signed constituting the lodge, which now numbers forty members, and had been represented at the three great Masonic Festivals of the year, the Stewards’ lists amounting together to about £85.

“The Health of the W.M.” was proposed in eloquent terms by the Bro. E. Carr, P.M., and received most enthusiastically by the brethren.

Each of the visitors said a few graceful words in reply to their toast, and the Tyler’s toast brought a very pleasant and profitable evening to a close.

YORK.—York Lodge (No. 236).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, when there were present Bros. Henry Foster, W.M.; T. G. Hodgson, S.W.; Wm. Smith, J.W.; A. P. Purey-Cust, P.G. Chap. of Eng., Chap.; J. Todd, P.M., P.P.G.R., Treasurer; E. W. Purnell, Secretary; S. Border, S.D.; Charles M. Forbes, J.D.; Arthur Sample, P.G. Org., Org.; H. S. Hopton, D.C.; T. Watkinson, I.G.; S. C. Crummack, Stwd.; W. Calvert, Tyler; A. H. H. McGachen, P.G.A.D.C.; George Kirby, P.G.D.C.; A. Buckle, P.P.G.D.; George C. Lee, George Balford, P.P.G.O.; Wm. Draper, T. B. Whytehead, P.P.G.W.; J. Marshall, P.P.G.S.D.; G. Garbutt, J. Sykes Rymer, Prov. G.R.; Mark Rooke, P.B.G.S.D.; E. S. Robinson, Henry Churchill, Charles Wardell, John Toes, Lambert Hick, Mungo Bryson, F. Sidney Gramshaw, E. Carter, W. G. Thomas, John Biscumb, Arthur Jones, W. Powell, Tom Archey, and Jos. Clarke. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. W. T. Orde-Powlett, 123, D.P.G.M. N. and E. Yorks; W. Tesseyma, 57, P.P.G.S. of W.; C. Palliser, 1337, P.P. G.S. of W.; B. Polkinghorne, P.M., E. Harding, W. V., John Martin, S.W., F. Woolnough, Secretary, and T. Harding, of 1991; Walter Reynolds, 250, P.G.T.; M. C. Peck, 250, 1040, 1511, &c., Prov. G. Sec.; A. Farmer, 111, 602, 1848, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. H. Cooper, 602, 1848, P.M., P.P.G.R.; W. F. Gourlie, 1563; Walter Potter, 418 (S.C.); S. G. Dalton, J.W., Sir F. Milner, Bart., P.M., P.P.G.S.W., George Simpson, P.M., P.P. G.P., J. Blenkin, P.M., Wm. Brown, P.M., George Lamb, J.D., and W. Lackenby, S.D., of 1611; R. S. Robinson, 123; Rev. Henry Greaves, P.P.G.C.; W. N. Cheesman, S.W., Thomas P. Barlow, J.W., George W. Hudson, Treasurer; and Robert Hodgson, of 566.

The brethren having assembled, the lodge was opened *in due form*. The Secretary read the minutes of the previous lodge, which were duly approved and confirmed. The D.P.G.M. and the members of Provincial Grand Lodge were then announced and received in due form, the brethren, under the able guidance of the D. of C., Bro. H. S. Hopton, saluting the D.P.G.M. with the usual honours. The business before the lodge was confined to a passing, and the W.M., Bro. H. Foster, assisted by his officers, performed the ceremony in an able and efficient manner. The W.M., in a few well chosen remarks of welcome to the D.P.G.M., said that he could assure the W.D.P.G.M. that the brethren of the York Lodge were very much pleased when they received the notification of his visit, and with one accord resolved to do their utmost to ensure him a hearty welcome, and he was quite sure that into whatever lodge in that province his duties might and would lead him, whatever the external evidences of welcome might be, and however other lodges might excel in this respect, none would be more heartfelt, none more sincere, than that of the York Lodge.

The W.D.P.G.M. thanked the W.M. and brethren of the York Lodge not only for their cordial welcome, but also for the many kind congratulations they had accorded him on his appointment to the office he held. On this, his first visit to the York Lodge, he thought it his duty to congratulate the brethren upon that judicious government which had gradually caused its progress and increase in wealth and influence. Each year saw the lodge more firmly established. Possessed of a very valuable and beautiful freehold hall, well appointed and enriched with the possession of most valuable archives and Masonic antiquities of world-wide reputation, with a large number of members and a strong and influential Board of Past Masters (the very rock on which a lodge is sustained), such a lodge may indeed be congratulated. As might have been expected with all its great privileges, the York Lodge has not been unmindful of its responsibilities, and has steadily contributed to the funds of the Masonic Charities, in all of which it possesses a large number of votes. With an history extending considerably over a century, and a reputation for maintaining the honour and dignity of the Craft in the ancient city of York, it would doubtless be the constant endeavour of the brethren who from time to time occupied the Master’s chair to maintain the prestige of the lodge, and he trusted this would ever be the case. By a wise discretion in the selection of candidates, a judicious election of W.M.’s, and, above all, by constantly remembering that the end and aim of Masonry was the communication of happiness to each other, and that this would be best attained by carrying out in their fullest sense the great mottoes of the Craft—*Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.*

“Hearty good Wishes” were then tendered by the various visiting brethren, and the lodge being closed, the assembly adjourned to the banqueting hall of the lodge, where an excellent supper had been provided by Bro. Calvert, the Tyler, in his usual style. The W.M. presided, and commenced the toast list with “The Queen and Craft,” this was followed by the toast of “H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and the Officers of Grand Lodge,”

the W.M. said this toast needed no recommendation to the York brethren, for they knew the deep interest his Royal Highness took in Masonry and that he had the cause at heart, he was glad to see a member of Grand Lodge present, viz., the Dean of York, who was also Chaplain of the York Lodge, and he had pleasure in coupling his name with the toast.

Bro. the Very Rev. the Dean, P.G.C., returned thanks for the M.W.G.M. and Grand Lodge, and referred to the past, the present, and the future of Masonry. Around the walls of the lodge he saw numerous portraits of those brethren of the past, whose interest in, and services to, Masonry yet lived, and amongst them was that of the late Earl of Zetland, a brother who, in his lifetime was an earnest worker for Masonry, and who as such was respected as much in the south as in the north. With regard to the present, Masons from all parts of the world looked up to the M.W.G.M., not in the spirit of toadyism, but knowing that he was a true brother, taking a deep interest in Freemasonry, and ever ready to aid its undertakings and doing always the right thing in the right place. The future reminded him of the American saying, “don’t prophesy unless you know,” but he ventured to say the composition of the Grand Lodge to-day pointed to the continued prosperity of Masonry. The Dean concluded by thanking the brethren for the cordial reception they had given the toast.

The next toast was that of “The R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. the Earl of Zetland, and the D.P.G.M.” In proposing this toast the W.M. spoke of the great interest the P.G.M. took in Masonry, and the desire he had for the success of the lodges under his rule, with regard to the D.P.G.M. the W.M. expressed the great pleasure that the York Lodge had experienced in receiving him that day, and mentioned that his appointment had given the greatest satisfaction throughout the province, and he hoped he would long be spared to carry out the duties of the office.

The toast was received with great enthusiasm, and in reply, the D.P.G.M. thanked the brethren of the York Lodge and visitors present for the hearty reception of the toast, he congratulated the W.M. for the efficient working he had observed, and hoped the York Lodge would continue to prosper and maintain the reputation it now held throughout the land.

The next toast was that of “The P.G. Officers, Present and Past,” proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. Sir F. Milner, Bart., P.P.G.S.W., who said he should carry away with him many pleasant thoughts of the very happy evening he had spent.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master then proposed “The Health of W.M. of the York Lodge.”

The Worshipful Master, in responding, said he felt the great honour done him in the proposal coming from the D.P.G.M., he was afraid he sometimes fell short of the standard he looked up to, but he should not forget the kindness and assistance he had received during the year from the officers and brethren of his lodge.

The toast of “The Visitors” was proposed by Bro. Todd, P.M., Treas., P.P.G.R., and responded to by Bros. Brown, W.M. 1611, and Harding, W.M. 1991.

The toasts were interspersed by songs from the Organist, Bro. Sample, P.G.O., and Bros. Kirby, Lee, Godby, Robinson, and MacGachen.

GOOLE.—Aire and Calder Lodge (No. 458).—

A regular meeting was held on Friday, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, when there were present Bros. W. Everatt, W.M.; E. J. Foster, S.W.; R. Dayson, J.W.; W. Porter, Chap.; J. A. Bray, P.M., Treas.; G. Dixon, Sec.; J. Greenwood, acting S.D.; W. H. Fogg, J.D.; C. Grant, I.G.; C. Chappell, Steward; P.M.’s Denby, E. Goodridge, W. Brook, R. Wright, R. Peacock, H. T. Gardiner, P.G.A.D.C.; W. W. Hunter; and a large attendance of members.

Bro. E. J. Foster, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year. The following appointments were also made: Bro. J. A. Bray, P.M., Treasurer, and Bro. G. Cutt, Tyler, pro tem. Bro. E. Goodridge, P.M., proposed, and Bro. J. A. Bray, P.M., seconded, the name of Mr. John Robinson as a serving brother.

This being the time-honoured “scrolling” night, the brethren were entertained by the W.M., and passed a very pleasant evening. Reference was made to the departure from the town at a very early date of Bro. W. H. Fogg, and his health was heartily and cordially received, good wishes being expressed on all hands for his future prosperity.

BUNGAY.—Waveney Lodge (No. 929).—

The annual meeting was held at the King’s Head Hotel, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., when Bro. H. M. Hartcup was installed as W.M., the ceremony being performed by Bro. H. J. Hartcup in an impressive manner. The officers for the year were then chosen as follows: Bros. W. H. Mann, I.P.M.; R. H. Johnstone, S.W.; W. H. Mortlock, J.W.; R. C. Mann, P.M., S.D.; W. Howlett, J.D.; R. Foulger, I.G.; Rev. G. W. Jones, Chaplain; J. D. Botwright, Treasurer; Walesby, P.M., Secretary; and J. Norman, Tyler.

Business being concluded, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where a sumptuous repast was placed before them in Bro. Philpot’s usual style. A pleasant evening followed, enlivened by the usual toasts, interspersed with songs.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—

A meeting was held on Thursday, the 11th inst., at the Middleton Hotel, when there were present Bros. G. R. Dawson, Prov. G.S., W.M.; J. F. Harrington, P.M. 160, P.P.G.P., S.W.; C. Floyd, P.M. 1817, P.P.G.A.P., J.W.; A. Lucking, P.M., G.P., Sec.; L. Warren, jun., S.D.; C. F. Woosnam, J.D.; T. F. Barrett, P.M., P.P. G.R., D.C.; W. M. Peacey, I.G.; W. E. Bridgland, I.P.M. 933, Steward; A. W. Martin, Tyler; J. W. Harris, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; E. J. Bowmaker, C. J. Dobson, A. Vandewood, W. Trigg, W. Tyler, G. J. Glasscock, W.M. 1817, P.P.G.S.B.; B. Thomas, J. R. Brightwell, and Dr. R. G. Dempster. Visitors: Bros. Col. the Hon. O. G. Lambart, P.M. 1460; J. Randall, 1719; and W. Smith, 1817.

Bro. W. M. Burton, 929, was elected a joining member, after which Bro. E. J. Dobson was raised to the Third Degree, and Bro. C. J. Bowmaker passed to the Second Degree. One guinea was voted to the “Binckes’ Presentation Fund.” The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

PENARTH.—Windsor Lodge (No. 1754).—The annual festival of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Friday, the 5th inst., when Bro. R. C. Roper was installed in the chair of K.S. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Boelte, at three o'clock, and by half-past a large number of brethren from the neighbouring lodges had assembled together, including the D.P.G.M. South Wales (East Division), Bro. Tennant, of the East Glamorgan, and Bro. S. Homfray, D.P.G.M. Monmouthshire; together with several of the officers of the two Provincial Grand Lodges.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, and the usual reports submitted and adopted, the D.P.G.M., Bro. Tennant, commenced the ceremony of installation by conducting to the chair the W.M. elect, Bro. R. C. Roper, who, having received at the hands of the Secretary, Bro. T. Belcher, the ancient charge, took the usual obligation. The ceremony of installation was conducted by Bro. Boelte in an admirable manner, and the W.M. having been duly installed, proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year, namely: Bro. A. Boelte, I.P.M.; F. G. Hodges, S.W.; T. H. Belcher, J.W.; W. D. John, Treas.; S. D. Churchill, Sec.; J. H. Simpkin, S.D.; J. A. Seddon, J.D.; John Rees, D.C.; F. Atkins, Org.; Ashley Bird, I.G.; Henry P. Roberts and W. L. Evans, Stwds.; and Amos Jenkins, Tyler.

A vote of thanks to Bro. Boelte for the manner in which he had carried out the ceremony of installation having been passed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren repaired to the Penarth Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was served up by Bro. Wain, presided over by Bro. R. C. Roper, W.M., who was supported by Bros. Tennant, D.P.G.M.; S. Homfray, D.P.G.M. Monmouthshire; and a number of influential brethren.

There were also present Bros. W. L. Hawkins, J. Robson, T. H. Jotham, H. Frazer, jun., Carl Hansen, J. W. Price, J. L. Browne, J. Leyshon, A. Cope Forrest, W. D. Chitty, Gibbon, and Evans. The visitors included Bros. Charles Oliver, P.M. 471; John H. Hussey, W.M. 960, P.G.D.C.; J. W. Thorpe, I.P.M. 1787; D. Williams, W.M. 1993; Alfred Taylor, W.M. 1420, P.G.S. Monmouthshire; R. Wright, W.M. 471, P.G.S. Wks. Monmouthshire; G. Hazell, 1427, P.G.P.; H. P. Fabian, P.M. 487, P.P.G.S.W. Hants; C. Cross, 36; E. Fletcher, 36; W. Jolders, 1429; Jas. Radley, J.W. 960; R. Elliott; T. Matthews, P.M. 960, P.P.G.S.M.; J. W. Peacock, 36; S. Coleman, 36; J. Hughes, W.M. 1573; F. Lewis, 1573; J. Munday, S.W. 960; and R. Price, 36.

During the evening excellent songs were sung by Bros. J. Radley, R. Elliott, T. Evans, and J. Gibbon, and a recitation by Bro. Fletcher, the proceedings being kept up to a somewhat late hour.

WALTON-ON-THE-NAZE.—Arnold Lodge (No. 1799).—At the monthly meeting of this lodge on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at the Portobello Hotel, the coincidence of its being held upon the anniversary of the birthday of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master, was commemorated by a banquet, at which "The Health of the Grand Master" was drunk with special honours. During the evening a congratulatory telegram was sent from the lodge to H.R.H. at Sandringham, and at 8.30 a reply was received as follows:—

"From Sandringham to Arnold Masonic Lodge.
"Am desired by the Prince of Wales to thank you for kind congratulations. FRANCIS KNOLLYS."

The banquet was provided by the host, Bro. Walter Partridge, in his usual excellent manner, and a very pleasant evening was passed by the brethren.

FRODSHAM.—Cholmondeley Lodge (No. 1908).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at the Commercial Hotel. After the transaction of the usual introductory business, the Auditors presented the balance sheet for the year, and spoke in most eulogistic terms of the indefatigable services rendered by the Treasurer, through whose exertions mainly the funds of the lodge were in such a flourishing condition. The report was unanimously adopted. Bro. Salmon then installed Bro. Ashton into the chair of W.M. in a very impressive manner, and the following officers were subsequently invested: Bros. H. E. Heywood, I.P.M.; T. H. Hitchen, S.W.; C. H. Levin, J.W.; G. H. Danby, Treas. (re-appointed); James Reynolds, Sec.; James Salmon, P.M., D.C.; H. Harrison, S.D.; J. Walwyn-White, J.D.; T. Wooliscroft, I.G.; John Humphreys, Org.; and John Roberts, Tyler (re-elected).

At the conclusion of the business the brethren dined together, under the presidency of the W.M., the catering of Miss Baker being deservedly appreciated. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed. The musical arrangements were carried out by the Organist, assisted by Bros. Webster-Williams, W. R. Howes, Hughes, Walwyn-White, and Griffiths.

LEEDS.—Prudence Lodge (No. 2069).—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Saturday last, in the presence of one of the most brilliant and largest assemblies of Masons that have ever honoured a private lodge with their presence on such an occasion. Additional interest was lent to the gathering from the fact that the W.M. elect, Bro. C. L. Mason, has twice served the office of Master in his mother lodge (304), and that he is one of the best known and most respected Freemasons in the province, having, in addition to other honours, had the peculiar satisfaction of serving as Prov. Grand Treasurer of West Yorks. Nearly every lodge in the province was represented either by its W.M. or a Past Master, and there was a good attendance of members from the neighbouring province.

Bro. Dr. Smyth assumed the gavel for the last time, and all the officers were in their places to receive Prov. Grand Lodge. The R.W. Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., P.G.D. Eng., Prov. G.M., entered, and was saluted in due and ancient form, as also were the other Present and Past members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, who included Bro. H. Smith, D.P.G.M. There were also present, members of the lodge: Bros. Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., P.D.D.G.M. East Arch.; C. L. Mason, P.M., S.W.; Tudor Trevor, P.M., J.W.; Rev. Hercules S. Butler, Chap.; W. Watson, P.M., Sec.; R. Abbott, Treas.; M. W. Jameson, as S.D.; S. Scott Young, J.D.; Charles Middleton, D. of C.; J. J. Fretwell, I.G.; T. Atkinson, Steward; S. Barrand, Tyler; R. Craig, P.M., P.P.G.D.; A. Cooke, Arthur Butterworth, B. Sykes Bailey, T. P. Robinson, E. Holt,

Wilton Jones, Guy Hayler, R. A. Smithson, L. Howarth, Rev. J. Rosser, and Horace Milling.

Visitors: Bros. T. W. Embleton, 1513, Prov. G.S.W.; Joseph Binney, 139, Prov. G. Reg.; Herbert G. E. Green, 1019, Prov. G. Sec.; W. H. Steward, 350, Prov. G.S.D.; G. Marshall, 521, Prov. G.J.D.; T. W. Roome, 904, Prov. G.S. of W.; S. T. Oates, 304, Prov. G.D.C.; Henry Gardiner, 458, Prov. G.A.D.C.; J. B. Hargreaves, 1311, Prov. G. Swd. Br.; T. Woodhead, 1522, Prov. G. Std. Br.; Wm. Laycock, 1108, Prov. G. Std. Br.; W. B. Townsend, 1211, Prov. G. Org.; W. B. Alderson, 495, Prov. G.A. Sec.; W. T. Sugg, 149, Prov. G.P.; John Wm. Fourness, 1211; E. Lee, 265; Thomas Denby, 387; T. M. Holmes, 1545; and Job Harling, 1542, Prov. G. Stewards; John Booth, 258, P.P.G.W.; S. Slack, 910, P.P.G.D.C.; A. W. Stanfield, 1019, P.P.G. Reg.; J. W. Monckman, 1018, P.P.G.D.C.; John Barker, 1102, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. C. Malcolm, 306, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Bedford, 304, P.P.G.D.; G. Althorp, P.P.G.P.; J. Ramsden Riley, 387, P.P.G.D.; Allen Jackson, 321, P.P.G.D.; Alfred Austin, 306, P.P.G.S.B.; W. J. Beck, 289, P.P.G.D.C.; Henry France, 1019, P.P.G.D.C.; G. F. Crowe, 1211, P.P.G.D.; J. H. Grateon, 1513, P.P.G. Treas.; D. R. Glover, 289, P.P.G.D.; W. F. Smithson, 1001, P.P.G.D., Chairman Charity Committee; G. Normanton, 1302, P.P.G.D.; P. Winn, 1211, P.P.G.S. of W.; R. Williamson, 521, P.P.G.W.; Thomas Schofield, 1311, P.P.G.D.; R. W. Moore, 1221, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; James Milnes, W.M. 289; Thomas Myers, W.M. 304; John Thrippleton, W.M. 306; W. M. Tyers, W.M. 306; A. W. Youings, W.M. 1211; R. Lees, W.M. 1221; W. D. Hollis, W.M. 1311; J. W. Balme, W.M. 61; W. Darling, P.M. 265; J. H. Roper, W.M. 265; A. Scarth, S.W. 289; R. Jackson, 289; E. W. Smith, 289; A. Williamson, P.M. 289; W. M. Myers, 304; W. F. Tomlinson, P.M. 304; Geo. Hill, P.M. 304; J. W. Bailey, P.M. 304; E. Woodcock, P.M. 304; J. Grimshaw, 304; W. H. Stallard, P.M. 306; John Dyson, P.M. 306; W. H. Jarvis, 306; J. W. Cleland, 306; R. Nelson, P.M. 308; J. P. Last, 387; R. Dayson, J.W. 458; E. A. Beaumont, 521; J. W. Turner, P.M. 521; J. R. Dore, P.M. 750; John Gibbs, 904; G. H. Locking, P.M. 910; E. A. W. Lord, P.M. 910; W. Flockton, S.W. 1042; Thos. Thorpe, 1042; G. Heuthwaite, 1042; W. Bingham, J.W. 1042; T. Greenwood Teale, 1211; Rev. A. B. Coombe, 1211; Chas. Scriven, P.M. 1221; John Jaques, P.M. 1211; W. Smith, J.W. 1211; H. Marsh, 1221; Thos. H. Good, P.M. 1221; Robt. Harris, S.W. 1221; J. Stenson Webb, S.W. 1311; Francis Smith, P.M. 387; C. A. Phillips, P.M. 1542; H. A. Styling, W.M. elect 1239; A. Holmes, 1545; F. Woodhead, P.M. 1522; W. H. Wilson, 1231; T. B. Burnard, W.M. 1662; John Mackaill, S.W. 2124; W. Woodall, 2134; V. King, 2134; E. J. Massie, 1513; W. Redgard Massie, P.M. 1513; Rev. John H. Evans, 2069; Rev. M. G. Vine, 357; W. Lawson, 600; and others.

Apologies were read from Bros. F. M. Tindall, 1239, Prov. G. Treas.; J. Heaton Cadman, 154, P.P.G. Reg.; Rev. W. S. Turnbull, 1462, Prov. G. Chap.; Edwin Woodhouse, J.P., 2069, Prov. G.J.W.; G. Buckley, jun., 61, Prov. G.D.C.; T. B. Whythead, W. J. Hughan, G. H. Shackles, and many others.

The Provincial Grand Master, at the invitation of the W.M., addressed the brethren as follows:—I thank you very warmly for the cordial reception you have given to the past and present members of the Provincial Grand Lodge. Believe me, it affords us the greatest pleasure and satisfaction to have been able to avail ourselves of the invitation to be present at this most interesting ceremony this afternoon. We have come here for three reasons—(1) to testify our esteem and regard towards the present occupant of the chair of this lodge; (2) from respect and esteem to the incoming Master; and (3) to show our appreciation of the progress which Prudence has made since I had the honour of consecrating it in 1884. With regard to the present occupant of the chair of K.S., I have had the honour of his acquaintance for some time. I have had the pleasure of perusing that charming little book, giving an epitome of his labours in various parts of the world (by Bro. Wm. Watson, P.M.), and the more I know of Bro. Smyth, the more I learn to appreciate his piety and his great love for the Craft. With regard to our friend Bro. Mason, who is about to take his place according to the Book of Constitutions, I not only know him, but have honoured him as one of the most earnest students and able brethren in the Province of West Yorks, and it is to me and to the other Provincial Officers, Past and Present, a great pleasure to be present upon this most auspicious occasion. Let me, Worshipful Master, congratulate you and every member of the lodge on the progress the Prudence has made during the two years of its existence. It began on a new principle as an experiment, and I believe that experiment, and that new principle, has answered upon the basis upon which you have carried it out; therefore, I hope we shall see an enlargement of that principle, and an augmentation of the numbers of such very excellently worked lodges as years go by. I must commend this lodge for the admirable manner in which it has adhered to the ancient landmarks of the Order, especially in its adherence to the grand principle of our Order. I mean Charity. I notice on the list which has closed during the past year that this generous lodge, which only numbers about thirty members, has given £52 10s. to the Boys, £52 10s. to the Girls, and £31 to the Old Men—in fact, the lodge has supported our Charity Committee with the handsome sum of £136. Provincial Grand Lodge thanks you for this very munificent support of our Charity; for, as I said to the Provincial Grand Lodge, it needs all our generosity, and all our spare votes, to help our Charity Committee in the forthcoming annuitants' election in December, because where there are 130 candidates and not a single vacancy, so to speak, the Committee have before them difficulties that are almost insuperable. I hope I may be pardoned for mentioning the generosity of this lodge, small though it is in numbers, to the Charities. It is my most earnest wish that the Craft in Leeds should prosper. I am in a position to say that during the past year the eight lodges in Leeds have shown a kindness of feeling towards each other which is most gratifying. That is the true spirit of Masonry, and one which it is my object, and the object of the Provincial Grand Lodge, to cultivate to the greatest possible extent throughout this great province. A paragraph at the back of the programme shows how the spirit of Masonry has been carried out. It says:—"It need scarcely be intimated how largely the efficiency of the working, the maintenance of which is so essential to the due appreciation of our beautiful ceremonial

and the advancement in the general prosperity of the lodge has been due to the guidance of these skilful and experienced brethren (Bros. Woodhouse and Smyth)." I feel sure that under the administration of the new W.M. Prudence Lodge will go on and prosper, and set a new example of Charity which it had so brilliantly done in the past. In conclusion the Provincial Grand Master said I think the members of this lodge have shown themselves in every way ready to receive wisdom and instruction, and "to appreciate wisdom better than silver, and knowledge rather than fine gold." I can only say, may this lodge go on and prosper, may Masonry in my province go on and prosper, and increase in usefulness and influence till time shall be no more.

The installation ceremony was then most beautifully worked by the outgoing Master, and Bro. Mason was duly proclaimed and saluted as W.M. for the ensuing year. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Dr. Smyth, I.P.M., Prov. G. Chap.; Tudor Trevor, P.M., S.W.; Watson, P.M., J.W.; Rosser, Chap.; Abbott, Treas.; Middleton, Sec.; B. S. S. Young, S.D.; J. J. Fretwell, J.D.; M. W. Jameson, I.G.; L. Howarth, Org.; T. Atkinson and D. Storey, D. of C.; Butterworth and Mellington, Stwds.; and S. Barrand, Tyler.

Bro. Watson presented a very satisfactory report, which was acknowledged by Bro. W. F. Smithson, P.P.G.D., Chairman of the Charity Committee of the Province, after which Bro. Watson was re-elected to represent the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee. The Senior and Junior Wardens were selected to act on the Local Charity Committee.

The W.M., Bro. Charles Letch Mason, then rose, and was received with hearty applause. He said: We have to acknowledge and appreciate the services rendered to this lodge during the past year by the Past Master. I think Lodge Prudence has every reason to be thankful that it has had a brother of such vast and varied experience to preside over it as Bro. Dr. Smyth. He is not a Mason of to-day, but he has been a Free and Accepted Mason for 43 years. He has served the Craft not only in the Isle of Man, the Northern counties of England, having been Prov. Grand Chap. of Northumberland, but when duty called him to India some years ago he was appointed Prov. Grand Chap., and afterwards D.D.P.G.M. Eastern Archipelago. Those who have had the pleasure of reading the account of his life, written by Bro. Wm. Watson, will see what his labours were thought of there, not only in the Craft but also during his performance of duties which I trust none of us will ever be called upon to undergo, during that fearful mutiny which took place in 1857. Bro. Smyth was in the square at Meerut when people knew not what an hour would bring forth, when the white population of that place were in deadly peril. At this time our worthy brother administered consolation and support to those who so sorely needed it; he at that time thoroughly exemplified the great law, not only to the Church to which he is attached as a clergyman, but also the law of every Freemason—to do good to those around us. I could no better express the feeling of Prudence Lodge in parting with him than to use the language of the garrison and residents of Meerut when he left them—namely, that they had lost a right-hand friend and a sincere worker from amongst them. I trust that although we have lost Dr. Smyth as W.M. we shall have him amongst us for many years to come aiding and assisting in the prosperity of the lodge in which I know he takes so much interest. I call upon Bro. Tew to present this jewel on behalf the lodge.

The Prov. Grand Master said: It affords me the greatest possible satisfaction to have been invited here to-day by the lodge to pin this jewel upon your breast, as a sincere mark and token of the appreciation of every brother in this lodge, and I may add of every brother in the Province of West Yorkshire. We feel it to be a fortunate circumstance for Freemasonry in this province that it has the honour of looking up to you as the Grand Chaplain of the Province. A very gallant friend of mine has told me how, when returning to his troops from India, you were on board the same vessel, and how you won the hearts of the men by the manner in which you nursed and tended them when they were sick. I have, therefore, peculiar pleasure in pinning this jewel upon your breast.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. Smyth, who was evidently much affected by the warmth of his reception, replied as follows: It would be to me anything but a source of satisfaction to receive this jewel had I thought it was a stereotyped thing in Lodge Prudence, as in some lodges, to present a jewel to the outgoing Master whether he had discharged his duties in their opinion conscientiously or not. It would be no pleasure to have this jewel upon my breast if I could not put my hand upon my heart and say that, however imperfectly had performed the high office of Master, I had performed it in accordance with the dictates of my conscience and with the sincere wish to benefit Freemasonry in general and this lodge in particular. Any imperfections of mine have, I feel, been covered by the affectionate kindness which you now are showing me, and which has ever existed between us. While I remember the words of the wise man, that the threefold cord is not easily broken, yet I feel that one of the strands of that threefold cord which binds you and me together has been broken to-day, for I am no longer Worshipful Master of this lodge, and as constitutional ruler you are no longer called upon to obey me in that capacity. But there are other two strands still remaining unbroken, and I trust will so continue until T.G.A.O.T.U. shall summon me from this sublimity abode; the two strands are the friendship and affection which exist between us, and an earnest, deep, and reverent attachment to the sublime principles of the ancient Order which we love so much. I have often, in the capacity of Master, had to call your attention to the three lights of Masonry. I now discard two of the lights for a moment from my thoughts, and ask you to concentrate your thoughts upon one Master who rules over all. Into His realms we, as faithful Masons, shall be found if we do our duty. "And there shall be no night there, and they shall need no candle nor light of the sun, for the Lord God giveth them light, and they shall reign for ever and ever." I thank you, W.M. and brethren, from the bottom of my heart, for this and every other proof of your affection and esteem.

The W.M. announced that he had received the following telegram from their distinguished Bro. Hughan:—"Continued prosperity to Prudence and its distinguished Master."

Bro. Mason then spoke as follows:—I wish to express to the P.G.M., the D.P.G.M., and the many Provincial Officers, past and present, and the W.M.'s and Officers of

the Leeds and other Lodges, my extreme pleasure at seeing them here on this occasion. I esteem it a great honour to see such a noble company gathered on the present occasion, and I thoroughly appreciate the kindly feelings that have caused it.

No other business offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed, amid a perfect volley of "Hearty good wishes." The great body of visitors and members dined together, and later in the evening a concert, attended by ladies, was given.

The inscription on the jewel presented to the I.P.M. was as follows: "Presented by Lodge Prudence, 2069, to its second Master, Rev. Thomas Cartwright Smyth, D.D., P.M., Past Dep. Dist. Grand Master Eastn. Archo., Provincial Grand Chaplain West Yorks."

INSTRUCTION.

FIDELITY LODGE (No. 3).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at the Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury.

After the usual preliminaries, Bro. Fraser rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Rooke being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Bleakley as candidate.

TEMPERANCE LODGE (No. 169).—A meeting was held at the Duke of York Tavern, Evelyn-street, Deptford, on Friday, the 12th inst., when there were present Bros. W. Block, W.M.; Dale, S.W.; Walters, J.W.; Milbourn, Preceptor; Vellenoweth, Sec.; and Borritt.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremonies of initiation and raising were rehearsed by the W.M., Bros. Milbourn and Dale personating candidates.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 16th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida-hill.

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 Degree, and Bro. Muller was examined and entrusted.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1245).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 15th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington.

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. McDuell being candidate.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1445).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, E., on the 15th inst., when there were present Bros. Twinn, W.M.; F. J. West, S.W.; Sinclair, J.W.; McDonald, Preceptor; Robson, Sec.; Richardson, S.D.; Winkley, I.G.; Watkins, Esmond, and Haviland.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Watkins answered the usual questions, and was entrusted.

After the business of the evening had been completed, the brethren then proceeded to ballot for a Life-Governorship in one of

the Masonic Institutions in accordance with the by-laws of the "Second Masonic Subscription Fund" of this lodge of instruction, of which Bro. W. H. Myers, P.M. 1445, is President and Treas.;

PECKHAM LODGE (No. 1475).—The annual supper of this lodge of instruction was held on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at the Lord Wellington Hotel, Old Kent-road, at which Bro. W. T. P. Montgomery, W.M. 1475, presided, and was supported by Bros. David Rose, Preceptor, P.M. 1475 and 1622; H. Vickery, P.M. 1475; J. Ellwood, W.M. 179; James Garner, P.M. 975 and 1622; Grammont, P.M. 1559, Sec. 1622; Cowley, P.M. 1559; Cannon, P.M. 1475; Linstead, 901; Venner, I.G. 901; J. D. Smith, P.M. 1658; and several others.

The supper was fixed for 7.30, and at that hour the gavel was sounded and found the brethren seated at gaily decorated tables, which were soon well filled with the lavish articles detailed on the menu, and which did great credit to the caterers, Messrs. Venner and Taylor, of the Lord Wellington and Lord Nelson Hotels.

The usual loyal toasts were proposed, and afterwards the President gave the toast of "Bro. David Rose, P.M., the able Preceptor for the last 18 years of the Peckham Lodge of Instruction," of whom, he said, it was difficult in his presence to speak.

A very cordial reception having been given to the toast, Bro. Rose, P.M., replied, and spoke of the pleasure he always derived in giving information to all in search of Masonic knowledge.

The Treasurer and Secretary spoke of the good financial position of the lodge, and of the increase during the year in members.

During the evening some very excellent songs and recitations were given by Bros. J. Powell, J. D. Smith, Loder, Osterstock, Humphreys, E. M. Gibson, Douglas, C. J. Smith, and others.

After which, "Hearty good wishes" were accorded to the W.M. for presiding, and the brethren all left just before 12, having previously passed a vote of thanks to Messrs. Venner and Taylor for the splendid supper provided by them.

There were visitors present from all the South London lodges.

ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE (No. 1585).—A meeting was held at the Railway Hotel, Putney, on Monday, the 15th inst.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. proposed working the initiation ceremony, and Bro. Howell, offering himself as a candidate, the ceremony was duly rehearsed, the charge being given by Bro. Gompertz, S.D.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 11th inst., when there were present Bros. H. Sammons, W.M.; E. C. Mulvey, S.W.; F. Kedge, J.W.; F. Dusterwald, S.D.; E. J. D. Bromley, J.D.; C. A. Iiter, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; H. Matthews, W. Brindley, A. Wells, Charles Lambert, R. J. Harnell, E. Nice, C. Parsons, James Rowe, A. Clark, Frank Gullford, William Ham, W. Hancock, E. Chamberlain, T. A. Dickson, F. M. Noakes, G. F. Swan, R. E. Cursons, J. P. Bertini, James Woodward, H. G. Marsden, and J. Docker.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. Brindley worked the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. The W.M. worked the 3rd Section of the First Lecture. Bro. C. Parsons having offered himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired.

ELEANOR LODGE (No. 1707).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 8th inst., at the Seven Sisters' Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremonies of the First and Third Degrees were rehearsed very ably by the W.M. Lodge was then resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. for the ensuing week elected.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on the 9th inst., at the Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Wilton answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 12th inst., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, S.W.

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. Abbott being the candidate. Bro. Roberts, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 11th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W.

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. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Davies, assisted by the brethren.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 13th inst.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Wood offering himself as a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted.

Royal Arch.

COLCHESTER.—Patriotic Chapter (No. 51).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held on the 11th inst., in the Library of Colchester Castle (kindly lent by Bro. James Round, M.P.), when the following were installed as Principals for the ensuing year:

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Terry for his kindness in attending and performing the ceremony of the day; and the sum of five guineas was voted towards the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Among the companions present, besides those already mentioned, were; Comps. A. H. Moyes, P.Z. 88; C. O. G. Becker, P.Z. 51; N. Tracy, P.Z. 376, P.G.S.E. Suff.;

BURNLEY.—Chapter of Nativity (No. 126).—The installation meeting of this ancient chapter took place on the 3rd inst., at the Bull Hotel, when there were present Comps. Harrison, Z.; Oldman, H.; J. Harrison, J.;

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The following officers were then invested: Comps. Waterson, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; J. Whitham, S.E.; O'Malley, P.S.;

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, including that of "The Prov. G. Supt., Comp. Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past," which was responded to by Comps. Bollard, B. Whitaker, and Nelson.

Comp. Oldman, Z., proposed the toast of "The Installing Officer." Comp. Nelson responded, and urged the companions to meet periodically for instruction and improvement in the grand ritual of the Holy Royal Arch.

Comp. Bollard, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B., acted as Director of Ceremonies, and a very pleasant and profitable meeting was brought to a close by the Janitor's toast.

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, at its recent triennial meeting at St. Louis, after carefully hearing both sides of the question now pending between the Great Priory of Canada and the Scottish Templars Encampment of New Brunswick, have come to the resolution that it is not a matter in which it is called upon to interfere and that the said Scottish encampments cannot be described as clandestine, nor can communication with them be justly forbidden.

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.—[Advrt.]

Mark Masonry.

DAVISON LODGE (No. 331).—The brethren of this lodge met on Thursday, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, under the presidency of Bro. R. A. Meyer, P.P.G.S. Middlesex and Surrey, W.M. Bro. Nicholas de Sylva Zucco was advanced, and, after the ordinary business of the lodge was transacted, the brethren adjourned for the banquet at the Holborn Restaurant. Amongst those present were Bros. Frederic Davison, C. F. Matier, W. Ganz, Henry Fajia, Rowland Plumbé, Henry Baucke, Lloyd Wise, Dr. Kempster, and others.

Bro. R. A. Meyer, W.M., proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, and spoke in eloquent terms, dwelling on the main characteristic of Freemasonry, viz., Charity, with particular warmth, on the brethren to drink to "The Continued Success and Prosperity of the Mark Benevolent Fund," to which Bro. Matier, who has only recently been appointed Secretary to the Fund, and who was warmly congratulated on his appointment by the brethren, responded.

Bros. W. Ganz, Rose, Sweeting, and Woodward contributed excellent music, and the brethren enjoyed a very harmonious and successful meeting.

LIVERPOOL.—West Lancashire Lodge (No. 65).—The annual installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Adelphi Hotel, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Daniel Davis, assisted by the following brethren: Bros. W. Brackenbury, I.P.M.; John Hayes, P.M.; John Williams, P.M.; David Cangle, S.W.; Henry B. Brown, J.W.; John C. Spurr, J.O.; Thomas Clark, P.M., Treas.; John L. Houghton, Reg. of Mks.; Thomas Dilcock, Secretary; James Keet, S.D.; John C. Robinson, I.G.; William H. Ball, Tyler; W. S. Pywell, Harvey, A. S. Ramage, Jos. Getrey, Geo. Nicholson, J. Milne, B. G. Lloyd, Frank Storey, David Crawford, Wm. Hewson, J. B. Treasure, James Shapley, W. H. Veevers, John Molloy, John Ward, James White, Wm. S. Marsden, Richard Owen, James Martin, Robert Foote, E. Routeledge, and D. Dunkel. The visitors present were Bros. John Pemberton, P.P.G.S.W. Cheshire; and F. Wigham, 276.

After the minutes had been read and passed, the ballot was taken for Bros. Robert Forbes, 1086, Casper Nathan, and David Matthews, 249, they being declared duly elected, were admitted, and advanced to the honourable Degree of M.M.M., by the W.M. The chair was then taken by Bro. John Hayes, P.M., who proceeded to instal Bro. David Cangle, P.G.I.G., in a most efficient manner. The W.M. then invested the following officers: Bros. Daniel Davis, I.P.M.; H. B. Brown, S.W.; J. C. Spurr, J.W.; J. W. Ballard, M.O.; J. L. Houghton, S.O.; Thomas Dilcock, J.O.; J. Keet, Reg. of Mks.; Thomas Clark, P.M., Treas.; W. Brackenbury, P.M., D.C.; J. C. Robinson, Sec.; J. White, S.D.; W. Hewson, J.D.; J. Parker, I.G.; A. S. Ramage, Org.; Henry Dinyer, B. Lloyd, and R. Owens, Stwds.

The W.M. having presented the I.P.M. with a gold Past Master's jewel, the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a splendid banquet, served under the superintendence of the manager, Bro. Ludlow.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 2, Monument-place.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The stated quarterly communication was held in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Thursday the 4th inst. The throne was occupied by the Most Wor. Grand Master, Col. Sir Archibald C. Campbell of Blythswood, Bart., M.P., Bro. T. S. Elliot, yr. of Wolfelee, acting as Senior Grand Warden, and Bro. J. Dalrymple Duncan as Junior Grand Warden.

Amongst those present were Bros. W. Mann, acting Depute G.M.; Major Forest, acting Substitute G.M.; D. Murray Lyon, G. Secretary; David Kinnear, G. Cashier; Rev. P. M. M'Adam Muir and Rev. J. Ritchie, G. Chaplains; A. Mackenzie, acting S.G.D.; G. Fisher, Glasgow, acting J.G.D.; Major A. Allan, G. Bible Bearer; James Inches, G. Jeweller; Lieut.-Col. John Campbell, G.S.B.; Robert Davidson, G. Organist; Major Hills, G. Marshal; D. Reid, Glasgow, G.I.G.; J. Fleming, Proxy-Prov. G.M. of South East Africa; James Caldwell of Craigielea, P.G.D.; W. Officer, P.G.D.; T. Halkett, P.G. Bible Bearer; W. Edwards, Vice-President of the Board of Grand Stewards; John Macdonald, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Indiana; E. M'Alister, of Carbeth-Guthrie; R. J. Jameson, Proxy-Prov. G.M. of Venezuela; Alexander Hay, Proxy-Prov. G.M. of Jamaica; T. Hunter, Proxy-Master, and R. Johnston, Proxy-Senior Warden of Lodge Union, South Africa.

Presents, consisting of copies of the proceedings of the Grand Lodges of England, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Nevada, were received with thanks. It was resolved to grant charters to the following new lodges:—Ballarat, Victoria; Gladstone, Sydney; Lyon, Nubli, Bombay; Dorset, Scottsdale, Tasmania; Caledonian, Port Mackay, Queensland; The Pilgrim, Leydenburg, South Africa; and Friendship, New South Wales. It was also resolved to open fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Maryland, and Bro. W. F. Cochran was appointed representative at Baltimore.

The sum of £100 was voted towards the assistance of the brethren of Charleston who had suffered from the earthquake in that city. It appeared that during the past two months the grants from the Fund of Benevolence had amounted to £95. It was reported by the Grand Secretary that Bro. Sir William J. Clarke, D.G.M. of Victoria, had given £50 to the extended scheme of Masonic benevolence. Grand Committee reported that the "provisional scheme for carrying out the proposed extension of the existing scheme of Scottish Masonic benevolence," prepared by the sub-committee appointed by the Grand Committee in January last "to formulate a skeleton constitution and regulations as to the distribution of grants, &c., for the proposed scheme," had been tabled for consideration.

After some conversation, but without entering upon the consideration of the paper submitted, it was moved by Bro. JAMES CALDWELL, seconded by Bro. WILLIAM OFFICER, and unanimously agreed to "That Grand Secretary be requested to prepare and submit for consideration of Grand Committee a code of regulations for the administration of the extended scheme of the Fund of Benevolence."

Grand Committee reported that their attention had been called by the Grand Secretary to an annuity fund in connection with the Fund of Benevolence, which, though established in 1873, had never been put in operation. It had been named the "Dalhousie Annuity Fund," and regarding it the Grand Secretary reported that in 1872 the Earl of Dalhousie, Past Grand Master, was presented with a bust of himself, subscribed for by members of Grand Lodge and other Craftsmen. After paying expenses, the promoters of the bust fund had £150 to their credit. Lord Dalhousie, on being consulted as to the disposal of this sum, directed that it should be placed in the hands of the committee of the Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence to form a separate charity. This was done on 28th November, 1873, and the following was the committee's minute on the subject: "Brother Alexander Hay, on behalf of the 'Dalhousie Testimonial' Committee, handed to the chairman a cheque for £150 as the balance of that fund handed over at the request of the Right Hon. the Earl of Dalhousie, K.T., Past Grand Master, to form a 'Dalhousie Annuity' on the following conditions, namely—1. That the money shall be kept distinct from the other funds of the Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence, under the title of 'The Dalhousie Annuity Fund.' 2. That the annual proceeds of 'The Dalhousie Annuity Fund' shall be paid to the aged wife or the aged widow of a Scottish Freemason by way of annuity, during the pleasure of the Grand Committee, it being understood, however, that the same person shall live until the fund, unless there should arise good grounds for its withdrawal. 3. That, during his lordship's lifetime, the nomination to the annuity shall rest with his lordship. 4. That, thereafter, the nomination to the annuity shall rest with the Grand Committee. The matter was remitted back to the Dalhousie Testimonial Committee to devise means for investment of the sum, and report. Meantime the amount was ordered to be deposited in bank in the name of the chairman." The £150, represented by a deposit-receipt, dated December 26, 1873, was uplifted in March, 1875, and handed over to Grand Lodge on loan. The Annuity Fund—principal and interest—now amounts to about £225. The institution of the Dalhousie Charity, and the conditions under which it was to be administered, were reported to Grand Committee in December, 1873. Lord Dalhousie, who died in 1874, did not exercise his right of appointment to the annuity, neither had Grand Committee done so, and there, the Grand Secretary concluded, the matter rested.

It was reported by the GRAND CASHIER that during the three months ended 23rd October, the income had amounted to £885, and the expenditure to £545, showing a surplus of £340; and that there had been 1055 entrants to the Craft during that period.

The Special Committee appointed on the subject of the "Mark," reported that, in answer to several communications reported by Grand Secretary, it was agreed to recommend to the Grand Committee to rule that "it is incompetent under the Scottish Constitution to work the Mark in so-called Mark lodges with office-bearers other than those of the Craft lodge, and having separate books and accounts; but that the Degree shall be conferred on Master Masons as a section of that of the Fellow Craft, and that all such admissions to the Mark shall be recorded in the ordinary minute book of the lodge. Further, that it is competent to lodges to give the Mark to regularly recorded Master Masons of other lodges under the Scottish Constitution, as well as to their own qualified members." This was approved.

Other business of local interest having been disposed of, the nomination of Grand Officers for next year was then proceeded with. It was reported that Grand Committee had unanimously re-nominated the Grand Master, and that he had written as follows: "I feel most deeply the great kindness and consideration of Grand Committee in again proposing my name to Grand Lodge as Grand Master. I trust you will kindly intimate to Grand Committee how much I feel their great consideration to me in the past, as I know that I have had to draw largely on their forbearance. My public duties have prevented me doing more work for Grand Lodge than I ought to have done. I trust, however, that the peculiar circumstances in which I have been placed will be accepted by the brethren, and that they will recognise that I was serving my country, and not myself, when I was absent."

The nomination was unanimously adopted by Grand Lodge, and the GRAND MASTER thanked the brethren.

The other elective officers were also chosen, so that the list of office-bearers is now as follows:

Bro. Col. Sir Archibald Campbell, Bart.	G.M.
" The Earl of Haddington ...	D.G.M.
" The Earl of Kintore ...	Sub. G.M.
" Frederick E. Villiers ...	G.S.W.
" James T. S. Elliot ...	G.J.W.
" D. Murray Lyon ...	G. Sec.
" David Kinnear ...	G. Cashier.
" Rev. Dr. Watt ...	} G. Chaps.
" Rev. Dr. Story ...	
" W. M'Lean, jun., C.A. ...	G.S.D.
" James Dalrymple Duncan ...	G.J.D.
" H. J. Blanc ...	G. Architect.
" David M'Gregor ...	G. Jeweller.
" Major F. W. Allan ...	G. Bible Bearer.
" Albert Abthorpe ...	G.D. of C.
" George Dobie ...	G. Bard.
" Lieut.-Col. John Campbell ...	G. Swd. Bearer.
" Carl D. Hamilton ...	G. Dir. of Music.
" Major W. Hills ...	G. Marshal.
" David Reid ...	G.I.G.

After other business of a routine character, G. Lodge was closed.

CELEBRATION OF THE CENTENARY OF THE LODGE OF ANTIQUITY, No. 178, WIGAN.

The celebration of the centenary of the above lodge took place on Saturday, the 30th ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Wigan, the rare event in the history of this province bringing together a full muster of the members, and a goodly array of Provincial Grand Lodge Officers and other distinguished visitors. The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M. England, and P.G.M. West Lancashire, was to have been present to formally hand over the warrant issued by the Grand Lodge certifying to the continuous working of the lodge for the past 100 years; but he, to the great regret of the members and visitors, was prevented by

sudden indisposition. Bro. S. G. Sinclair, P.G.W., however, was a very efficient acting Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., the R.W. Bro. the Earl of Crawford, P.G.M. of Aberdeenshire West, the following officers and members being present: Bros. T. Hunter, S.W.; James Holmes, J.W.; Thomas Milner, P.M., Treas.; R. Layland, Sec.; T. Bullock, S.D.; Richard Knowles, J.D.; C. B. Holmes, P.P.G.P., as D.C.; G. Makinson, I.G.; L. R. Rowbottom, P.P.G.W.; M. W. Peace, P.G.W.; James Pickering, P.P.G.D.; Thomas Milligan, P.P.G.D.; John Preston, P.P.G.D.D.C.; W. Dean, P.M.; J. M. Ashurst, H. D. Crofts, P.M.; W. Hardy, P.M.; J. Philips, P.M.; Edward Sale, P.M.; J. Gaskell, P.M.; J. Brown, J. Wilson, E. Seddon, G. Seddon, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P., W.M. 1561; R. A. Davies, P.G. Treas.; J. T. Callow, P.P.G. Treas.; Robert Martin, P.P.G. Treas.; Thos. Whitehead, P.G.D.; Wm. Goodacre, P.G. Sec.; C. Barry, P.G.D.; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C.; S. D. M'Killen, P.D.D.C.; W. J. Thomson, P.P.G.D.; James Laurence, P.G.S.B.; A. D. Hesketh, P.G. Std. Br.; A. Hall, P.G.A. Sec.; J. Houlding, P.P.G.R.; Thomas Nevett, P.G.S.W.; J. R. Bottomley, P.G. Std. Br.; Arthur Franceys, W.M. 32; W. Johnson, W.M. 1335; Ralph Bettley, 1335; R. A. Farrington, P.M. 1335; R. C. Snape, 1335; Rev. T. H. Leeson, 751; Chas. D. Mortimer, P.P.G. Org.; Joseph Queen, S.W. 2042; O. J. Rowlands, 1675; D. J. Davies, 1675; J. T. Jones, 1675; D. Williams, 2042; and others.

The proceedings generally were of a highly interesting character. The sketch given by Bro. M. W. Peace of the history of the lodge, taken from its ancient records, and the oration by the Rev. T. H. Leeson, were, however, distinguishing features in what for some time to come will be remembered with pleasure by the members of Antiquity and the visitors present.

The brethren and visitors at the close of the lodge business were subsequently entertained at a banquet, provided by Bro. James Bennett, of the Raven Hotel, St. Helens, in the Public Hall, presided over by the Right Hon. the Earl of Crawford.

The musical portion of the proceedings, which was highly appreciated, was given by the Cambrian Quartet, under the able direction of Bro. Joseph Queen, Bro. Charles D. Mortimer, P.P.G.O., being the accompanist. In the course of the afternoon, Bro. J. Brown, who has written an interesting history of the lodge, presented Bro. the Earl of Crawford with a handsomely bound copy of the work.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, occupied the President's chair, Bro. C. A. Cottelbrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, acted as Senior Vice-President, and Bro. W. H. Perryman, A.G.P., acting as Junior Vice-President. Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, and W. H. Lee, also attended. The other brethren present were Bros. D. D. Mercer, F. R. Spaul, Henry Garrod, P.G.P.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; G. P. Britten, P.M. 183; Charles Dairy, P.M. 141; J. H. Matthews, P.G. Std. Br.; Thomas Cull, P.M. 1446; Charles F. Hogard, P.M. 205; R. J. Taylor, P.M. 144; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; Henry Habord, W.M. 901; George P. Gillard, P.M. 657; A. Lucking, G.P.; Robert Grey, P.G.D.; W. P. Brown, P.M. 90; Edwin Halliwell, P.M. 345; John D. Birkin, W.M. 754; P. Dakins, W.M. 1669; Charles J. R. Tijou, W.M. 1804; J. S. Cumberland, W.M. 2128; and others.

The Board of Masters was first held, and the agenda of business for that day was submitted to the brethren.

The brethren at the Board of Benevolence first confirmed grants recommended at the last meeting of the Board to the amount of £410. Those on the new list comprised the names of 45 petitioners who hailed from London, Keswick, Warwick, Sunderland, Jersey, Llandudno, Old Brompton, Walsall, South Shields, Calcutta, Gravesend, Wood Green, St. Helena, Sherborne, Worcester, Newbury, Liverpool, Hartlepool, Blackburn, Pontypridd, Holyhead, Nova Scotia, Twickenham, North Shields, Yarra Yarra, Leytonstone, Torquay, Yarrow-on-Tyne, Supreme Conseil de France, Upton, Louth, and Tavistock.

In the course of the sitting four of these cases were deferred being incomplete. The remainder were relieved with a total of £1060, which was composed of one recommendation of £100, four of £50 each, five of £40 each, eight of £30 each, ten grants of £20 each, ten of £10 each, and two of £5 each.

The Board was then closed.

The annual concert in aid of the funds of the Post Office Orphan Home will take place at St. James's Hall, on Thursday, the 9th December, when several distinguished artistes have promised their assistance. Admission by ticket only.—Reserved stalls, 7s. 6d.; stalls, 5s.; balcony, 4s.; area, 3s.; orchestra and gallery, 2s. To commence at 7.45 p.m. Tickets and full particulars of the Secretary, Mr. J. Avery, E.C.D.O. General Post Office, or Mr. W. Henfrey, Post Office, Vere-street, W., &c.

"DUMENLY" is the name of a Tobacco growing estate near Yenidjé, in Turkey, whence Messrs. A. C. Parascho obtain their choicest tobacco for the cigarettes manufactured by them at 57, Pall Mall, London. It appears that the production of the fragrant weed is no difficulty on our soil, but the most important part—the drying and preparing it for its purposes—is, owing to our climatic influences, a very difficult matter, for even if one improperly dried leaf finds its way into a bale it impregnates the whole and the consequence is a bad aroma. In the specimens we saw at Messrs. A. C. P. and Co's. the perfection of this quality appears, and a delicate aromatic cigarette called "Dumenly," is produced, but last, and by no means least, special attention is paid to the paper which encloses the tobacco. The paper used here is of a delicate cream colour, entirely free from any chemical bleaching, so that all who purchase the "Dumenly" cigarette may really enjoy a pure and delicious whiff.

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PRESENTATION TO BRO. W. J. HUGHAN, P.G.D.

At a meeting of the Chine Lodge, No. 1884, at the Masonic Hall, Shanklin, on October 28th, the following were present: Bros. Alfred Greenham, W.M.; John Bailey, I.P.M.; Francis Cooper, P.M., as S.W.; F. Rayner, J.W.; L. Colenutt, Sec.; C. H. Moodman, S.D.; I. Cantelow, I.G.; W. Deeks, D.C.; I. W. Mew, Tyler; M. Lindfield, P.M.; W. Kinsey, M. Gregory, E. Boehme, R. Young, and G. H. Matthews.

The minutes of the last regular lodge and two lodges of emergency having been read and confirmed, Bros. Young and Matthews were passed to the Second Degree by the W.M. After many communications being read, the W.M. rose and presented from Bro. Dr. Spark his "Freemasons' Liber Musicus." The W.M. said: "I had the honour and pleasure of an introduction to Bro. Dr. Spark during his visits to the Island, and he very kindly presented his work to the lodge. I am quite sure, brethren, when you see it and examine it for yourselves, you will see it opens a part of Masonry, which our lodge, at present, is not strong enough to carry out, but which I hope it will some day. Music is a grand aid to the Masonic ceremonies. How much I should like to visit a lodge where it is given. I have had it described to me, and I am sure the ceremonies carried out in some lodges must be very beautiful and impressive. Perhaps some day we may be able to use this work, which contains all the musical Masonry known, and for it I propose the best thanks of the lodge be conveyed to Bro. Spark for his kind gift. The resolution was seconded by Bro. F. Cooper, P.M., and carried unanimously.

The **WORSHIPFUL MASTERS** said: The next business, brethren, is to present Bro. W. J. Hughan with a silver Masonic Exhibition Medal, as a token of our appreciation for his services rendered to Chine Lodge Exhibition, or, as it will be generally called, Shanklin Exhibition. No one knows as fully as I do the vast amount of time Bro. Hughan devoted to make the exhibition a success, and to render the catalogue worthy a place in the history of Freemasonry. When I consider the number of letters Bro. Hughan wrote and perused, in addition to every proof of the catalogue, I confess I am astonished at the exceptional kindness I received at his hands, and, recollect, to one whom I have never seen. No other ties beyond the fraternal ones existed, and yet until the last he assisted me. The editing of the catalogue fell entirely on me, and, therefore, I know what immense assistance I received. It was indeed a far larger exhibition than I at first contemplated, and it grew far beyond my early ideas, and then I became aware with what importance it was regarded by the Masonic world. When Bro. Hughan lent the authority of his great name—a name universally known and respected, not only as an author, but because Bro. Hughan has ever been willing to help on Freemasonry in every place—it was a sure guarantee that our exhibition would mark an important period in Masonry. All of you, I feel sure, read his interesting article in the *Freemason* of September 18th, which conveyed, in no uncertain tone, his high opinion of the exhibition on a whole, but while we are proud of the success, I shall always remember his kind and generous help. I trespassed on his time to an extent that only those who have some insight into the compilation of a catalogue can estimate to its full extent. It was our intention to have asked our Prov. Grand Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., to present him with this medal at the Exhibition Banquet, for at one time Bro. Hughan thought it possible for him to be present. That would have been the highest honour we could have conferred in asking our Prov. Grand Master to present it. The opportunity was not given us, but I feel assured, coming from us as a lodge, it will be appreciated, not for its intrinsic value, but for the feelings of gratitude that inspired it; and, brethren, before I formally propose that it be sent to Bro. Hughan. I feel it is due to you to know a little concerning the exhibition funds.

The statement of accounts was then read.

The **WORSHIPFUL MASTER**, in continuing, said: I shall be unable, I regret to say, to benefit our Building Fund very much, and though, from a financial point of view, it may not be a great success, I foresaw, before the exhibition was opened, that even that was subordinate to the higher issue of Masonic success. The Province of Hampshire became identified with it, when our Prov. Grand Master honoured us by consenting to open it, and I feel sure, from all that has been said, from the congratulations that I have received from some of the highest Masons in England—even from the Dist. G. Master of Gibraltar, and from foreign Masons holding the highest positions—that our province is proud of the undertaking, for in a letter received by me from our Deputy P.G.M., Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, G.D., he conveyed in very warm terms his congratulations. Therefore, brethren, I am far more than satisfied with the result. We had the great disadvantage of the first two days being rough and rainy, and the closing one was equally as bad, or I am sure the result would have been different; yet, after all, the conviction is borne in upon me that there are many Masons who are entirely lost to the value of these exhibitions, and who do not appreciate the historical part of Freemasonry. I was reading an article recently in the *Freemason* complaining of the little support given by Masons to the Masonic journals, and how little Masons seemed to value the splendid heritage of Freemasonry, and, brethren, I feel the truth of the remarks, for one would have imagined after the immense labour to get an exhibition which comprised the most valuable Masonic articles known, every Mason in the Island would have attended. There is, however, a tendency in some lodges to promote the study of Freemasonry, which I trust in the very near future this lodge will help and encourage in every way. Bro. Hughan has generously sent many and valuable works to form the nucleus of our lodge library, and Bro. George Taylor expressed his willingness to me before he left Shanklin, and hoped he might be able to help us. We are, I am sure, very much indebted in every way to Bro. Hughan, and it is with considerable pleasure that I propose this medal be sent to him, expressing at the same time our gratitude for the help given to the exhibition—a medal, brethren, which he himself has described on seeing an early impression "one of the best in England," and, as I might add, an opinion which the leading medallists have endorsed, and expressed their admiration of the beauty of the design, and the splendid manner in which Bro. Kenning has executed it.

Bro. JOHN BAILEY, I.P.M., seconded the resolution, and said next to the W.M. he was sure he was able to bear witness to the immense help received from Bro. Hughan, whose advice had materially helped to make the exhibition a success. Bro. Hughan did not spare himself in the least, but right through to the end appended his notes to the catalogue, which makes it at the present time the best authority on the various Masonic articles which are so fully described in it. It is a work which cannot fail to add lustre to Chine Lodge, and immortalize its name.

Previous to the lodge being closed, the **WORSHIPFUL MASTER** said he had the pleasure to announce that all the exhibits had been safely returned, which relieved the lodge as guarantors of any future responsibility. (Cheers.)

The resolution was carried unanimously. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room.

THE NEW DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER FOR SURREY.

Bro. Frederick West, F.R.G.S., whose appointment to the office of Deputy Prov. Grand Master for Surrey we referred to last week, was initiated in the Granite Lodge, No. 1328, in 1871. He served the different offices up to, and including that of W.M., and for his services in the latter capacity the lodge voted him, not only the ordinary Past Master's jewel, but a special one as an extra mark of esteem. Since then Bro. West has acted as Treasurer of that lodge. After his Mastership of the Granite Lodge, he joined the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, No. 4, and has been for some years Secretary of that lodge. In the year 1885 his lodge elected him W.M., and he represented it as Grand Steward the same year. Of this body he was elected Treasurer to the Board. Bro. West has also served on the Board of General Purposes. He is also a joining member of East Surrey Lodge of Concord, No. 463, and Past Prov. Grand Registrar for his province. In Royal Arch, Bro. West was exalted in the Union of Waterloo Chapter, No. 13, but did not take office in it. He was one of the founders of the Granite Chapter, and its first H. He twice filled the office of M.E.Z. in that chapter. Bro. West is joining member of the East Surrey Chapter of Concord, and has served as M.E.Z. of that chapter. He is a Past Prov. Grand Registrar, and Past Prov. G.N. of the Province of Surrey. Bro. West is now E.P. of the Kemeys Tynte Preceptory, is a Knight of Malta, and a member of the Rose Croix Orpheus Chapter.



At the annual meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge of Mark Master Masons of West Yorkshire, two guineas was voted from the funds to the Binckles Presentation Fund.

Bro. John Stribley, S.W., has been elected W.M. for the ensuing year of the St. Petroc Lodge, No. 1785, Padstow, and Bro. Frank Bray, P.P.G.P., re-elected Treasurer.

WILLIS'S ROOMS (LIMITED).—Bro. Alfred Best, late of the Freemasons' Tavern and the Queen's Hotel, St. Martin's-le-Grand, also Mr. W. Crichton Saunders, of the refreshment department of the House of Commons, have joined the Board of Directors.

THE LATE BRO. E. F. STORR.—We have been asked to state that a deputation from the Mornington Permanent Building Society, of which Bro. Storr had been a director for upwards of 20 years, attended his funeral to pay the last mark of respect to his memory.

The nineteenth annual dinner in aid of the Goldsmiths' and Jewellers' Annuity and Asylum Institution, of which Bro. Major George Lambert, P.G.S.B., is President, will take place at the Holborn Restaurant on Monday next, the 22nd inst., under the presidency of Sir Albert K. Rollit, M.P.

At the monthly meeting of the Lodge of Good Fellowship, No. 276, Chelmsford, on the 11th inst., Bro. A. G. Maskell, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. At the same meeting Bro. F. Whitmore, P.M., P.P.G.D., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Sarel, Tyler. The annual oyster supper was afterwards held.

A very interesting lecture on the antiquity of Freemasonry was given by Bro. George Glen, of Yoker, at the meeting at the Masonic Hall, Renfrew, on Tuesday, the 9th inst., of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 426 (S.C.) There was a large attendance of brethren, and at the close a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the lecturer.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625, Wellington Arms, Wellington-road, Bow, on Thursday, the 25th inst. Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M., P.Z., will preside, with Bros. W. Musto, P.M.; D. Moss, P.M., as S.W. and J.W. respectively; and B. Stewart, W.M. 1278, Preceptor. Full particulars of Bro. C. N. Fox, Hon. Sec.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the Alexandra Palace Lodge of Instruction, No. 1541, at the Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, on Saturday, the 27th inst., at 7 p.m. prompt. The chair will be taken by Bro. Farwig, P.M. 180; Bro. C. A. Woods, P.M. 145, S.W.; Bro. Westley, J.W. 1886, J.W.; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 1807, Preceptor.

The Loriners' Company entertained the Livery at dinner, on Wednesday last, at the Cannon-street Hotel. Among those present we noticed Bros. A. F. Godson, M.P., Alderman Sir H. E. Knight, Alderman and Sheriff Isaacs, Rev. G. H. Smith, Thos. Beard, Deputy Wallford, Augustus Harris, J. Bishop, George Kenning, John Lobb, W. Willey, and Colonel T. Davis Sewell. Bro. A. F. Godson replied for the "Houses of Parliament."

CURES OF COLDS, THROAT IRRITATION AND CHEST DISEASES (this week) by DR. LOCOCK'S PULMONIC WAFERS. Mr. Swain, M.P.S. 249, Mill-street, Liverpool, writes—"I can highly recommend Dr. LOCOCK'S PULMONIC WAFERS for all Throat Irritation and Chest Diseases." They instantly relieve and rapidly cure Asthma, Consumption, Bronchitis, Coughs, Colds, Shortness of Breath, Pleurisy, Pains in the Chest, Rheumatism—and taste pleasantly. Sold at 18, 13d, and 28, 9d, per box.—[ADVT.]

M.E. Comp. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Prov. G. Supt. Gloucestershire, has intimated his intention of presiding at the annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Chapter, which he has fixed to take place at the Masonic Hall, Cheltenham, on Wednesday, 24th inst.

A concert in aid of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund will be given in Plymouth Guildhall on Wednesday next, the 24th inst. The brethren of the different lodges in Plymouth, Devonport, and Stonehouse are working cordially in order to secure a great success, and, as the musical talent among them is strong, both in numbers and ability, there is little doubt about their attaining their wishes.

The first meeting of the newly-established Mount Zion Chapter of Improvement, No. 22, was held at the Royal Edward, South Hackney, on Friday, the 12th inst., and proved very successful. Comp. Birdseye is Preceptor, and it is proposed to meet regularly on the second and fourth Fridays in the month, at 7.30 p.m.

At the meeting of the Mary Commandery of Knights Templar, No. 36, Philadelphia, which was arranged to be held on Thursday, the 11th inst., the Order of the Red Cross was to be conferred on some 17 candidates, subject to the usual approval by ballot, and to four others who had already been approved. It has also been arranged that the Mary Commandery shall pay their third visit to Kadosh Commandery, No. 29, on Thursday next, the 25th inst.

We regret to have to record the death, on the 2nd inst., of Bro. William Aynsley, I.P.M. Mozart Lodge, No. 1929, at the early age of 44 years. Bro. Aynsley was one of the founders and its fifth W.M., and his kindness and geniality, as well as the great interest he took in the welfare of the lodge, will ever remain as examples to be followed by those who were fortunate enough to have known him, and to have enjoyed his friendship.

At the meeting of the Molesworth Lodge, No. 1954, Wadebridge, on the 1st inst., Bro. Doney, P.M., of the Restormel Lodge, No. 856, Lostwithiel, was presented with a handsome oak writing case in token of the esteem felt for him by the brethren, and their appreciation of the valuable help he had rendered them at great personal inconvenience on many occasions. The gift was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Doney.

At the meeting of the Sackville Lodge, No. 1619, East Grinstead, on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., a vote of congratulation to Bro. Farncombe, P.P.G.S.B. Sussex, on his re-election as Mayor of Lewes, during the Queen's Jubilee year, was unanimously passed, and ordered to be recorded on the lodge minutes. We also must congratulate our worthy brother, to whom his partners and employees have recently presented a handsomely framed, and admirable three-quarter length portrait in oils by Mr. Henry Gales, Medallist of the Royal Academy, to commemorate the occasion, on this recurrence of an honour he has done so much to deserve.

On Saturday last Bro. R. Paget, of the United Strength and Clerkenwell Lodges, completed his thirtieth year as vestry clerk of Clerkenwell, and to commemorate the occasion an influential committee of inhabitants decided to purchase the portrait of him, exhibited in the Royal Academy last year, and present it to the vestry as representing the parishioners. The portrait, which is the work of one of the vestry clerk's artist sons, Mr. Sydney Paget, is a life-like one, and, hung in the Vestry Hall, will serve as a lasting monument of Bro. Paget's long and eminent services to Clerkenwell.

The late Bro. Henry Bunt, whose death occurred in consequence of the terrible injuries he received at the recent great fire in Liverpool, and whose funeral in Christ Church Churchyard, Sandown, Isle of Wight, on the 12th inst., was very numerous attended by relatives, friends, and brother Masons, was a young member of the Sandown Lodge, No. 1869, of which his brother, Bro. J. Bunt, is a P.M. and Treas., and one of its most respected members. Every one must feel sympathy for the family and friends of the deceased, especially under the appalling circumstances of his death.

The Committee of "The Surrey Masonic Hall Quadrille Parties" (who are members of the Craft) are now making arrangements for commencing the eleventh season. The subscribers are not restricted to the Craft. These social gatherings have hitherto been a great success, and there is no doubt the present season will be equally so. We understand there are still a few vacancies for subscribers. Bro. H. Stunt, P.M., Hon. Sec., 12, Akerman-road, Brixton, will be happy to give any information.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695, at the Hornsey Wood Tavern, Seven Sisters' Road, on Tuesday, the 23rd, and Tuesday the 30th instant, those constituting the First Lecture being given in the former, and the Second and Third Lectures on the later evening. Hour of meeting, 8 p.m. sharp. Bro. H. Jenkins will preside as W.M., and Bros. R. Larchin and J. C. Cross will occupy the Senior and Junior Wardens' chairs respectively. Any further particulars that may be desired of Bro. A. J. Berry, Hon. Secretary of the lodge.

At the Court held at Windsor Castle on Tuesday by the Queen, for the purpose of investing the newly-created Knights Grand Cross, Knights Commander, and Companions of the various Orders of Knighthood with the insignia of their rank, Bros. Francis B. Alston, P.G.W., and Alderman John Staples, ex-Lord Mayor of London, were introduced to her Majesty, and, having had the honour of knighthood conferred upon them, were, among others, invested severally with the insignia of Knights Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George. Bro. Sir Albert Woods (Garter) was present, and assisted her Majesty, as were likewise Bros. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, P.G.M. Cornwall, Lord Steward; and the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M. of England and P.G.M. West Lancashire, Lord Chamberlain.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.
For the week ending Saturday, November 27, 1886.

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

- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20.**
Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1329, Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
" 1364, Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1767, Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-rd., Notting Hill.
Chap. 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1706, Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall.
Mark 251, Tenterden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
A.M.D. 7, Four Kings' Council, Sa, Red Lion-sq., W.C.

- LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**
Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hot., King-st., Hammersmith, 7.30.
Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, Pimlico, at 7.
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.
Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Star, Five Bells, New Cross-rd., S.E., at 7.
Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., Herne-hill, S.E., 7.30.

- MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22.**
Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, F.M.H.
" 26, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 28, Old Kings Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
" 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 222, St. Andrews, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 905, De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1608, Kilburn, Queens Arms Hot., Kilburn Gate.
" 1632, Stuart, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
" 1718, Centurion, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.
" 1828, Shepherd's Bush, Athenæum, Godolphin-rd., Shepherd's Bush.
Chap. 1537, St. Peter Westminster, Freemasons' Hall.
Mark 5, Mallet and Chisel, Boidge House Hot., London Bridge.

- Red Cross 2, Plantaganet, 68, Regent-st.
LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.
Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook, at 8.
Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hot., Page Green, Tottenham, at 8.
Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, 8.
Hyde Park, Porchester Hot., Leinster-place, Cleveland-sq., Porchester-terr., Paddington, at 8.
Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Loughborough, Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W.
Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hot., Victoria-park-rd., E.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.
Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, 7.
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hot., Putney, 8 till 10.
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 7.
St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 8.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., Upper Norwood, at 8.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., E.C., at 7.30.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.

- TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23.**
Lodge 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
" 92, Moria, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
" 165, Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn Fields.
" 185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 205, Israel, Cannon Street Hot.
" 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 1158, Southern Star, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
" 1348, Ebury, 8, Air-street, Regent-st.
" 1744, Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall.
" 2108, Empire, Criterion, Piccadilly.
Chap. 121, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 80, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.
" 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., High st., Deptford.
" 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1365, Clapton, St. Botolph-chambers, Bishopsgate-st.
Rose Croix 29, Palestine, 33, Golden-sq.

- LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**
Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.
Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.
Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 7.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
Duke of Albany, Rock Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8.

- Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-st., Edmonton, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., at 8.
Finsbury, King's Head Tavern, 42, Threadneedle-st., at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 7.
Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
Kennington, Giraffe Tav., Newington Crescent, Newington Butts, S.E., at 7.30.
Kensington, Courtfield Hot., Earl's Court Station, at 8.
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.
Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Camden Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, 7.30.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, 6.30.

- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24.**
Provincial Grand Chapter of Gloucestershire, at Cheltenham.
Lodge 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.
" 212, Euphrates, M.H., Masons' Avenue, EC.
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tav., Tottenham.
" 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
" 1017, Montefiore, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.
" 1056, Victoria, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
" 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1719, Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1768, Progress, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1818, Clapham, Army and Navy Hot., Victoria-st.
" 1820, Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
Chap. 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
Rose Croix 44, Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-sq., W.

- LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**
Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7.
Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
Earl of Lathom, Station Hot., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
Fidelity, Alfred Hot., Roman-rd., Barnsbury, at 8.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.30.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Gt. Portland-st., W., at 8.
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High-st., Boro', 7.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
Queen's Westminster, 79, Ebury-st., S.W., at 7.45.
Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8.
Robert Burns, Portland Arms, Great Portland-st., W.
Royal Jubilee, Haunch of Venison, 1, Bell-yd., Fleet-st., at 8.
Stockwell, Masons' Hall Tav., Masons' Avenue, E.C., 6.
Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, 7.30.
United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.
United Strength, Hope Tav., Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.
Vitruvian, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge, at 8.
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st. S.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Domatic Chapter, Union Tav., Air-st., W., at 8.

- THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25.**
General Committee Girls' School F.M.H., at 4.
Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.
" 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.
" 507, United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
" 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort Hot., North End, Fulham.
" 861, Finsbury, St. Botolph Chambers, Bishopsgate-st.
" 871, Royal Oak, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
" 1421, Langthorne, Angel Hot., Ilford.
" 1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1503, City of Westminster, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.
" 1658, Skelmersdale, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
" 1816, Victoria Park, Queen's Hot., Victoria Park.
" 1974, St. Mary Abbotts, Town Hall, Kensington.
Chap. 5, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall.
" 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 538, Vane, Freemasons' Hall.
" 657, Canonbury, Masons' Arms, Basinghall-st.
" 704, Camden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1601, Ravensbourne, Town Hall, Catford.
Rose Croix 97, Rose and Lily, 33, Golden-sq., W.

- LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**
Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.
Burdett Courts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.
City of London, Tiptree Tavern, 6, Leadenhall-st., at 6.
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.

- Creaton, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav. (opposite Limehouse Church, E.), at 7.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton. 8.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Highgate-rd., N., at 8.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
Langton, White Hart, Cannon-st., at 5.30.
Leopold, Old White Hart, Borough High-st., at 7.30.
Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct. road, at 8.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Rose, Sterling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tav., Liverpool-rd., at 8.
Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-rd., at 8.
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st. Kennington.
The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C., 6.30.
Tredgarr, Wellington Arms, Wellington-rd., Bow-rd., 7.30.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.
West Middlesex, Bell Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.
Eccleston Chapter, Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-st., 7.30.
North London Chapter, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-rd., Canonbury, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.

- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26.**
Lodge 197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.
" 569, Fitz-Roy, Head-quarters Hon. Artillery, City-rd.
" 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 749, Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.
K.T. 26, Faith and Fidelity, &c., Cannon-st. Hotel.
LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.
Albion, Crown Hot., Essex-st., Strand.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Beacontree, Bell Tavern, Leytonstone, at 8.
Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.
Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 8.
Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement (for M.Ms.), F.M.H., at 7.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-st., Hackney, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-st., Hammersmith, W., at 8.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at 8.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Stability, Mason's Hall Tav., Mason's Avenue, at 6.
Temperance, Duke of York Tav., Evelyn-st., Deptford, 8.
Ubique, 79, Ebury-st., Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tav., George-st., Baker-st., W.
Hornsey Chapter, Porchester Hot., Leinster-pl., Cleveland-sq., Paddington, at 8.
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hot., Richmond, 8.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
Royal Savoy Mark, The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.

- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27.**
Lodge 1679, Henry Muggieridge, M.H., Mason's Avenue.
" 1706, Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall.
Chap. 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

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