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THE report we publish elsewhere of Wednesday's proceedings in Grand Lodge contains full particulars of everything of importance that passed, and there are one or two matters we have thought it desirable to make the subject of special comment further on. But we cannot refrain from expressing our satisfaction at the extremely good sense exhibited by Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D., in postponing his motion about the £1000 contribution to the Imperial Institute. Postponement is the first step towards withdrawal, and when the latter has taken place, everybody—including probably Bro. STEWART himself—will be delighted.

It may be rank heresy in us to suggest that some of the GRAND MASTER's appointments to high and responsible office in Grand Lodge are more generally acceptable than others. But the statement is true, nevertheless, as is shown by his selection of Bro. ROBERT GREY, P.G.D., for the post of President of the Board of Benevolence under the new arrangements. There are many good men in our ranks on whom the appointment might well have been conferred, but we venture to say that none of them so nearly realises our conception of what the occupant of a delicate and important office like that of President of the Board of Benevolence should be as Bro. GREY. We do not say this with any idea of flattering him to the disparagement of others, nor do we base our opinion so much on the number and character of the positions he has filled in the course of his Masonic career, as on the happy combination of qualities he has exhibited in his various relations with our Masonic Institutions, but especially in his capacity of Patron of the Girls' School and member of its House Committee. We congratulate the GRAND MASTER on his wise choice of this brother for the newly-created Grand Office, and the Craft and Bro. GREY himself on its having been made.

Two candidates for the election in March next to the office of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year were nominated on Wednesday, namely, Bro. A. F. GODSON, M.P., D.P.G.M., Worcestershire, to whose merits, on the announcement of his intended candidature some time ago, we have already had the pleasure of testifying; and Bro. RICHARD EVE, a P. Prov. G.S. Warden of Hants and the Isle of Wight. Bro. EVE's record is one of which any brother might justly be proud. He has been a Mason for upwards of 31 years and is a P.M. of 25 years' standing, having been installed W.M. of Guy's Lodge, No. 395, Leamington, in 1860. He is also a member of, and has had a hand in founding several lodges and other Masonic bodies, and is a P.Z. in the R.A. Degree, a P.G. Overseer of Mark Grand Lodge, a Knight Templar, &c., &c. But his most arduous services have been rendered in behalf of our Institutions, for which he has served as many as 25 Stewardships, and of each of which he has qualified as Vice-Patron. From this brief summary of his career it will be manifest that Bro. EVE has many claims on the consideration of members of Grand Lodge, and, that in him Bro. GODSON will have a not unworthy competitor.

THE Report of the General Board of the Mark Grand Lodge for the past half-year, which was presented at the Winter Communication on Tuesday, was in all respects satisfactory. We have perhaps seen more advancements and new warrants recorded; but even Grand Lodges cannot always be going ahead by leaps and bounds, and "Slow and Sure" will be found an excellent principle to observe in Masonry as in other Societies. Moreover, the financial statement, which is the true criterion of prosperity, shows soundness, and creates a certain indifference to the mere question of members. There are also sundry other matters to which attention may reasonably be drawn. One is, that it has been resolved to contribute £5 annually towards the clothing of each child

elected on the Educational Fund. Another is that the Festival of the year, though less productive by some £200 than that of 1885, was ample for all the purposes of the Benevolent Fund. Lastly, it has been wisely resolved that this Fund shall have a Secretary all to itself, to look after its affairs, and Bro. C. F. MATIER has been appointed to the office. Considering the progress of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and how enormously the Degree itself has increased of late years, some such an arrangement as this was bound to be adopted sooner or later, and we are glad it has come now rather than later, because there is greater need, as there is likewise greater scope, for the services of such enthusiastic members of the Degree as Bros. BINCKES, G.S., and MATIER.

It is to be regretted that no process has yet been discovered by which *three* such unusually strong candidates as Bros. PHILBRICK, G. Reg., FENN, President of Board of General Purposes, and Alderman SAVORY could have been elected to fill the *two* vacancies on the House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. But the immortal COCKER has taught us—and taught us truly—that *three* into *two* won't go, and the result is that Bro. Alderman SAVORY must bide his time for a further and better opportunity of satisfying his most laudable ambition to play the part of a House Committeeman to our senior Charity. The three rivals in the honourable contest of Thursday, the 25th ult., possessed equal ability and will to serve the interests of the School, but Bro. Alderman SAVORY is comparatively a young Mason, and the seniority, larger experience, and higher rank of Bros. PHILBRICK and FENN as Masons undoubtedly turned the scale in their favour. However, to have been honourably defeated by two such competitors is as much a feather in Bro. SAVORY's cap as would have been a victory over others of inferior calibre, and, as we have said before, our solitary regret is that it was impossible for all three of them to be returned.

THE old adage about self-praise being no recommendation does not always hold good. The speakers at the meeting the other day of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cambridgeshire and at the banquet which followed the proceedings were fully justified in praising the work done during the past few years by the province of which they were and are the leading representative brethren; that is to say, in praising the work of which themselves had done the largest share. It is an indubitable fact that less than 10 years ago Cambridgeshire rarely, if ever, put in an appearance at any of our great Masonic Anniversaries, while, as regards its doings, it might have been located at the North Pole or in the heart of Africa for aught we were permitted to know of them. But with younger and stronger spirits to guide it, the province has latterly exhibited a far healthier tone. If we compare its present services with those of other provinces of about the same numerical strength, we shall find it has just cause for its recent indulgence in the luxury of a little self-praise. It has indeed done more than could in reason have been expected of it, and, as a result, it occupies a higher position among the supporters of our Institutions than would naturally be assigned to it on the mere score of numbers. Moreover, we now hear a good deal about its proceedings, and therefore have frequent opportunities of testifying to the excellent spirit which prevails among the brethren. The change is most creditable, and, as our report of last week shows, those who have had the largest share in bringing it about are, of necessity, the most gratified. Henceforth we may reckon on Cambridgeshire, with its extended roll of six lodges—as against the four of two or three years since—as being one of the staunchest of the several constituent parts of our English Masonic system.

WE are much obliged to Mr. R. H. COTTER, to whose silly exhibition of vulgarity we had occasion to refer a week or two back, for his continued abuse of Freemasonry in the correspondence columns of an Irish newspaper—as much obliged to him for the abuse as we are surprised that the editor of any reputable journal should assist in the publication of such scurrilous twaddle. His violent tirade against our Society will do more good than harm; while the lists of Peers, members of the House of Commons, and Clergy who are Masons, which he has been at the pains of compiling from the pages of the *Freemason*, will prove extremely valuable for purposes of reference, and often save us and our coadjutors great loss of time.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The Quarterly Communication of the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. The Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G. Master, was on the Throne. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight, acted as R.W. Dep. G.M.; Lord Herschell was in his chair of Grand Senior Warden, and Col. Sackville West, P.G.J.W., acted as G.J.W. The other Grand and Past Grand Officers present were—

Bros. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M.; W. W. B. Beach, as D.G.M.; Lord Herschell, G.S.W.; Rev. J. N. Palmer, G. Chaplain; Rev. W. Mortimer Heath, G. Chaplain; D. P. Cama, G. Treasurer; F. A. Philbrick, G. Registrar; Thomas Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Secretary; E. E. Wendt, G. Sec. Ger. Cor.; Samuel Pope, G.S.D.; Ralph Clutton, G.J.D.; J. E. Le Feuvre, G.J.D.; Sir Albert Woods, G.D. of C.; R. G. Glover, Dep. G.D. of C.; H. T. Wood, Asst. G.D. of C.; W. Roebuck, G.S.B.; E. D. Davis, G.S.B.; H. Greene, G.S.B.; W. Parratt, G. Org.; A. Lucking, G. Purst.; W. H. Perryman, A.G.P.; Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal; Aubrey Saunders, P.D.G.M. Madras; Victor A. Williamson, P.G.W.; Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W.; Hon. W. E. Sackville West, P.G.W.; Rev. J. E. Cox, P.G.C.; Rev. T. Cochran, P.G.C.; Rev. H. Adair Pickard, P.G.C.; Rev. Canon G. R. Portal, P.G.C.; Rev. R. N. Sanderson, P.G.C.; Major J. W. Woodall, P.G. Treas.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G.D.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; C. W. C. Hutton, P.G.D.; Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; Dr. Ralph Gooding, P.G.D.; F. Davison, P.G.D.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.D.; Robert Grey, P.G.D.; J. Glaisher, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; James S. Eastes, P.G.D.; T. H. Devonshire, P.G.D.; E. Letchworth, P.G.D.; Raynham Stewart, P.G.D.; R. Costa, P.G.D.; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; E. J. Barron, P.G.D.; Major J. S. Peirce, P.G.D.; A. Meadows, P.G.D.; J. E. Saunders, P.G.D.; C. A. Merton, P.G.D.; F. H. Goldney, P.G.D.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D.C.; R. Turtle Pigott, P.A.G.D.C.; Raymond H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C.; C. Harding, P.A.G.D.C.; Dr. W. R. Woodman, P.G.S.B.; Major G. Lambert, P.G.S.B.; Lieut.-Col. James Peters, P.G.S.B.; J. H. Matthews, P.G. Std.Br.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std.Br.; S. G. Foxall, P.G.P.; T. Cubitt, P.G.P.; James Brett, P.G.P.; and others.

About 500 brethren were present. On the entry of the Earl of Carnarvon his lordship was greeted with loud applause.

The GRAND SECRETARY having read the minutes, before they were put for confirmation,

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND called attention to the election of the Treasurer to the Benevolent Institution, which, he argued, was irregular, an alteration having been made in the rule, for a Treasurer, immediately elected before the alteration, had been approved by Grand Lodge.

The PRO GRAND MASTER, after this explanation, said the observations might be very proper indeed to be considered at the regular time and occasion, but he thought that the subject could not be entertained that evening. He did not think it interfered with the minutes now to be put. (Bro. Philbrick here made a communication to his lordship.) He found he was mistaken with regard to this having nothing to do with the minutes of the last Quarterly Communication, but at the same time this did not seem to him the best occasion for discussing the question, and perhaps Bro. Cumberland would be content with having brought the subject forward, and allow the minutes to be put.

The minutes were then put and confirmed.

The PRO GRAND MASTER then said: Brethren, before we proceed to the business which stands on the agenda paper it is my duty, as the representative of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M., to make a communication to you, and I can hardly doubt, from all that I have heard, that the communication will be acceptable to Grand Lodge. I am desired by H.R.H. to bring under your notice the present duties and position of the President of the Board of Benevolence, and to submit the following resolution to your notice:—

That the President of the Board of Benevolence shall, by virtue of his office, be a Grand Officer, with rank next to Past Grand Secretaries, and that on retiring from office he shall rank as a Past Grand Officer, in the same manner as the other officers of Grand Lodge, and that the Book of Constitutions be altered accordingly.

It needs very little explanation on my part to bring that message duly before you. You are all aware who have been habitual attendants of this Grand Lodge how largely the business of the Board of Benevolence has of late years grown. Every Quarterly Communication we pass several grants, varying no doubt in amount; but often running to very considerable figures, in which we dispense our Masonic Charity to our less fortunate brethren; but all of those grants when they come before us, though generally passed without much delay, mean very serious previous consideration, and the Board of Benevolence has of recent years, as you all know, both enlarged the scope of its duties, and has more business thrown upon it, and it is very important that the President of that Board should hold a fitting position in the representation of Grand Lodge. (Hear, hear.) It is therefore, as you are aware, an office in the appointment of H.R.H. the Grand Master; it is also an appointment which is made annually; though, as a matter of fact, generally the same person is selected for the office. We have unfortunately to lament to-night the loss of one who filled this office for a long period, who was, I believe, universally respected in the Craft—(hear, hear)—for his courtesy, his kindness, his Masonic Charity, and the devotion with which he gave himself to the discharge of his duties. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) That place it is the duty of the Grand Master to fill, and I think when I announce to you the name of Bro. Grey—(cheers)—you will be of opinion that a worthy choice is made. (Hear, hear.) Therefore, with these few words, partly of sincere and genuine regret for him of whom we have been deprived by death, and partly to announce to you the change which H.R.H. the Grand Master thinks it expedient to make, I now commit this resolution to your hands.

Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON seconded the motion, thinking it a most wise regulation to be made.

The motion was carried.

Sir P. CUNLIFFE OWEN: M.W. Pro Grand Master, it has fallen to my good fortune to propose H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master for the ensuing year. (Hear, hear.) In doing so I may perhaps be allowed to refer to the many claims which his Royal Highness has upon all Masons throughout the kingdom, and I trust very much that I may be allowed also to allude to this auspicious day—the birthday of H.R.H. the Princess of Wales—a fact which is gratifying to all Masons. With your permission, M.W. Pro G.M., I will defer what more I have to say to a future occasion, when I shall have to propose the election of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master for the ensuing year. (Applause.)

Bro. ROBERT BERRIDGE had great pleasure in nominating as Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year Bro. Augustus Frederick Godson, M.A. Oxon and M.P. Kidderminster. He was made a Master Mason in 1865, was W.M. of St. Michael's Lodge, 1097, in the year 1868, and was now Dep. Prov. G.M. of Worcestershire; was made a Royal Arch Mason in 1867, and was now Prov. G.H. of Worcestershire; was Patron and House Com-

mitteeman of the Boys' School, and acted as Chairman at the laying of the foundation stone of the Preparatory School; had served six Stewardships; was Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls' and a Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and he has also been on many occasions Steward for each of the Institutions. He had known Bro. Godson many years in Warwickshire and Nottinghamshire, and no one would serve the office of Grand Treasurer better.

Bro. G. A. VENNEL, W.M. 165, nominated Bro. Richard Eve, I.P.M. 165. He need not say much about Bro. Eve's claims, but they were sufficient to recommend him to Grand Lodge. Bro. Eve had been a Mason over 30 years, and was installed in his mother lodge as Master in 1866. He had now been a P.M. 25 years. In addition to this he had served the office of Steward 25 times. He was now a member of the Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1. He was also Vice-President and Vice-Patron of each of the Charities. He had many other qualifications which showed he was at heart a Mason and a man who had done his duty and his best. Other matters he would mention at the election in March.

GRAND SECRETARY announced that in consequence of the lamented death of Bro. E. C. Mather, 23, G. Stwd., the Globe Lodge had nominated Bro. Edward Nixey in his place, and the Grand Master had approved of it.

The PRO GRAND MASTER: I have now to comply with the formality of announcing that the President of the Board of Benevolence is our Bro. Robert Grey, and I think the acclamation with which his name has been received shows how acceptable a choice our Grand Master has made. (Cheers.) I have to announce also the election of a Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence, Bros. James Brett and Chas. Cottebrune. No others having been nominated. I have also to state the election of 12 Past Masters to serve on the Board of Benevolence for the year ensuing. Twelve only had been nominated and they had been declared elected.

The following is the list: Bros. Geo. Pole Britten, 183; Wm. P. Brown, 90; Thos. Cull, 1446; Geo. A. Cundy, 901; Chas. Dairy, 141; L. C. Haslip, 813; C. F. Hogard, 205; David D. Mercer, 1641; Geo. Read, 511; Francis R. Spaul, 1768; Robt. J. Taylor, 144; and Alld. C. Woodward, 1538.

GRAND SECRETARY read the following extract from the report of the Board of Benevolence.

Before the business of the evening (20th October) was commenced, Bro. James Brett, the S.V.P., in the chair, reported to the Board the death, on the 29th ult., of their President, Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G. Swd. Br., and spoke in feeling terms of the severe loss which the Board of Benevolence and the Craft generally had sustained by the melancholy event.

It was thereupon unanimously resolved: That a record be placed on the proceedings, and in their report to Grand Lodge, of the extreme regret felt by all the members of the Board at the loss of their esteemed President, who, after holding for eleven years the office of Vice-President, had for the last five years presided over the Board with the utmost courtesy, impartiality, and ability.

The following recommendations of the Board of Benevolence were then confirmed.

The widow of a brother of the Royal St. Edmunds Lodge, No. 1008, Bury St. Edmunds	£100 0 0
The mother of a brother of the Kingston Lodge, No. 1010, Hull	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, London	50 0 0
A brother of the St. Mark's Lodge, No. 857, London	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Northern Counties Lodge, No. 406 Newcastle-on-Tyne	75 0 0
A brother of the Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, Feltham	50 0 0
A brother of the Sir Charles Bright Lodge, No. 1793, Teddington	100 0 0
A brother of the Whittington Lodge, No. 862, London	50 0 0
A brother of the Royal Albert Lodge, No. 907, London	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the St. Tudno Lodge, No. 755, Llan-dudno	50 0 0
A brother of the L-opold Lodge, No. 1669, London	50 0 0
A brother of the Sir Francis Burdett Lodge, No. 1503, Twickenham	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the New Concord Lodge, No. 813, London	50 0 0
A brother of the Lindsay Lodge, No. 712, Louth	100 0 0

The following report of the Board of General Purposes was taken as read and received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The attention of the Board having been called to the wording of Articles 304, 307, and 308 of the Book of Constitutions, the Board think it advisable, in order to avoid any misunderstanding, that the Articles in question should be altered to read as follows:—

304. The Officers and Past Masters of the Grand Stewards' Lodge wear collars of crimson ribbon four inches broad.

307. The collars of the Officers and Past Masters of private lodges to be light blue ribbon four inches broad; if silver chain be used, it must be placed over the light blue ribbon.

308. The collars of the Officers and Past Masters of private lodges are to be worn only in their own lodges, or when attending the Grand Lodge or their Provincial or District Grand Lodges as Masters, Past Masters, or Wardens.

(Signed)

THOMAS FENN, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
16th November, 1886.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts, at the meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 12th day of November inst., showing a balance in the Bank of England of £2511 os. 4d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for library £9 12s. 3d.

Bro. THOS. FENN, President of the Board of General Purposes, in moving the resolutions arising out of the report, said he wished to call the attention of Grand Lodge to three notices of motion by Bro. Nicholl, P.M. 317, Manchester. The first of these he did not quite understand though he had read them very carefully. The first did not appear to touch any of the recommendations of the Board, and the second, although it referred to Rule No. 307, did not indeed prevent the passing of the resolution. With respect to the third it was somewhat in the nature of an amendment to the third recommendation of the Board, in fact it was more than an amendment, and more than a negative, and went to annul entirely 308 as it stood in the Book of Constitutions. Therefore, he thought it should be taken and discussed with the third recommendation of the Board. Bro. Nicholl considered that as a P.M. was not an officer of a lodge he did not come under the operation of Rule No. 308. Well, a P.M. was not an

officer of a lodge, nor was the I.P.M., although he was invested and had certain duties to perform, but he was so much like an officer that it was almost impossible to discover the difference. This nicety of distinction was probably overlooked by the framers of this law, and it was thought that the word "officer" covered the past officers, which P.M.'s undoubtedly were. It seemed incredible, at least to him (Bro. Fenn), how any other interpretation could have been placed upon this law, because it would have been a very strange anomaly indeed that a past officer had greater privileges or rights than a present officer—that a P.M., for instance, should have permission to wear his collar wherever and whenever he wished, when the Master of a lodge, who was a greater man for the time being than a P.M., had not the privilege. He wished to make it quite clear to Grand Lodge that the Board of General Purposes did not at all purpose to make any alteration in the law, they simply wished to define the meaning of the law as it stood in order that it might be unmistakeable and indisputable. A revised edition of the Book of Constitutions, as it emanated from the Committee, was sent to every lodge under the English Constitution, and criticisms, objections, and suggestions were freely invited, and when the replies were received it was found they were freely offered. There were only two objections by the provinces to this rule, and one would hardly be called an objection, it was merely a suggestion for some modification of it, when the question was discussed in Grand Lodge, which it was very freely and exhaustively, and the Grand Lodge was composed very largely of provincial brethren, those objections were overruled. The Board would hesitate to recommend, and he hoped Grand Lodge would not sanction without the gravest reason any alterations in these rules so approved, which were the outcome of a general consensus of opinion of all members of the Craft under the English Constitution throughout the world. He was now about to move the two first recommendations, and would leave the first to be discussed with the notice of motion by Bro. Nicholl. If all P.M.'s were required to wear collars in Grand Lodge and in Provincial and District Grand Lodges it seemed reasonable that those collars should be described in the Book of Constitutions, and therefore he would move that Rules 304, and 307 should read—"The Officers and Past Masters of the Grand Stewards' Lodge wear collars of crimson ribbon four inches broad. The collars of the Officers and Past Masters of private lodges to be light blue ribbon four inches broad; if silver chain be used, it must be placed over the light blue ribbon."

Bro. PHILBRICK, G. Reg., seconded the motion.

After some observations by Dr. POCKOCK and Sir ALBERT WOODS, the motion to alter rule 304 was put and carried, as was also No. 307. "The collars of the officers and Past Masters of private lodges to be light blue ribbon four inches broad; if silver chain be used, it must be placed over the light blue ribbon."

Bro. FENN then moved 308—"The collars of the officers and Past Masters of private lodges are to be worn only in their own lodges, or when attending the Grand Lodge, or their Provincial or District Grand Lodge as Masters, Past Masters, or Wardens." This did not propose any alterations in the law, but was simply an addition of the words "Past Masters," as an explanatory term, and the alteration in the word afterwards, referring to representing their lodges, was necessary, because Past Masters were not all representative members of Grand Lodge. That would not therefore be rejected.

Bro. PHILBRICK seconded.

Bro. NICHOLL then moved his amendment—"In line 1, after the word 'officers,' insert the words 'below the rank of Wardens,' and omit the last three lines beginning 'or when representing their lodges, &c.' He thought that any brother who was permitted the honour of attending G. Lodge, do either in his individual capacity under articles 6 and 9, or as the representative of his W.M. or this lodge simply, he ought to be shorn of his right when he attended in a private lodge. If he was it was like a man appearing in full dress in his own house, and when he went on a visit wearing a smock frock. He wished the Board to put the rule in a more permissive tone. If a brother was allowed and compelled to wear his insignia in Grand Lodge, it was an insult to strip him of his adornments if he visited sister lodges.

Bro. PHILBRICK did not think the words of the amendment carried out the wishes of Bro. NICHOLL, who evidently desired that the P.M. might on all Masonic occasions wear his collar, as well as the Wardens. He had better word his resolution so as to carry that.

Bro. NICHOLL understood that this notice of motion had been before the Committee and approved of by them, and as far as he believed he had no right to put it in any other form.

Bro. PHILBRICK said if the Board proposed a motion which was in order the General Committee had no right to alter or touch it. If a motion was in order a brother had a right to have it in his own words.

The Rev. THOS. COCHRANE, P.G. Chap., said they had heard a good deal about stripping P.M.'s of their insignia on certain occasions, but it appeared to him they had omitted the practical part of the matter, that the reason why the P.M.'s and officers of lodges wore their blue collars in Provincial Grand Lodge, and Grand Lodge was to mark the distinction between them and the officers of Provincial Grand Lodge and of Grand Lodge, and when they appeared in private lodges the officers of those lodges wore their blue collars to denote that they were officers of that private lodge, and if it was permitted for P.M.'s or other officers of other private lodges to wear in every Masonic assembly and in every private lodge their blue collars, at once there was thrown away the distinction, and it could not be discovered who were the actual officers of that private lodge which they visited. That seemed to him the practical way of looking upon this question.

Bro. SAMUEL POPE, Q.C., G.D., said Grand Lodge had already passed a resolution sanctioning the wearing of collars by P.M.'s of private lodges, but the question where those collars were to be worn was totally different, and if he followed Bro. Nicholl's motion it would amount to this, that while officers below the rank of Wardens were prohibited from wearing their collars, except in accordance with the laws, officers of that or above that rank would be left to somebody's discretion to wear them where they pleased. He doubted whether this was a desirable alteration to make in the law, and he thought the brethren had a little misunderstood what the character of the law was. The collar of an officer was not an indication of rank but of office, and it was worn only in those places and on those occasions when he attended by virtue of his office. The reason collars were worn in Grand Lodge were two—first, because Masters and Wardens of private lodges were alone qualified to attend Grand Lodge; and, secondly, because Grand Lodge, being a lodge presided over by the highest authority in the Craft, every respect was paid to him by every member who attended Grand Lodge. But, when a Master or his Wardens accepted an invitation to attend another lodge than their own, they did not attend officially, they

did not attend in the character of Master or Wardens, but only as brethren accepting the genial hospitality of their brethren of the lodge; and that that was the law was perfectly right, because the very nature and essence of the thing was to restrict the wearing, not of any indication of rank. Brethren might wear their decorations or jewels; if they held Provincial Grand rank they might wear the purple which had been conferred upon them; but the blue collar of the Master or Wardens was not rank; it was office, and it only ought to be worn (cries of "No, no")—It was only office. They were invested with their collars on being the Master or Wardens of the particular lodge in which they served. (Hear, hear.) He had the honour to wear now the indicia not of rank but of office as an existing Grand Deacon of Grand Lodge; but it would be absurd if he were to attend a private lodge wearing his chain of office, and why? ("No, no.") Yes; because it represented his office, his rank; that which he wore to represent his rank was the purple that had been conferred upon him. Therefore, it was quite right, logical, true, consistent, to limit the wearing of the official collars to when brethren attended officially.

Canon PORTAL, amidst cries of "vote," said whatever else they might doubt about, he thought they would all agree that it was important that this question should be put upon a definite basis which they could vote upon. After the *nisi prius* address they had just listened to, it seemed to him that the question was one of custom or of precedent, or Masonic landmarks. He denied altogether that when the Master, Past Master, or Wardens of a lodge in the same town attended a sister lodge, that they attended simply as visitors, they attended as officers of the sister lodge. (No, no.) Very well, he did not dispute at all the opinion of brethren who differed from him. Years ago, when he had the honour of filling the chair of the Apollo University Lodge of Oxford, they were only too glad to see the officers of the great city lodges of Oxford among them with their collars, jewels, and chains representing those lodges, and showing their sympathy with the University Lodge. He would put the motion of Bro. Nicholl's in a definite form—"That the Master, the Past Masters, and the officers of a lodge shall be at liberty to wear their collars and jewels upon all Masonic occasions."

Bro. J. S. EASTES, D. Prov. G.M. of Kent, seconded Bro. Portal's amendment. Speaking for his province he might say the brethren would consider it a grievance if they were not allowed to wear their collars in lodges they visited.

Bro. NICHOLL accepted the amendment.

Bro. PHILBRICK said that in the Province of Essex, of which he was Dep. G.M., the feeling was different.

The Grand Lodge divided, when there appeared:—

For Bro. Fenn's motion ...	211
For Bro. Portal's amendment (accepted by Bro. Nicholl) ...	210
Majority	1

A question arising whether the brethren in the gallery had had their votes taken—

The PRO GRAND MASTER said he was assured the division had been carried out with the strictest and most rigid accuracy.

The other amendments of Bro. Nicholl were not seconded, therefore were declared by the M.W. Pro Grand Master to have fallen through.

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D., postponed till March, his motion—"That this Grand Lodge do hereby vote the sum of £1000 from the Fund of General Purposes as its contribution towards the proposed Imperial Institute of the Colonies and India as the memorial of her Majesty's Jubilee."

The Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

The half-yearly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire was held on Wednesday, the 24th ult., in the Baths Assembly Rooms, Lower Bridgeman-street, Bolton. Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, the Prov. Grand Master, presided, supported by the Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. George Mellor. Bros. W. O. Walker, P.G.S.W., and James Beard, P.G.J.W., were also present, and there was a large attendance of Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past. Of the 59 lodges in the province, only four were not represented. An important subject for consideration was as to the most desirable method of commemorating, by the province Masonically, the Jubilee of her Majesty's reign next year.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said that several suggestions had been made as to the form such commemoration should take. One was that the Masons of the province should carry out a portion of the work of restoration at the Manchester Cathedral. He had been personally to see what was the nature of the work, and he learned that there was a portion which they might undertake at a cost of £1200, and as an alternative there was the required muniment room which would entail an outlay of £3000. Another proposition had been made that as there was a great want felt in the metropolis of the province of a temple for the Masonic Order, an effort should be made to raise the money wherewith to build a more dignified and more commodious place of assembly than they now had in Manchester, where they might hold their lodges, their encampments, and their various high Degrees more conveniently than they could in the existing Masonic Hall.

Bro. JOHN CHADWICK, Prov. G. Secretary, read the minutes of a Committee meeting, held in October last, with regard to the Jubilee Commemoration. From that meeting a circular was sent to the lodges of the province asking for their opinions. At an adjourned meeting of the Committee on Monday, replies from twenty-four lodges were read. Of these, eleven were in favour of the establishment of a university scholarship for the sons of Masons in the province, five were in favour of the erection of a Masonic Temple in Manchester, five lodges expressed no definite view beyond their desire to act upon the feeling of the province, one of the replies suggested the erection of almshouses, another that an effort be made to increase the Benevolent Fund to £10,000, and a third that a wing be added to one of the Masonic Charitable Institutions. After considering the replies the Committee decided to recommend that whatever amount could be raised in the province should be applied to the purchase of presentations or votes in the Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows. They further recommend that a great Masonic Festival, in the shape of a reception and ball, be held next year in Manchester, and that a Committee be appointed to carry out the arrangements for such festival.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said that, recognising the fact that they did not all belong to the Church of England, he thought the subject of Cathedral restoration was not one for them. There were difficulties in the way of the

erection of a Masonic Temple in Manchester as a provincial effort. They belonged, however, to a Charitable Order, and in the matter of Charity there would be no difficulty.

Bro. JAS. HEELIS, P.P.G.R., formally proposed that the jubilee be celebrated by the establishment of a scholarship in the Victoria University, and this was seconded by Bro. JAS. BEARD, Prov.G.J.W.

Bro. J. L. HINE, P.P.G.J.W., moved as an amendment that the recommendation as to the purchase of presentations and votes for the Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows be adopted.

This was seconded by Bro. J. A. BIRCH, P.P.G.J.W., and on being put was voted for by a large majority.

A second amendment in favour of the acquisition by purchase of St. Mary's Church, Manchester, with the object of turning it into a Masonic Temple, was brought forward but had no seconder, and Bro. Hine's amendment was carried as a substantive resolution.

It was afterwards decided that the Charity Committee of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and also the Charity representatives of the lodges of the province connected with the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Benevolent Institution, should form a general Committee to arrange for next year's jubilee festival in Manchester.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER announced that the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge would be held in Manchester, on the 11th or 18th May, 1887.

Four brethren were nominated for the office of Prov. Grand Treasurer, viz.: Bro. W. Nicholl, P.M. 317; W. W. Warburton, P.M. 163; Evan Williams, P.M. 327; and Samuel Warburton, P.M. 1052. The appointment will be made in May next.

The latter part of the proceedings was presided over by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Col. Starkie being compelled to leave early.

Bro. E. W. Irving, P.M., S.W. 1170, presented to the Provincial Grand Lodge a set of consecrating vessels.

The gift was acknowledged by the DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, and a vote of thanks was also accorded to Bro. Irving, and was recorded upon the minutes.

Before separating the brethren voted 200 guineas from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, in the proportion of 100 guineas to each fund.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

The annual convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was held at the Masonic Hall, Cheltenham, on Wednesday, the 24th ult., by command of the Grand Superintendent of the province, the Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart. The Prov. G. Supt. was himself present, and the officers of Prov. G. Chapter supporting him were—

Comps. J. Brooksmith, M.A., P.Z. 82, P.G.H.; J. Walker, M.A., P.Z. 82 and 839, P.G.J.; E. Trinder, P.Z. 82, P.G.S.E.; R. V. Vassar-Smith, P.Z. 82 and 839, P.G.S.N.; R. W. White, P.Z. 82, P.G. Prin. Soj.; J. B. Winterbotham, P.Z. 82, and H. S. Crump, P.Z. 493, P.G. Asst. Sojs.; W. H. Gwinnett, P.Z. 82, P.G. Treasurer; W. R. Porcher, P.Z. 82, P.G. Registrar; W. Forth, P.Z. 82, P.G.S.B.; J. A. Matthews, P.Z. 493, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Bryan, Z. 839, P.G.D.C.; J. A. Matthews, 82, P.G. Organist; and H. Phillips, P.G. Janitor.

Among others present were—

Comps. G. F. Newmarch, P.Z. 82, P.P.D.G.M.; Surg.-Gen. Ringer, P.Z. 1633, P.P. G. Asst. Soj. Wilts; W. L. Bain, P.Z. 82, P.P.G.R.; F. Ticehurst, Z. 82; S. Moss, Z. elect 493; J. Bubb, P.Z. 82; G. Norman, H. 82; J. Bruton, H. 839; W. R. Felton, J. 82; J. L. Butler, S.E. 82; Rev. J. H. Churchill Baxter, S.N. 82; Rev. Dr. Kynaston, Prin. Soj. 82; Rev. P. Hattersley Smith, 82; W. C. Ferris, S.N. 493; S. Bland, S.E. 493; A. Helps, 839; J. Waghorne, 82; W. Simms-Bull, 82; W. Powell, 82; B. London, 493; E. Lea, 493; G. Barrow, 82; W. Renwick, 493; T. E. Gandy, 82; and R. J. Weston, 839.

The business before the chapter was chiefly of a routine character, the principal exception being the retirement of Comp. Gwinnett from the position of Treasurer, which he had held since the institution of Provincial Grand Chapter, two years ago. He explained that this step was taken by him for the same reason that had dictated his resignation of the similar position he had for several years held in Provincial Grand Lodge, viz., his advancing years; and he thanked the lodge for the consideration and confidence by which the discharge of his duties had been made so pleasant. His resignation was received with a formal vote of thanks for his services, moved from the chair in words of fraternal feeling.

As Comp. Gwinnett's successor in the office Comp. VASSAR-SMITH proposed, and Comp. FORTH seconded, the election of Comp. Jas. B. Winterbotham, a nomination which was approved with cordial unanimity.

The numerical and financial position of the several chapters of the province having been reported on, the Prov. Grand Superintendent appointed and invested the officers of Provincial Grand Chapter for the ensuing year as follows:

Comp. Brooksmith, P.Z. 82 and 839	...	Prov. G.H.
" R. V. Vassar-Smith, P.Z. 82 and 839	...	Prov. G.J.
" E. Trinder, P.Z. 82	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" W. Forth, P.Z. 82	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" Jas. B. Winterbotham	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" F. Ticehurst, Z. 82	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" J. A. Matthews, Z. 493	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" J. Bryan, Z. 839	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" J. Bubb, P.Z. 82	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" G. Norman, H. 82	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
" J. Bruton, H. 839	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. A. Matthews, 82	...	Prov. G. Org.
" H. Phillips	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The Provincial Grand Chapter having been closed, the companions dined together.

"The Health of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach," as head of the chapter, was received with especial honour. Comp. BROOK-SMITH, who proposed it, spoke of the personal sacrifice made by Sir Michael to attend that meeting, and said that as Masons they were especially proud of the position he had

achieved in the councils of the nation. He had so carried himself in party conflict that, while he was trusted by one party in the State, he had earned the respect of those by whom he was opposed; and now he had accepted, perhaps at some personal risk, the most onerous position an Englishman could fill. By none would the prayer be uttered more fervently than by the Masons of Gloucestershire that his life might be long spared, and that he might live many years in the service of his country.

Bro. Sir MICHAEL HICKS-BEACH, in replying, said there was little of personal sacrifice in his presence on that occasion; they could hardly perhaps, realise the pleasure it was to retire for a short space from the conflict of political life and come home to his Masonic companions in Gloucestershire. The other pressing claims upon his time had compelled him to trespass heavily upon the indulgence of the brethren of the province, and he especially regretted his enforced absence from the last meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge at Gloucester; but he cordially appreciated the arrangements made for his reception and welcome on that occasion. He hoped, at some future time, to atone for the shortcomings his brethren now treated so leniently and to again return amongst them. As to any personal risk incurred in the post he now occupied, that went for little; but the position was, as it had been described, an onerous one. He was upheld in the discharge of its duties not merely by the support of those whose views he more immediately represented, but by confidence in the sympathy and indulgence which his fellow-countrymen of every shade of opinion extended towards one who endeavoured to do his duty. Whatever other duties might devolve upon him he assured them that he was not forgetful of his Masonic obligations in Gloucestershire, and that he looked forward to the time when he could more completely fulfil them.

At the close of the meeting Sir Michael left Cheltenham for Dublin, a saloon carriage having been reserved for him in the Irish mail, which he joined at Stafford.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF OXFORDSHIRE.

The Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter was held on the 6th inst., under the banner of the Alfred Chapter, No. 340, at the Masonic Hall, Alfred-street, Oxford, when the Grand Superintendent, M.E. Comp the Rev. H. Adair Pickard, P.G.S., presided; assisted by Comps. E. G. Bruton, H.; and H. O. Wakeman, J. The following distinguished companions wrote to express their regret that they were unable to be present:—The Earl of Jersey, Prov. G.M. of Oxfordshire; W. W. B. Beach, M.P., G. Sup. of Hants; Col. A. W. Adair, G. Supt. of Somerset; Rev. C. J. Martyn, G. Supt. of Suffolk; and Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E.

The roll of the chapter in the province was called, and the several chapters were well represented; 42 companions, in all, being present. E. Comp. E. G. Bruton, H., presented his report on the chapters in the province, and the Treasurer presented his report, both of which were highly satisfactory.

Comp. W. G. Emberlin was re-elected Treasurer.

E. Comps. H. O. Wakeman, H., and Jules Bué, J., were obligated, and installed into their respected chairs, and the following companions were appointed and invested:—

Comp. W. L. Morgan	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" Rev. R. W. M. Pope	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" Viscount Valentia	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" R. E. Baynes	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" A. Rowley	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" W. G. Emberlin	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. Tomkins	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" H. W. G. Drinkwater	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" C. R. Peake	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" F. P. Bulley	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" J. A. Acock	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" Rev. H. Deane	...	...	Org. G. Org.
" Norwood	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

Comp. E. G. BRUTON, P.P.G.H., proposed, and Comp. H. O. WAKEMAN, Prov. G.H., seconded, a vote of five guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The Provincial Grand Chapter being closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where an excellent dinner was served, under the direction of the Stewards of the Alfred Chapter, Comps. Osmond and Dormer.

The ancient Grand Chapters were duly commemorated, followed by the toast of "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry."

"The Grand Supt., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Pro G. Supt., the Earl of Carnarvon, and the rest of the Officers of Grand Chapter" was proposed by the GRAND SUPERINTENDENT, and responded to by Comp. the Rev. S. R. WIGRAM, P.G.A.S.

"The Health of the Grand Superintendent" was proposed by Comp. ELEY, M.E.Z. of the Alfred Chapter.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT responded, and proposed "The Principals of the Alfred Chapter," who had that day been installed, to which the M.E.Z. responded.

The Rev. R. W. M. POPE proposed "The Past Grand Principals of the Province."

Comp. E. G. BRUTON responded, and proposed "The Companions of the Apollo University and Marlborough Chapters."

Comps. the Rev. J. HORDERN, JUKES, and A. ROWLEY responded. The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT proposed "The Officers of the Prov. Grand Chapter," which was responded to by the Prov. G.P.S., Comp. Viscount VALENTIA.

The toast of "The Stewards" was given by the PROV. GRAND H., and acknowledged by Comp. OSMOND.

In the course of the evening a telegram was received from an old friend and former member of the Alfred Chapter, expressing "Hearty good wishes from the Grand Superintendent of Suffolk."

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SURREY.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Surrey was held at the Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, on Saturday, the 27th ult., under the banner of the Dobie Chapter, No. 889. Amongst the companions present were Comps. Gen. J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., H. C. L. Bennett, P.Z. 370; F. West, P.Z. 463, P.G.S.N.; Chas. Greenwood, M.E.Z. 410, P. and acting P.G. S.E.; J. H. Owens, 463, P.G.P. Soj.; T. Wakley, jun., 1395, P.G. 1st Asst. Soj.; Wood, 1149, P.G. 2nd Asst. Soj.; Arthur H. Bowles, 1395, P.G. Reg.; John Rhodes, P.G. Org.; R. T. Elsam, A. E. Taylor, E. D. Frost, C. C. Tyler, L. G. Dundas, H. M. Hobbs, C. H. Woodward, Geo. Yaxley, H. S. Vickers, H. J. Strong, G. Dolister, and 15 others.

The chapter having been opened in ancient form, the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Chapter were read and confirmed. The roll of the chapters in the province was called over, and the Provincial Grand Treasurer's accounts were duly presented, read, and approved, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Comp. George Price was unanimously re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer.

Comp. Gen. J. Studholme Brownrigg then appointed and invested the following companions:

Comp. F. West, P.Z.	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" R. T. Elsam, P.Z.	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" C. Greenwood, M.E.Z.	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" H. E. Francis, P.Z.	...	...	Prov. G.A.S.E.
" C. E. Oldridge, M.E.Z.	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" Joseph Steele, M.E.Z.	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" S. W. Lambert, P.Z.	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" A. W. Wells	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" H. Saxleby	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" G. Yaxley, P.Z.	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" A. E. Taylor, P.Z.	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. Ackland	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" H. M. Hobbs	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" H. E. Vickers	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" R. Potter	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.
" Thos. Bowler	...	...	Prov. G.A. Janitor

The PROV. GRAND SUPERINTENDENT then referred in feeling terms to the great loss sustained by the province in the recent death of Comp. Chas. Greenwood, P.Z., P.G.D. of C. England, P.P.G.H., and Prov. G. Scribe E., which, he said, was felt most keenly by all who knew their late companion, and especially by the Masons of Surrey.

The PROV. GRAND SUPERINTENDENT further remarked that several suggestions had been made by companions in the province to the effect that some tribute of respect to the memory of their late companion should be made. It was, however, a difficult matter to know what form this tribute should take so as to be not only acceptable to the companions at large, but to the members of their deceased companion's family, and also a permanent memorial of the high esteem and affection in which he was held.

The PROV. GRAND SUPERINTENDENT concluded by suggesting that the Charity Committee of the province should form themselves into a Special Committee for the purpose of considering the steps to be taken with a view to carrying out the proposal, and expressed a hope that the Principals and Past Principals of the province would attend at Golden-square on Thursday next for that purpose.

Comp. FRANCIS endorsed the remarks made by the Grand Superintendent, and referred to his personal acquaintance with their late companion, which had extended over a period of thirty years, and concluded by moving a vote of condolence to the family of their late companion.

Comp. FREDERICK WEST, P.G.H., requested permission to propose "The Health of the M.E. the First Principal of the Entertaining Chapter," as he (Comp. West) was compelled to leave before the conclusion of the entertainment. Comp. West commended highly the care and attention evinced by the M.E.Z. and companions of the Dobie Chapter in their reception of the Provincial Grand Chapter. Referring to his recent appointment as Deputy Prov. Grand Master he said he would endeavour to be present at the meetings of lodges and chapters in the province as often as possible, and that he would take a deep interest in all affairs connected with the welfare of Masonry in Surrey. He intimated his desire that he should receive notice of the meetings of all lodges and chapters in the province, and in conclusion asked the companions to drink with enthusiasm the health of the M.E.Z. and the other members of the entertaining chapter.

After the M.E.Z. had fittingly responded to the toast proposed by Comp. West (who, as before mentioned, was obliged to leave, and therefore had proposed the first toast out of its usual order), the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

Several songs were contributed by many of the companions present; the musical arrangements being carried out under the supervision of Comp. H. E. Vickers, P.G. Org., who accompanied at the piano.

The banquet was of an excellent character, and having commenced at four o'clock the companions were enabled to leave Kingston by an early train, after having spent a very enjoyable evening.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTERS.

The Half-yearly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was held on Tuesday evening, at the Holborn Restaurant, when Lord Egerton of Tatton, Deputy Grand Master, in the absence of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and the Earl of Kintore, M.W. Pro Grand Master, presided. His lordship was supported by

Bros. Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton, P.G.M. Cheshire, D.G.M., as G.M.; Rev. Canon Portal, M.A., P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, Pres. of General Board, P.G.M.; Rev. W. Mortimer Heath, P.G.M. Dorsetshire, as D.G.M.; Col. Lord John H. Tylour, P.G.W., as G.S.W.; Captain N. G. Phillips, P.G.W., as G.J.W.; A. F. Godson, P.G.M. Worcestershire; Major J. W. Woodall, Prov. G.M. North and East

Yorks; A. M. Broadley, P. Dist. G.M. Mediterranean; R. C. Else, Prov. G.M. of Somerset; Frederic Davison, Dep. P.G.M. Middlesex and Surrey, P.G.W.; Hon. W. T. Orde Powlett, Dep. P.G.M. N. and E. Yorks, P.G.W.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W.; Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, P.G.M.O., G.M.O.; J. S. Eastes, P.G.S.O., G.S.O.; and George Kenning, G.J.O. P.G. Overseers: O. H. Pearson, Walter Adlard, T. Cubitt, S. G. Kirchhoffer, J. E. Le Feuvre, J. S. Cumberland, Henry Venn, Baron de Ferrieres, Richard Eve, and W. Roebuck. Rev. Dr. Cartwright Smyth, G. Chap.; T. W. Lemon, P.G. Chap.; Hayman Cummings, P.G. Chap.; Jas. Moon, G. Treas.; Fredk. Binckes, P.G.W., G. Secretary; John E. Dawson, Dep. P.G.M. of Hertfordshire; H. Ward, G.J.D.; and F. Crouch, G.J.D. P.G. Deacons: C. S. Lane, W. Nichol, G. Cooper, Percy Wallis, Dr. George Micklev, and T. J. Ralling. R. W. Edis, G.I. of W.; C. H. Driver, P.G.I. of W.; G. P. Festa, G.A.D.C.; A. McDowell, G.A.D.C.; Henry George, G. Cooper, P.G.D., as G. Swd. Br.; T. C. Walls, P.G. Swd. Br.; W. J. Thomson, G. Std. Br.; Thomas Taylor, G. Std. Br.; R. B. Reed, P.G. Std. Br.; Henry Rose, G. Organist; S. J. Hoare, P.G. Organist; W. Vincent, G.I.G.; G. Graveley, P.G.I.G.; J. Pinder, G. Asst. I.G.; G. Stwds.; R. Glasspool, W. M. Lowick, E. H. Thorne, J. Church, J. Boulton, and J. Terry, P.G. Stwds.; D. P. Cama, C. J. Tilling, J. Tomkins, C. F. Hogard, H. Massey, and F. W. Driver; A. Walkley, G. Tyler.

Apologies were received from the following:

Bros. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., G.M.; Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore, Pro G.M.; Right Hon. the Lord Henniker, P.G.M.; Right Hon. Lord Saltoun, G.J.W.; Thos. Trollope, P.P.G.M. Sussex; W. Kelly, Prov. G.M. Leicestershire; Lord A. W. Hill, Prov. G.M. Sussex; Col. Aubrey Saunders, P.P.G.M. Madras; Capt. S. G. Homfray, Prov. G.M. Monmouthshire; W. J. Hughan, P.G.W.; G. P. Brockbank, P.G.W.; Col. Addison Potter, G.M.O.; Geo. Galloway, G.S.O.; T. B. Whytehead, P.G. Org.; Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.G. Org.; Rev. E. H. Crate, P.G. Chap.; Rev. F. C. de Crespigny, P.G. Chap.; Col. F. R. Sewell, Deputy P.G.M. Cumberland and Westmoreland; R. Kally Miller, G.S.D.; N. Tracy, G.S.D.; C. T. Townsend, A. Spears, P. de E. Collin, C. W. Duke, and A. Williams, P.G.D.'s; Robt. Berridge, P.G.M.O., G.A.D. of C.; J. T. Thorpe, P.G.A.D. of C.; W. Watson, P.G.A.D. of C.; C. P. Evans, G.S. Br.; Controller S. G. Bake, P.G. Swd. Br.; J. D. Murray, P.G. Std. Br.; W. T. Belcher, Mus. Doc., P.G. Org.; W. Morris, P.G.I.G.; H. C. Burt, R. Owen, and R. Fitzhugh, G. Stwds.; Herbert Ellis, W. T. Clarke, John Lane, T. W. Ansell, P. A. Scratchley, E. C. Patchitt and Major Dunbar, P.G. Stwds.; Maurice Wheeler, W.M. 225; H. J. Mount, W.M. 257; Jas. Shilcock, Stephen Knight, and W. Corder.

After the formal opening of Grand Lodge the Deputy Grand Master was saluted in ancient form, and the following minutes were read and confirmed: Of Half-yearly Communication of 1st June, 1886; of Special Grand Lodge of 1st July, 1886; and of Moveable Grand Lodge held at Norwich, 14th July, 1886.

The following report of the General Board was taken as read, and afterwards ordered to be received and entered on the minutes:—

REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD.

During the six months ending 30th September last, there have been issued: Mark certificates, 570; total number registered, 22,227. Warrants for new lodges, 3, viz.:—

No. 367, Gladsmuir, Barnet, Herts.
" 368, Kingston Keystone, Jamaica.
" 369, Rangoon, Rangoon, Burmah.

Royal Ark Mariner certificates, 118; total number registered, 2076.

Warrants for new lodges, 2, viz.: Prince Leopold, attached to No. 230, London; Orchard, attached to No. 203, Meerut, Bengal.

The following changes have taken place in the British possessions:—

Auckland, New Zealand—R. W. Bro. Frederick William Dawson, as Provincial Grand Master, *vice* R. W. Bro. H. Greensmith Wade.
Madras—R. W. Bro. Major George Montgomerie John Moore, R.A., Military Secretary to H.E. The Governor of Madras, as Provincial Grand Master, *vice* Major-General R. A. Cunliffe.

Serious irregularities in connection with the election and installation of W. Master, leading to complications and difficulties of various kinds, have occurred in the Brunswick Lodge, No. 48. These have been dealt with by the Board at the request of the Provincial Grand Master of Devon, and the Board recommended that Bro. James Lose, irregularly installed in a lodge of emergency, be confined in the rank of Past Master on payment of a fine of one guinea, and have fined the lodge the sum of two guineas.

Enquiry into subjects of complaints between members of this lodge has revealed the existence of irregularities in connection with the election of W. Master which, it is feared, are not confined to any particular locality, and which, if not checked, cannot fail to be a source of dissension. The election of W. Master is by ballot—as provided by the Book of Constitutions—and for the purpose of such ballot the names of those eligible—viz., the W. Master, the Past Masters, and the two Wardens—should either be read out by the Secretary, or a list of the names given to each member. The practice of nominating in open lodge by proposing and seconding must inevitably lead to difficulty and probably to dissension.

The Board have granted relief to Bro. A. D. K., lodge No. 234, to the extent of £20; and recommended for approval by Grand Lodge a grant of £30 to Bro. C. I. T., Lodge No. 70, and £20 to Mrs. B. J., widow of Bro. B. J., a member of a Mark Lodge in Bombay under the Scottish Constitution, now resident in England.

The Eighteenth Annual Festival in aid of the Mark Benevolent Fund was held at the Holborn Restaurant, on 28th July, under the presidency of R.W. Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Worcestershire, supported by 113 brethren as Stewards, and a large number of ladies and brethren. The united efforts of the President and Stewards produced £1535, the best thanks of the Order being due to all who laboured so successfully.

With a view to render the Annual Benevolent Fund Festival even more successful in the future, it has been referred to a Sub-Committee to consider and report as to improved management. A copy of their report is subjoined, as also a recommendation from the President of the Board of Stewards:—

"We, the Sub-Committee appointed by the General Board to consider and advise upon the better management of the Mark Benevolent Festival, beg to report that, having carefully considered the working of the various Festivals from 1869 (which had a total of six Stewards), up to the year 1886 (which had 113), and finding that at the last Festival the sum subscribed amounted to £200 less than that of the year 1885, we recommend that a brother should be appointed as Secretary of the Mark Benevolent Fund, having authority to attend the various Mark lodges with a view to securing Stewards and soliciting subscriptions, and generally advocating the cause of the Charity.

"FREDERIC DAVISON.
"GEO. COOPER.
"A. F. GODSON.

"15th September, 1886."

"Sutton House, Hawley, Dartford,

"17th September, 1886.

"To the President of the General Board.

"M.W. Sir and Brother,

"I have the honour to forward you a copy of a resolution unanimously adopted at the meeting of the Board of Stewards for the Mark Benevolent Festival, 1886, held on Wednesday, the 15th inst., as follows:—

"Bro. Ramsey proposed:—That a recommendation be made to the General Board by the Board of Stewards for the Festival of 1886—that it will conduce greatly to the prosperity of the Mark Benevolent Fund that a permanent Secretary be appointed."

"This was seconded by Bro. Henry George, and carried unanimously.

"I am, M.W. Sir and Brother, yours most faithfully and fraternally,

"HAYMAN CUMMINGS,
"President Board of Stewards."

Acting on this report and recommendation, the Board, after full consideration, have appointed Bro. C. F. Matier as the Secretary of the Mark Benevolent Fund, with an annual remuneration of £20.

The Board recommend that a sum of £5 be annually paid on behalf of each recipient of the benefit of the Educational Fund for the purpose of clothing.

The silver medal for proficiency has been this year awarded to H. W. Bale, pupil at Aske's Schools, Hatcham.

Gertrude Mary Brown and Dora Jensen have been placed on the Educational Fund, being the only candidates, in lieu of proceeding to formal election, which in due course would have taken place on 7th October inst.

The Board acknowledge, with grateful thanks, the gift to the Library by W. Bro. Percy Wallis, P.G.D., of 24 volumes of the *Freemasons' Magazine* and *Masonic Mirror*—years 1834 to 1857.

The Board have purchased a complete set of the *Freemason*, dating from 1869 to 1885, inclusive.

(Signed) G. R. PORTAL, Past G.M.M.M., President.

The Grand Treasurer's accounts for the half-year ending 30th September, 1886, are as follows:—

DR.		GENERAL FUND.	
To balance, 31st March, 1886	...	£374 18 6	
„ Half year's receipts	...	870 11 6	
„ Interest on investments	...	62 16 8	
„ Overdrawn	...	371 9 11	
		£1679 16 7	

CR.		GENERAL FUND.	
By Ordinary Expenditure	...	£900 9 2	
„ Holborn Restaurant	...	£179 11 0	
„ Freemasons' Tavern	...	69 2 0	
„ Simmonds Bros.	...	2 18 0	
„ Wills and Segar	...	8 8 0	
„ Kenning	...	210 1 0	
„ Messrs. Brocot	...	10 10 0	
„ Messrs. Gillow & Co.	...	280 7 5	
„ G. J. French	...	18 10 0	
		779 7 5	
		£1679 16 7	

DR.		BENEVOLENT FUND.	
To balance, 31st March, 1886	...	£89 4 3	
„ Half-year's receipts	...	908 5 0	
„ Interest on investments	...	27 15 10	
„ New Zealand Four and Half per Cent. Bonds called in	...	202 10 0	
„ Cheque returned paid	...	1 1 0	
		£1228 16 1	

CR.		BENEVOLENT FUND.	
By Grants in relief	...	£131 12 0	
„ Pewtress	...	18 5 0	
„ Kenning	...	14 11 0	
„ Postages, &c.	...	10 0 0	
„ Cheque returned	...	1 1 0	
„ Purchase of £200 Canadian Bonds	...	211 0 0	
„ Balance...	...	842 7 1	
		£1228 16 1	

DR.		EDUCATION FUND.	
To interest on investments	...	£39 7 10	
„ New Zealand Four and Half per Cent. Bonds called in	...	101 5 0	
„ Overdrawn	...	100 9 9	
		£241 2 7	

CR.		EDUCATION FUND.	
By Overdrawn 31st March, 1886	...	£38 17 7	
„ Education Fees	...	96 15 0	
„ Purchase of Canadian Bond	...	105 10 0	
		£241 2 7	

DR.		ANNUITY FUND.	
To Balance 31st March, 1886	...	£306 18 8	
„ Interest on investments	...	27 6 2	
		£334 4 10	

CR.		ANNUITY FUND.	
By Purchase of Canadian Bond	...	£316 10 0	
„ Balance	...	17 14 10	
		£334 4 10	

Audited and approved this 12th day of November, 1886.

(Signed) CHARLES EDWARD SOPPET, Auditor.

Canon PORTAL, before the minutes of the 1st June were confirmed, said: I beg to express my very grateful thanks for the kind vote which the brethren on the 1st of June passed to me.

Canon PORTAL, in proposing "That Bro. James Lose be confirmed in the rank and privileges of Past Master on fine of £1 1s.," said this was a most remarkable case. This brother was both elected and installed at a lodge of emergency, which, he need not say, was as irregular an act as anything could possibly be. At the same time he was in possession of the secrets of the chair, and he had ruled the lodge for twelve months. Therefore, he thought that while they confirmed him in his rank of Past Master they would properly express their feeling of the irregularity that had happened by a fine of one guinea on Bro. Lose.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Canon PORTAL, in moving "That a sum of £5 be paid on behalf of each pupil on the Educational Branch, for the purpose of clothing," said this sum would come out of the Education Fund of Grand Lodge, and he believed it would be a most popular measure if it was approved of by Grand Lodge. The funds of Grand Lodge were in a very satisfactory condition, and it was quite evident they could give this grant to every child, both male and female, who was being educated by the Educational Fund of Grand Lodge. It would be a very great assistance to the parents of the children.

Bro. DRIVER seconded the motion, which was then put and carried.

Grants of £30 to a brother of Lodge No. 70, and of £20 to the widow of a brother formerly under the Scottish Constitution, were then made from the Benevolent Fund.

In moving the last grant Canon PORTAL said this was really a Scotch case, but he thought this Grand Lodge would be glad to evince the universality of Mark Masonry, and to show their appreciation of the kindness they had received from the Grand Chapter of Scotland in exchanging representatives with them.

R.W. Bro. A. M. BROADLEY, P.D.G.M.M. of the Mediterranean, then said: M.W. Grand Master in the chair,—I have the honour of nominating H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M. of Mark Master Masons for the ensuing year. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. JAMES MOON, Grand Treas.: I have the honour to nominate as Treasurer for the ensuing year Bro. John Lawrence Mather, Past Master of the Old Kent Lodge, and a member of the General Board.

Bro. J. E. DAWSON, Dep. Prov. G.M. Herts: I rise for the purpose of nominating a well known brother for the office of Treasurer, Bro. Edgar Bowyer. It is unnecessary to dilate on the merits of Bro. Bowyer.

Jewels were presented to—

Bros. Major Aspland, T. Atkinson, J. Aillud, W. Brackenbury, Col. Bramble, Binstead, Birkin, Bradley, Bateman, Briggs, Brittain, Bauke, Crouch, J. M. Collins, W. Corder, D. Davis, H. F. Dale, J. E. Dawson, Lilley Ellis, J. W. Edwards, F. J. Ferguson, Fletcher, Freer, Glynes, Grosvenor, Goodall, Goldschmidt, Heard, Hardman, Dr. Heane, Sir Burford Hancock, T. Mount Humphries, Holliday, C. A. C. Jones, Jaffrey, S. Knight, Kenyon, Letchworth, Lewin, Lott, MacDowall, Rev. Dr. Morris, Mole, Maple, Moyes, Col. Newton, Pargeter, Quennell, W. Roberts, H. Roberts, Rickwood, Roy, Scratchley, Rev. Dr. Smyth, Col. Smith, Brook-Smith, Vassar-Smith, Simmonds, Spinks, Shilcock, Scurrah, C. Stephens, Thorburn, Col. Lord John Tylour-G. P. Festa, W. J. Thomson, Col. Tuckey, W. Whittaker, Woodiwiss, Willing, jun., Wyld, E. Whittaker, Webster, and Wheeler.

Bars were presented to the following—

Bros. Berridge, Bennett, Ball, Belton, Cummings, Cooper, Cama, Church, Driver, Graveley, George, Godson, Harrison, Jefferis, Kenning, Kelly, Lardner, Lane, Matier, Murray, Mattison, Mickley, Mason, Moon, F. Powell, Ramsey, Stewart, Sutcliffe, Selfe, Stone, Spice, Tweedale, Terry, Tisley, Toplis, A. Williams, Wallis, Williamson, and Walls.

Bro. F. BINCKES, G. Sec., read a letter from Sir F. Knollys on behalf of the Prince of Wales, regretting that his Royal Highness's absence from London prevented him from being present at this meeting. He also read a letter from the Earl of Kintore to the effect that as this was the third jubilee of the Grand Lodge of Scotland it had determined him to go to Edinburgh to take part in the proceedings. A letter was also read from the District Grand Lodge of Malta congratulating the Prince of Wales on his being elected and installed as Grand Master of the Degree.

A long list of brethren sent letters regretting their inability to attend this meeting, and Grand Lodge was then closed.

An excellent banquet followed, at which Lord Egerton of Tatton presided, and proposed the toasts of "The Queen" and "The Prince of Wales."

Canon PORTAL, P.G.M., proposed "Lord Egerton of Tatton, Deputy Grand Master," to whom the Order owed so much. Lord Egerton, he said, had done a great deal for the Mark Degree. He had been most diligent in attending its meetings; he had taken the lead in the foundation of what he hoped would be one of its most successful Institutions—that for the assistance of aged and decayed Mark Masons and their widows. He had contributed a munificent sum of £100 to it. That gave it a very great start, which, he was sure, the brethren would do their best to improve upon. They might congratulate Lord Egerton on being Provincial Grand Master of Cheshire in the Craft, and they might be sure that the additional influence he would gain by that exalted position would, so far as it legitimately might, be used for the promotion of Mark Masonry. He could not but feel that in the necessary course of events the triennial system, which was the great glory of the Mark Degree in England, and one of the causes of its great success, would now very shortly place Lord Egerton of Tatton in the proud position of Pro Grand Master of that great Order. But, whatever his position in the future might be, nothing could add to the kind feelings that they entertained towards him, or to the gratitude which they all felt to be his due.

Lord EGERTON of TATTON, in reply, thanked the brethren for the very kind reception they had given to the words which had fallen from Canon Portal. It was very much to the kind influence of the Past Grand Master, who was a veteran in Masonry and in Mark Masonry, that he stood there that day. He believed it was due to a letter which the late Bro. Romaine Callender, who was a most enthusiastic Mason—a man whom he should always remember as one of the leading spirits in Masonry in his own districts of Lancashire and Cheshire—wrote to him, and on the recommendation of that brother he joined Mark Masonry, and he never had regretted the step he then took. It had been a pleasure to him to see another province constituted out of Cheshire and North Wales. He hoped Masonry would flourish under his rule. Although he had not taken for the last few years an active part in Mark Masonry in the South of England, yet, as he had been honoured by being placed in the responsible position of Deputy Grand Master, he trusted he should do his best for Mark Masonry, and endeavour to promote its interests and the principles it advocated by placing his assistance at the disposal of the brethren. He was greatly pleased to preside over so large a number of brethren as those he saw before him that evening.

Lord Egerton then left, and his place was occupied by Major WOODALL, who proposed "The Grand Officers."

Bro. F. BINCKES, G. Sec., P.G.W., in responding, said he had replied to the toast so often that it appeared to him to be utterly impossible to indulge in any observations that would commend themselves to the good friends he saw around him. He was prepared to admit that the Grand Officers were imbued, in the first place, with a sense of their responsibilities, and in the next place they were thoroughly able to realise those responsibilities, and therefore to act up to the discharge of those duties in every shape and way. When, as one of those Grand Officers, he looked back on this Degree, numbering in his few years of life something like 29 in connection with the Order, he need hardly say it was to him a source of intense gratification to find the Order in the prosperous condition it was now in. He had no doubt from the attendance they had had that day, with no business of any importance to induce the attendance of any individual Grand Officer or brother, they might extract a proof of how highly the Grand Officers felt the position they held. The attendance of brethren who were not Grand Officers was small in Grand Lodge, but the Grand Officers made the meeting large, and they had come from all parts of the jurisdiction to do honour to the assembly. If that were the case surely they might argue that those who held these distinctive positions were thoroughly imbued with a sense of their responsibilities. He, as a hard worker of 29 years, was only pleased to find that they had been so supported. After some remarks as to the convivial part of the entertainment, to which less than 18 had secured places, but to which above 40 sat down, he pointed out that they had nevertheless had all their wants provided for. If the brethren had enjoyed themselves that was enough; they had at least shown, or done something to show, their sincerity by being present, and in doing what they could to promote the interest of that glorious Order to which they belonged. He was delighted that the table was so thoroughly well attended, and he augured from this that there was a large amount of deep-seated interest in doing what could be done for the success of the Degree. Several other toasts followed.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE HIGH CROSS LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 754.

On Thursday evening, the 18th inst., the High Cross Lodge of Instruction, one of the most flourishing and successful in the northern suburbs of London, celebrated their fourteenth annual festival by a dinner, at the Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, where their weekly meetings are held. The chair was occupied by Bro. J. D. Birkin, W.M., 754, who was supported by Bro. W. Binnie, W.M., 1237, P.M., 209 (Secretary), Vice-Chairman; Bro. H. Stephens, P.M., 754, 1579; Bros. J. Garrod, P.M., 754; J. Driscoll, P.M. and Sec., 1519; J. Webb, W.M., 1707; J. H. Thompson, P.M., 1237, 1707; E. J. Everdell, P.M., 1579; T. G. Fidler, P.M., 754, 1237; J. Howlett, W.S., 1327; E. Lovell, S.D., 754; S. E. Wilson, I.G., 754; E. Holt, J.W., 754; J. Meek, 754; A. Reeves, S.D., 1237; J. D., 1237; H. Woodley, 1237; J. Parsons, S.D., 1237; Cuff, Hubbard, Brent, Smith, J. Smith, Gardner, F. M. Noakes, 2148, and Davidson.

After ample justice had been done to the good things provided by the host, Bro. Barnes, in his usual excellent style, the PRESIDENT proposed the toast of "The Queen" in a few well-chosen remarks, which was responded to in the usual grand style observed among Masons.

The next toast was "Prosperity to the High Cross Lodge of Instruction and its Founders," coupling with it the names of Bros. Stephens and Driscoll.

Bro. STEPHENS, in responding, thanked the brethren for the very hearty way in which the toast had been drunk, and said so far as he was concerned it was more the accident of circumstances than any very great exertion on his part that he became a founder, he dilated at some length on the necessity of lodges of instruction, when properly worked, and the important part they play in a young Mason's education.

Bro. DRISCOLL also thanked the brethren on his own behalf, and said that although it involved an amount of labour and anxiety it had been a labour of love, and they were amply rewarded by the success it had attained, and he should look upon it with a deal of pride and pleasure.

The next toast, "The President," was proposed by the VICE-PRESIDENT, who, he said, had lately aspired to the highest office in his lodge, which he filled with a great deal of credit to himself and to the lodge.

In reply the PRESIDENT thanked the brethren for the very kind way in which they had spoken of him, and said he owed his success in a great measure to the knowledge he had gained at the High Cross Lodge of Instruction, having reached the chair in six years from his initiation. He should always esteem it a pleasure to be among them, and assist whenever occasion required.

In proposing the toast of "The Officers," the PRESIDENT said they were fortunate in having such a painstaking Preceptor as Bro. Everdell. As for Bro. Binnie, he was a most indefatigable Secretary; the continued success of the lodge was in a great measure due to his efforts, and he always received their monies in a most praiseworthy manner. (Laughter.)

Bro. J. EVERDELL, Preceptor, in replying, said he owed a debt of gratitude to that lodge of instruction, as it was owing to it that he was enabled to go through his year of office, and he was always pleased to see as many brethren as could make it convenient to attend.

Bro. BINNIE, Sec., thanked the brethren for the very flattering way in which they had drunk his health, and stated that he had been elected Secretary for the third time; but, as the minutes were not yet confirmed, if any brother was anxious for the position, it was not too late. Out of 38 meetings he had attended 35 times. He also referred to the Benevolent Fund, which had 12 appropriations, and was in a flourishing condition; but he was still open to receive the names of new members, so as to increase its sphere of usefulness.

The toast of "The Neighbouring Lodges," proposed by the PRESIDENT, was responded to by Bros. FIDLER, STEPHENS, HOWLETT and WEBB, who testified to the valuable instruction they had received in such lodges.

Bro. GARROD, in responding to the toast of "The Mother Lodge," said it gave him much pleasure to respond to that toast, as they must always regard their parent who had given them birth with a great deal of pride and affection; with respect to the lodge of instruction, he was their Secretary for seven years, but found the increasing work undermining his health and was glad when he found a brother who was more robust, willing to relieve him of the responsibility, and who filled the office with so much credit to himself and benefit to the lodge.

The remaining toasts were "The Masonic Charities," responded to by Bro. FIDLER; "The Visitors," by Bro. DAVIDSON; "The Stewards," by Bro. DRISCOLL; "The Masonic Press," by Bro. NOAKES; and "The Host," by Bro. BARNES.

The proceedings of the evening were enlivened by some capital singing by Bros. Webb, Stephens, Rees, Gardner, Davidson, and Howlett, and a recitation by Bro. Driscoll, which was effectively rendered.

THE LATE BRO. R. W. H. GIDDY, 33°.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. R. W. H. Giddy, which took place at Dudley Villa, Rondebosch, Cape Colony, on 6th October, the immediate cause of death being blood poisoning. Bro. Giddy, had, however, been generally in a low condition of health, and had come down from the Diamond-fields, hoping for recovery in the air of the suburbs of Cape Town. He had gone down to Kalk Bay, thinking that the sea air might revive him, but he became so ill that Mrs. Giddy had to bring him to Rondebosch by the first train on Monday morning. Drs. Stevenson and Beck were in attendance; but no medical skill could save him, and he rapidly sank. The funeral, by the wish of the family, was of a quite private character.

Bro. Giddy was for many years a member of the Colonial Civil Service. On the opening of the Diamond-fields he became a Magistrate there, and subsequently accepted the office of Treasurer under the Government of Griqualand West, retiring upon a pension on the annexation of the province. He then remained at the Fields, becoming interested in diamond ventures there. Until March last when the terrible accident in the Du Toit's Pan Mine, by which 20 men lost their lives, took place, Bro. Giddy was the Resident Managing Director of the Anglo-African

Diamond Mining Company, which is a Home Company, registered in London, and having its directorate there. He was also, up to that date, one of the three members of the Du Toit's Pan Mining Board, and a member of the Board for the Protection of Mining Interests. In all matters concerning the digging interest, both of Kimberley and the Pan, he was a prominent figure, and took a leading part in the many disputes and negotiations between the diggers and the standholders generally, and the Mining Boards and the Town Council of Beaconsfield in particular. In the first and unsuccessful attempt for the general amalgamation of Du Toit's Pan Mine, now nearly four years ago, he was one of the Committee who settled the basis on which it was sought to carry the scheme through. After ceasing his connection with the Anglo-Africa Company, he carried on business for a short time as a diamond buyer and broker, but ill-health compelled him to seek a change.

This is the second bereavement suffered by his family within a few months, for it is not long since one of Bro. Giddy's sons was found drowned under sad circumstances at Fort Beaufort. His was a very familiar figure on the Fields, and, though his manner was somewhat reserved, he was noted for his uniform courtesy to all his employees, and, indeed, to all with whom he had any dealings. On the platform at public gatherings on questions municipal, social, and political, he was always always listened to with the greatest respect, and was generally ready with some opportune and sensible suggestions. His quiet, well-weighed, measured utterances from the public platform compelled the attention when other speakers were denied a hearing.—Cape Argus.

THE RITUAL AND CEREMONIAL OF THE SYMBOLIC DEGREES IN FREEMASONRY 1813-1886.

The above comprehensive title is that chosen by Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., for his new lecture, which was delivered by him on Saturday, the 13th inst., in the Hampshire Lodge of Emulation, No. 1990, at Portsmouth. Having twice previously given his lecture on the ceremonial of the First Degree under the auspices of the same lodge, considerable interest was manifested in the continuation of his exposition of ritual in connection with the subsequent Degrees, and a goodly muster of rulers in the Craft, the lodge being composed entirely of Installed Masters.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Asher Barfield, P.M., P.P.G.D. Amongst those present were Bros. R. J. Rasbick, P.G. Treas., S.W.; Frederick Newman, P.P.G.W., J.W.; Thomas Francis, P.P.G.S.D. Sussex, S.D.; John Brickwood, P.G.J.D., J.D.; G. L. Stubbs, P.P.G. Stwd., acting I.G.; G. F. Lancaster, P.G. Reg., I.P.M.; C. S. Main, P.P.G.D.C.; S. R. Ellis, P.P.G.A.D.C.; Rev. J. N. Palmer, G. Chap., P.P.G.S.W.; R. W. Mitchell, P.P.G.D.C.; E. Naylor, P.P.G. Stwd.; James Gieve, P.P.G.D.C.; John W. Gieve, Sec., I.P.M. 903; R. Boughton Smith, P.P.G.S.D. Leicester and Rutland; A. Dashwood, P.P.G. Stwd.; Albert Wendover, P.M. 1069; Lewis Bryett, P.P.G.S. of Wks. Berks and Bucks; F. Sanders, Prov. G. Stwd.; Geo. W. Dixon, P.P.G.S.D. Herks and Bucks; J. J. Buscombe, W.M. 804; Francis Powell, P.G.A.D.C.; and others. Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from Bro. J. E. Lefevre, the Deputy G.M. of the Province, and several other distinguished Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers.

The lecturer, on introduction by the W.M. presiding, was very cordially received, and the closest attention was paid to his remarks throughout the whole of a lengthy and interesting address. Briefly recapitulating the most important points in his former lecture, "Knobs and Excrescences," in order to take up the thread of a narrative relating to ritual and ceremony from the date of the Union of the Grand Lodges prior in 1813 to the present time, Bro. Stevens led his hearers to a consideration of some of the beautiful conceptions of those talented brethren who were entrusted with the revision of the rituals in use at the former date, and the preparation of a perfect ceremonial for observance by all lodges under the rule of the United Grand Lodge of England. He pointed out in the most direct manner the many innovations which had been made of late years in the ceremonies and verbiage of the F.C. and M.M. Degrees, and in numerous instances produced convincing testimony as to the correctness of his assertions that all pretence that the "same usages and customs" which had been decreed as constitutional was at an end. In our pages we cannot, of course, directly specify the many points he touched upon; it will be sufficient for us to say that they are of an important character, and that our worthy brother's address should be heard to be appreciated. After speaking without cessation for two hours, Bro. Stevens resumed his seat amidst Masonic applause.

Bro. C. S. MAIN, P.P.G.U.C., proposed, in very eulogistic terms, "That a vote of thanks for his excellent and interesting lecture be given by the lodges to Bro. James Stevens, and that the same be recorded on the minutes."

This was seconded by the W.M., Bro. BARFIELD, P.P.G.D., who expressed his opinion that the information which had been afforded was of a most instructive character, beneficial alike to the newly-made M.M., as to those who had arrived at the highest honour which a lodge could confer. He felt sure that every member and visitor present had been highly delighted with the exposition which it must have taken Bro. Stevens much time and considerable consideration to prepare, and which he had so excellently delivered. It was impossible that such information as they had received could be given to the Craft except in open lodge, or lodges of instruction, and he had no hesitation in saying that what they had heard that evening ought to be repeated for the good of the Order in every lodge throughout the country. He cordially endorsed Bro. Main's expression of gratification, and believed the brethren would as cordially respond. The vote was unanimously agreed, and

BRO. STEVENS gratefully acknowledged the formal announcement by the W.M., adding, that in reference to the W.M.'s observation that every lodge throughout the country should hear the lecture he was quite ready to do his part towards that end by arrangement with any lodge desirous of receiving him.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren dined together, separating at an early hour, in view of a re-union at the consecration of a new lodge, the Osborne, No. 2169, at East Cowes, Isle of Wight, on the Monday following.

India.

MADRAS.—Carnatic Lodge (No. 2031, E.C.).—The installation meeting of this lodge—composed exclusively of members of the native community of Madras—took place on Thursday, the 7th ult., when Bro. T. V. Ponnusami Pillai, Judge of the Court of Small Causes, Madras, was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. So many brethren had intimated their intention of being present, that the meeting was held in the hall of Perfect Unanimity Lodge, No. 150 (E.C.), kindly lent for the occasion. The members, though mustering strongly, were far outnumbered by visiting brethren from other lodges. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the arrival of the District Grand Lodge was announced, and the District Grand Warden, Bro. J. H. Spring Branson, representing the District Grand Master, accompanied by Bro. W. M. Scharlieb, P. Dist. G.M., and the District Grand Officers, were received with the customary honours. Bro. Panchaterum then informed the brethren that Bro. Ardaseer Ruttonjee Pilcher, D.G.D.C., had kindly consented to perform the ceremony of installation, and had come up expressly from Secunderabad for that purpose. He therefore handed over the Hiram to that brother, who went through the arduous duties of Installing Master in a very exemplary manner, and afterwards addressed the newly-installed Master, the Wardens, officers, and brethren of the lodge on their respective duties in a most impressive style, although English is not the native tongue of our worthy Parsee brother.

The D.G.S.W., on behalf of the Dep. D.G.M., who regretted his inability to attend, congratulated Bro. T. V. Ponnusami Pillai on being inducted into the chair of K.S., and added his own personal good wishes.

Bro. Ponnusami then thanked the members of District Grand Lodge and the visiting brethren for the honour they had done him and his lodge by being present, and invited them to remain after lodge was closed, and partake of the refreshments provided in the banqueting room.

The District Grand Lodge having retired, congratulations and good wishes were offered, and a vote of thanks passed to Bro. Ardaseer Ruttonjee Pilcher for the very effective way in which he had conducted the ceremony of installation, and it was suitably responded to by that worthy brother.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where ample justice was done to the good fare provided, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts duly honoured.

Bro. W. M. Scharlieb, Presidency Magistrate, Madras, responded in suitable terms for his health.

"The Health of the Visitors" was also enthusiastically honoured, and the proceedings were closed by the Tyler's toast.

China.

HONG-KONG.—Zetland Lodge (No. 525).—The Masonic Hall, which has been closed for several months past for repairs, was re-opened on Monday evening, Oct. 4, when this lodge held a meeting. There was a full attendance of members and a large number of visiting brethren. Zetland Lodge is the oldest in the district and the owner of the Masonic Hall, the property having been acquired by it before the branching off of the several lodges which have been formed since. The first meeting was held in June, 1846, and the lodge is now therefore over forty years old. It has had a remarkably successful career, and in earlier days numbered amongst its masters such distinguished Masons as Bros. Rawson, Mercer, Murray, and others. The foundation stone of the Masonic Hall was laid on the 1st February, 1853, with full honours, Bro. Rawson officiating on the occasion, and in 1865 the building was reconstructed and an additional storey added. At the meeting on Monday evening Bro. C. G. Cox, the present Master, read to the brethren a brief history of the lodge incorporating the above facts, and the report of the Building Committee was presented and passed. The report showed that the expenditure on the renovation had amounted to about 7000 dollars. The Committee consisted of Bros. M. Falconer (Chairman), W. S. Ramsey, J. Dyer Ball, and J. Willmott (Secretary), and a vote of thanks to those brethren for the valuable services they had rendered was ordered to be recorded on the minutes. After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where a cold collation was partaken of, after which Bro. Gorham, P.M. of Zetland Lodge, proposed "Universal and Masonic Prosperity to this Hall." Other toasts followed, and with songs and recitations a pleasant evening was spent, the brethren dispersing about two o'clock.

At a meeting of the St. John's Lodge (S.C.), held on Wednesday evening, October 6th, R.W. Bro. Croker, the Master, presented jewels which had been voted by the lodge to R.W. Bro. R. Fraser-Smith, who filled the chair for two years; R.W. Bro. C. Grant, the I.P.M.; and W. Bro. D. Heaysman, Past J.W.

The Amoy Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, which has now entered on its second year of existence, has sent to each of the officers who went up from Hong-Kong to consecrate it on its formation a letter of thanks, accompanied by a very handsome jewel, which was voted at the last annual meeting. The Consecrating Officers were M.E. Comps. W. M. B. Arthur, L. Mallory, and W. K. Hughes.

We are asked to state that the St. Ambrose Lodge of Instruction will be re-opened at the Barons' Court Hotel, near West Kensington Station, on Monday, the 6th inst., at 7.45 p.m., under the very able Preceptorship of our much esteemed Bro. Jesse Collings, P.M. 1535, who is also Preceptor of the Ranelagh Lodge of Instruction, No. 834. Brethren seeking Masonic knowledge will always find Bro. Collings able and willing to assist them. We hope as many as can possibly make it convenient will attend and give him a hearty greeting on commencing his new undertaking.

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stone," "Citizen," "Court Circular," "Hull and East Yorkshire
Times," "Masonic Review," "Limerick Reporter and Tipperary
Vindicator," "Land Agents' Record," "Encyclopædic Dictionary,"
"Victorian Freemason," "Piano, Organ, and Music Trades
Journal," "Chaine D'Union," "Printers' &c., Effective Adver-
tiser," "Confessions of an Inquiring Spirit," and "Masonic
Journal" (Melbourne).



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 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.]

GRAND LODGE AND PROVINCIAL HONOURS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

For some time past we have read in your reports
of lodge meetings, and heard the assertion made in our
lodge, that although the Craft has considerably increased
in numbers, yet the number of Grand Officers remains
about the same, and various suggestions are proposed to
remedy a grievance said to be felt by many worthy brethren
who are left out in the cold. I do not, however, think the
suggested increase in Grand Officers is either wise or nec-
essary. What new offices could be created, or which
among the present offices could be duplicated?

I beg to suggest a way of enabling deserving brethren to
wear the purple, although not of the Grand Lodge. All
lodges meeting within 10 miles of Freemasons' Hall
are London lodges, all beyond that distance, Provincial or
District Lodges. Now in addition to a chance of Grand
Lodge office, members of the latter have the prospect of
Provincial office, which brethren belonging to London
lodges only do not enjoy, unless they join a Provincial
lodge, as do some, solely with the object of getting those
honours. Then the London lodges have increased, for I
find from the "Cosmopolitan" that in 1881 there were
305 London lodges, while the same authority for 1887 gives
348; while in looking through the lists of the Provincial
Grand Lodges, I note that Bedfordshire has 5; Cam-
bridge, 5; Cheshire, 40; Devonshire, 50; Hereford,
4; Kent, 56; East Lancashire, 95; West Lancashire, 84;
Middlesex, 41; Shropshire, 11; North and East York, 29;
West York, 68; and the last new Province, the Isle of
Man, 6.

Now, why cannot the 348 London lodges be formed into
four Provincial Grand Lodges—say of North, East, South,
and West London, taking Freemasons' Hall as the centre,
and drawing a line north and south, to where it would join
an existing province, all lodges north of the river to be
North London lodges, and East and West as they meet
right or left of this line, and those on the south side of the
river to be treated similarly. There would in that case
be four times 24 additional Provincial Grand Officers
appointed every year, and in those Provincial Grand Lodges
having more than 40 lodges under them, the number would
be 27. I cannot see anything in the Constitutions which
gives the formula for petitioning or establishing a Provin-
cial Grand Lodge. It is laid down that all lodges more than
10 miles from Freemasons' Hall are provincial lodges, but
I see no reason, why the large district within the 10 miles
radius should not also in some way be constituted into four
provinces as I suggest. Could not the opinions of the
members of the lodges interested be obtained, and sent
to some recognised authority with a view of taking
further action in the matter?—Yours fraternally,

L. V. W.

SARTOR RESARTUS—(THE CLOTHED
UNCLOTHED).

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

"The best laid schemes o' mice and men gang
aft a' gley," may be said or sung over one at least of our
lately-revised Constitutions, which affords another illustra-
tion in confirmation of the wit and wisdom of our late
highly-gifted Bro. Burns.

In case Grand Lodge on the 1st December should not
fully decide on the future reading of No. 308, I venture to
hazard a few remarks to indicate the lines on which alone
a satisfactory settlement of the rule can be made.

308 has not been cordially accepted by a large number of
Craft officers; nor, so far as my observation has gone, has
it been much—if at all—observed. Like Nelson, the
brethren have turned to it their blind eye, and mentally
exclaimed, "really, we cannot see it."

The objections to 308, appear to be—1st. that it repeals
—without apparent reason—a privilege which custom had
so long sanctioned, that Masters and Wardens came to
regard it as a right attached to their office. 2nd. that
it is out of harmony with rules 96, 97, and 149.

The proposed amendment, so far from mending matters,
makes them worse by extending its operations to Past
Masters, and creating a third objection, viz., that 308 is
inconsistent, not only with the aforesaid rules, but with the
practice of the Board of Benevolence and Board of
General Purposes.

As a "neat principle"—there should be consistency
and harmony throughout the Book of Constitutions; and
the rules which relate to clothing and jewels should con-
form to this principle.

The revised rules, 96 and 97, not only confirm to Pro-
vincial and District Grand Lodge Officers and Past Officers,
the privilege to wear their distinctive clothing at all
Masonic meetings; but also extends this privilege to Pro-
vincial and District Grand Stewards who by the old Constitu-
tions were expressly prohibited from wearing their distinc-
tive clothing except "during their period of office."

Now, whilst in 96 and 97 we have an extension of privi-
lege to the most subordinate, and more-for-ornament-than-
use class of officials, we have in 308—intensified by the
proposed amendment—a contraction of privilege amount-
ing to suppression and repeal, affecting the highest rank
in the lodge and the highest officers in the lodge, without
whom the work of Masonry could not be carried on for a
single lodge meeting.

The Worshipful Masters and Wardens have much
higher and older claims than any Provincial or District
officers whatever; and next in antiquity and importance
are the claims of Past Masters, to wear at all Masonic
meetings those distinctions which have been gained by
personal service in the Craft, and which mark the rank so
honourably obtained.

No. 149 enjoins "the Master and his Wardens" to visit
other lodges in their official capacity, for certain well-known
and approved considerations; hitherto the clothing proper
to the officers has been worn according to our "ancient
landmarks" as part of our Masonic etiquette, to honour
the lodge visited, and to denote the rank of the visitors.

Now, 308 alters all this, and suppresses and repeals an
ancient custom; whilst 97 removes a restriction, and gives
to a Provincial or District Steward what 308 takes away
from the oldest officers in the Craft. If it becomes law, a
Past Steward accompanying a Master to visit a lodge may
be arrayed in all the glory of his crimson adornment, whilst
the Master must leave his laboriously-earned collar and
jewel outside the door of the lodge, and sink in half naked
and half ashamed behind his more privileged and fortun-
ately-dealt with brother.

Past Masters and Masters and Wardens of lodges are
members of Grand Lodge, and it savours of inconsistency
to take from them their long used privilege, and to confer
it on Provincial and District Grand Stewards, whose duties
are so undefined that I do not know any brother who knows
what they do.

However desirable it may be to discountenance the wear-
ing of collars by subordinate officers in lodge other than
those where the offices are served, the line of prohibition
may safely be drawn between those who are members of
Grand Lodge and those who are not. Most probably this
would be accepted by the Craft generally as a lasting
settlement—"officers below the Warden's chair to wear
their collars only in their own lodges; Past Masters, Mas-
ters, and Wardens may, as hitherto, wear their collars at
all Masonic meetings."—Yours fraternally,

November 30th.

E. T. BUDDEN.

THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

An announcement was made in one of the City
journals last week that it was proposed that I should be
put in nomination for the office of Grand Treasurer for the
ensuing year. In consequence of the solicitation of many
friends in the Craft, I had to some extent given my consent
thereto, and a large measure of support was promised in
that event. But, for the sake of avoiding, as far as pos-
sible, a contest which at the present moment might be
objectionable, I have asked my friends to defer their kind
interest until the next period of election, when I shall do
myself the honour to offer myself in the manner they pro-
pose.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

ALBERT J. ALTMAN, P.M., P.Z., &c.

City Steam Works, Barbican.

December 1st.

ADMISSION INTO LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The "I.G. 1326," who requested an answer re-
lating to Article 152 of the new Book of Constitutions, I
fear, did not ask the question for the good of Freemasonry,
but rather for the satisfaction of private pique: he know-
ing very well that the brother, mentioned in his letter, had
been proposed as a joining member of another lodge, plus
the fact of his being a subscribing Royal Arch Mason.

And in answer to him, I wish to point out, according to
my light, that Article 152 applies only to lodges proper, and
not to lodges of instruction.

The old and new Book of Constitutions has no word or
article prohibiting a non-subscribing member to a lodge
joining a lodge of instruction; but both articles totally and
pointedly relate to non-subscribing members visiting lodges
proper.

Again, it is simply nonsensical to argue that because a
brother belongs to no lodge proper he should be excluded
a lodge of instruction, for he may still be in search and
want of Masonic tuition, but circumstances that could
possibly admit of him joining a lodge of instruction might
altogether prevent him for the present rejoining a lodge.—
I am, dear sir and brother, yours fraternally,

W. HARROLD VINT.

THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I venture to suggest, as an addition to whatever is
done by Masons generally, that our Grand Master, as the
fountain of Masonic honour, should be asked to quad-
rangle (at least) his Grand Lodge appointments next year.
This would enable a number of worthy brethren to be
rewarded with the purple, and would seem a fitting accom-
paniment in the Masonic world to the honours said to be
contemplated to be bestowed by her Most Gracious Majesty
amongst her subjects generally. Again, could not all the
congratulatory addresses be presented by the Masters and
Wardens of lodges at one time in the Albert Hall, making
a great Masonic function there? This also seems to me
worthy of consideration. The sight would be a great
exhibition of loyalty to the Throne.—Fraternally yours,

P.Z.



Craft Masonry.

NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).—The usual
meeting of this old lodge was held on Thursday, the 25th
ult., at Guildhall Tavern, under the presidency of the
W.M., Bro. J. Corbett. There were also present Bros. L.
V. Walker, S.W.; E. V. Jolliffe, J.W.; Collings, P.M.,
Secretary; Brooks, S.D.; Savidge, J.D.; Charles,
I.G.; Knill, Organist; Harrington Baily, Steward; S.
Cook, I.P.M.; Povey, P.M.; Coulcher, P.M.; Hollandt,
Standerwick, Whiting, McGregor, and several other
brethren, also Bros. J. B. Bernard, P.M. 1062; and
R. W. Galer, W.M. 1366.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read
and confirmed, after which the ballot was taken for
Messrs. J. W. Thatcher and H. C. Goss, and being in their
favour, they were duly initiated into the mysteries of Free-
masonry by the W.M. in a most impressive manner. The
next business was the election of W.M. for the ensuing
year, and the choice of the brethren unanimously fell upon
the S.W., who thanked the brethren for the great honour
conferred upon him by his election to that important office.
Owing to the lamented death of Bro. E. F. Storr, who
had been Treasurer of the lodge since Bro. Wilcox, P.M.,
resigned that position, it became necessary to elect a new
Treasurer, and the brethren unanimously voted for Bro.
Povey, P.M., who was declared duly elected.

Bro. Povey thanked the brethren for having elected him
to the vacant Treasurership, and referred in very feeling
terms to his friendship with the late Treasurer for over
25 years. Members of the Audit Committee and the Tyler
were also elected.

Ten guineas was voted to the list of the W.M. elect,
who had undertaken the Stewardship of the lodge on behalf
of the Benevolent Institution, and a P.M.'s jewel uni-
formly voted to the retiring Master for his able conduct in
the chair during his year of office. A vote of condolence
to the widow and family of their late Treasurer was also
passed by the brethren. After a proposition for a new
member, and "Hearty good wishes" had been given by the
visitors, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned
to dinner.

After the removal of the cloth, the Worshipful Master
said that, in consequence of the great loss the lodge had
sustained in the death of Bro. Storr, the toasts would be
few, and his remarks in introducing them very brief; but
there were certain toasts that must be proposed. He then
shortly gave "The Queen and Craft," "The M.W.G.M.,"
and "The Grand Officers."

The I.P.M., Bro. Cook, then proposed for the last time
"The Health of Bro. Corbett, as W.M.," and expressed
the great pleasure the brethren had felt in the Mastership
of Bro. Corbett, and wished him many years of health and
happiness in his retirement.

The Worshipful Master thanked the brethren for their
good wishes, and proposed "The Initiates," for which those
brethren replied.

The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed, and Bros.
Bernard and Galer replied.

The toast of "The Officers," responded to by Bros.
Walker, W.M. elect, and Collings, P.M., Sec., and the
Tyler's toast brought the evening to an early close.

The lodge was in deep mourning, and all the brethren
wore Masonic mourning, for the late Treasurer.

LODGE OF PROSPERITY (No. 65).—On
Thursday, the 25th ult., the brethren assembled at the
Guildhall Tavern to offer an unusually costly testimonial to
their Secretary, Bro. G. T. Brown, P.M. and P.Z. The
chair was taken by the W.M., Bro. R. Dyson, there being
also present Bros. W. Walker, S.W.; G. Haller, J.W.;
L. A. Leins, P.M.; G. T. Brown, P.M.; C. E. Ferry,
P.M.; G. Schadler, P.M.; J. Roberts, P.M.; J. H.
Hawkins, P.M.; C. J. Rich, P.M.; and the visitors
were Bros. Cronin, 1512, and Grammar, 27.

Bros. Miller and Dudman having been raised to the
Third Degree, the lodge was closed, and the members ad-
joined to the banquet room. After the usual loyal
toasts,

Bro. R. Dyson, the W.M., said that they had met that
evening to do special honour to one of their most important
officers, who had not only filled the chair of the lodge and
of the chapter, but for a period of over 10 years had most
successfully filled the arduous post of Secretary to that
large and prosperous lodge. The members had unani-
mously voted that a copy of their thanks to Bro. Brown
should be emblazoned on vellum and framed, and, in addi-
tion, by their private subscriptions, had added a large gilt
and blue enamel clock, with side ornaments to match, also
a case containing a gold brooch and earrings, set with bril-
liants, for Mrs. Brown, and the whole of that grand array
of presents being on the table before him, he (the W.M.)
felt very gratified in handing them over to their brother
Secretary, who was so highly esteemed by them all.

Bro. Brown, in reply, thanked the W.M. and brethren
for the valuable presents they had that evening given him.
His labours had been more than repaid by the many
esteemed friendships he had made amongst the members.
He knew of no greater honour than being a Past Master
and Secretary of their lodge, and a P.Z. of their chapter.
He delighted in placing his services as Secretary at their
disposal, whether for lodge work, ball committees, summer
banquets, or, above all, their Masonic Charity Associations.
He was pleased to say he had instituted their first Associa-
tion, and left their second in charge of their present S.W.,
and, by the success and help of those two, he was proud
to say that since he had taken the office of Secretary the
Lodge of Prosperity had contributed over £2000 to the
Masonic Charities; and he finally appealed strongly to the
junior members to avail themselves of this and every
opportunity to do their utmost for the three Masonic
Institutions.

The brethren shortly afterwards separated.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH LODGE (No.
1259).—The anniversary festival of the above successful
lodge was celebrated on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., at the

Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Limehouse. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. M. Esmond, who was supported then and during the proceedings by Bros. Charles Wakefield, S.W., W.M. elect; L. Etting, J.W.; E. Jex, P.M., C.C., Treas.; A. Bradbrook, P.M., Sec.; R. Dixon, S.D.; G. Parrett, D.C.; W. Gilling, P.M.; E. H. Rolfe, P.M.; R. Atkins, P.M.; J. W. Buchan, P.M.; G. T. H. Seddon, P.M., Org.; J. Terry, P.M., Sec. R.M.B.I., &c.; G. H. Stephens, P.M.; J. Walker, W. Harding, J. Lusty, jun., W. J. Trappett, L. Gumprecht, R. H. Willett, G. H. Willett, W. Davis, T. Collier, E. A. Field, J. A. Terry, J. W. Elphick, G. J. King, A. Toombs, and others; and the numerous visitors included Bros. A. W. Rolfe, 2147; J. Pollard, 2147; John West, W.M. 933; M. J. Hayes, 1348; E. Cameron, 175; T. Puzey, P.M. 1107; E. Rochester, 554; H. Wickens, 1716; H. Forss, P.M. 917; and others.

The valuable services of Bro. Terry, who some 18 years back consecrated the lodge, and who has since annually installed the W.M.'s of the lodge, were again kindly forthcoming, and Bro. C. Wakefield, who had been unanimously elected W.M. at the last meeting, was duly installed into the chair of K.S., and saluted in due form. The following were the appointments: Bros. L. Etting, S.W.; John P. Moore, P.M. 13, J.W.; E. Jex, P.M., C.C., Treas.; R. Bradbrook, P.M., Sec.; R. Dixon, S.D.; Omer, J.D.; G. T. H. Seddon, P.M., Org.; G. Parrett, I.G.; Buchan, P.M., D.C.; J. Lusty, jun., A.D.C.; Trappett, Stwd.; and Very, Tyler (who has held this office since the consecration of the lodge). A rendering of the three charges in Bro. Terry's best style completed a very impressive ceremony. The next business—that of conferring the Third Degree upon Bro. Field—was also kindly undertaken by Bro. Terry and admirably rendered. This worthy brother afterwards received, on a proposition of Bro. Jex, P.M., the hearty thanks of the lodge for having again rendered such valuable service to the lodge. A handsome jewel, to mark the close of a successful year of office, was pinned upon the breast of Bro. Esmond, I.P.M. Bro. Jex also moved a vote of condolence, to be forwarded to the widow of the late esteemed Bro. Hancock, a respected P.M., and for 16 years a member of the lodge, and in respect to whose memory the lodge was in mourning. This was carried in solemn silence.

Other business requiring the assistance of the worthy Treasurer and Secretary satisfactorily at an end, lodge was closed, and the brethren repaired to an adjoining comfortable saloon, where a splendid banquet was served, fully satisfying all present that the new proprietor, Bro. H. Salmon, is a Past Master in the art of catering. After grace, the usual toasts were briefly honoured.

The toast of "The Masonic Institutions" was warmly received, and brought an eloquent appeal from that doughty champion of the three Institutions—Bro. J. Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I.—who presented such an array of figures and facts as to constitute a very strong appeal for continued assistance from the brethren.

The W.M., we understand, gave his name as Steward for the next Festival, and Bro. Wakefield will doubtless be as well supported as usual by the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge.

In consequence of the lodge being in mourning, there was no music. Bro. Gerrard J. King, a favourite histrionic, gave one of his best selections in fine style, and it was greatly enjoyed. The comforts of the large assemblage were thoroughly ensured by the kind attentions of Bro. Buchan, P.M., and Bro. Very, Tyler, after giving the Tyler's toast, favoured the company before parting with his quaint realistic account of the travels of three flies, which afforded amusement to all, and a warning to those of a peripatetic disposition.

EBURY LODGE (No. 1348).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., at the Café Royal, Regent-street. Among those present were Bros. W. C. Wigley, W.M.; J. Healey, S.W.; H. Fincham, J.W.; W. Bourne, P.M., Sec.; W. Fowles, S.D.; W. D. Schwarz, J.D.; G. Stacey, P.M., Org.; H. Smith, I.G.; J. W. Ford, D.C.; J. Hurdell, P.M.; and J. Warren, P.M. The visitors included Bros. J. Jacobs, P.M. 1614; H. Dickson, S.W. 1614; H. Stunt, P.M. 1320; J. R. Johnson, P.M. 2005; T. J. Cusworth, P.M. 813; J. Osborn, P.M. 1897, P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx.; J. Robertson, I.G. 2005; J. Waters, P.M. 211; J. Cox, P.M. 190; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge having been formally opened, the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Charles Hurl was then passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft, after which Mr. Barnett Hart having been successfully balloted for, was impressively initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. John Healey was next presented as W.M. elect, and was installed into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom by Bro. Wigley, I.P.M. Bro. Healey, W.M., appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. Fincham, S.W.; W. Fowles, J.W.; W. Bourne, P.M., Sec.; W. D. Schwarz, S.D.; H. J. Smith, J.D.; G. Stacey, P.M., Org.; J. W. Ford, I.G.; J. Hurdell, P.M., Stwd.; P. Mordecai, D.C.; J. Osmond, Stwd.; and R. F. Potter, Tyler. The addresses were then delivered by the Installing Officer, Bro. Wigley, in a masterly and impressive manner that elicited the highest commendations from the brethren present. The W.M. then addressed the brethren and said that as Bro. Wigley had been W.M. of the lodge for the past two years, they had naturally thought it desirable that some addition should be made to the jewel presented to him last year. It was therefore his pleasing duty to present to Bro. Wigley the P.M.'s jewel, which had been increased by a handsome clasp, bearing his initials in monogram, and a record of his second year's service as W.M.

Bro. W. C. Wigley, I.P.M., briefly returned thanks for this further mark of esteem from the brethren.

The sum of £10 having been voted from the Benevolent Fund, and there being no further business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet.

After dessert, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and received with the customary cordiality.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Wigley, I.P.M., who said that as their W.M. was necessarily present he could not say as much about him as he would wish, but he would repeat the Shakespearean quotation on the menu, and say "The Master, he is a good one, and his worthiness doth challenge much respect." Those few words adequately expressed the feelings of the brethren, for they all respected Bro. Healey as a Mason, and he had no doubt that when the end of the year arrived, the mem-

bers would not only respect, but love him. In conclusion, he asked the brethren to join with him in heartily drinking the health of their W.M., and wish him a prosperous and happy year of office.

Bro. John Healey, W.M., in reply, tendered his sincere and hearty thanks for the kind manner in which the I.P.M. had proposed the toast, and for the heartiness and cordiality with which the brethren had received it. He was initiated in the lodge, and had attended the meetings regularly, and was therefore gratified when he was elected to fill the chair. The brother who had just vacated the chair was an excellent worker, and although he (the W.M.) could not hope to equal him, yet he would do his best to satisfactorily perform the duties.

"The Initiates" having been given, and suitably responded to by Bro. Hart,

The Worshipful Master proposed "The I.P.M. and Installing Officer," and said it would be in the recollection of the brethren present that Bro. Wigley, at the last in stallation meeting, kindly undertook the duties of the chair for the second year. He not only took the office, but faithfully fulfilled the duties to the credit of the lodge, and to the entire satisfaction of the members. The brethren owed Bro. Wigley a debt of gratitude that they could not repay. They had, however, placed a clasp on his Past Master's jewel, which they trusted he would look upon as a slight token of the love and affection with which he is regarded.

Bro. W. C. Ridley, I.P.M., responded, and said the kind words used by the W.M. and the hearty reception accorded the toast by the brethren, had almost overpowered him. He could only return his sincere thanks for the assistance he had received during his two years of office, and for the addition that had been made to his jewel. He assured the brethren that he should wear that jewel with pride, for he was really proud of having filled the chair two years in succession. He hoped he should not lose the esteem of the members, but that they would continue to meet him with that kindly feeling they had hitherto displayed. He should always be pleased to do anything in his power for the benefit of the lodge or the happiness of the brethren.

Bro. T. J. Cusworth, P.M., S13, replied on behalf of "The Visitors," and returned thanks for the kind reception they had received. He had been particularly pleased and gratified at the manner in which the installation ceremony had been carried out. It had been performed, throughout, in a most impressive style that the lodge might well be proud of. It had afforded him considerable pleasure to be present that evening, and on behalf of himself and the other visiting brethren, he tendered his hearty thanks for the magnificent way in which they had been treated.

Bro. Warren, P.M., responded for "The Past Masters," and observed that nothing afforded that body greater pleasure than to see a large number of visitors present and to hear that they had enjoyed the working of the lodge. The P.M.'s would continue to render the W.M. all the assistance in their power.

Bro. Bourne, P.M., replied for "The Treasurer and Secretary," and after returning thanks, said he had received a telegram from the Treasurer, saying it was utterly impossible for him to be present. He assured the W.M. that as long as he held the office of Secretary he would endeavour to fulfil the duties in a satisfactory manner.

The W.M., in proposing the "The Officers" expressed his extreme regret that Bro. Fincham, S.W., had been obliged to leave owing to ill health, but he was certain that he had a competent staff of officers who would support him.

Bro. Fowles, J.W., having replied, the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

CLAPTON LODGE (No. 1365).—A meeting of this lodge took place at St. Botolph Chambers, Bishopsgate-street, on Thursday, the 18th ult. Bro. H. Oldham, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. C. J. Bennett, S.W.; W. Caton, J.W.; W. Finch, P.M., Treas.; W. Lutwyche, P.M., Sec.; A. Tucker, S.D.; H. Day, J.D.; W. D. Church, D.C.; F. J. Laughlin, Org.; G. Quirk, Stwd.; J. H. Harling, I.G.; C. Steel, P.M.; H. Blackburn, P.M.; J. R. Soper, P.M.; R. R. Williams, R. Calthorn, C. E. Luker, W. Fitcher, W. Bowen, E. J. Woodward, R. Evans, J. A. Taylor, C. Sharpe, A. Thompson, B. Tobin, J. Thompson, and C. Stanger. Visitors: Bros. W. Brockman, 1471; W. F. Calbron, 1733; E. Ames, 86; J. A. Wildash, W.M. 1662; J. Jones, S.D. 1678; S. Marriott, 95; R. J. Hunt, 192; L. Coles, 1507; E. Woodman, W.M. 1897; J. Collings, Org. 1692; C. D. Barham, 1766; W. W. Lee, 1897; and others.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, Bros. R. Evans and R. R. Williams were passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. Ballot having been successfully taken in favour of Messrs. Alfred Thompson and B. F. Tobin, they were impressively initiated into Freemasonry. Ballot was also taken for Bro. Caleb Stanger, F.I.B.A., 12, as a joining member, and, proving unanimous in his favour, he was welcomed into the lodge by the W.M. Bro. Day was invested by the W.M. as J.D. for the ensuing year. Bro. Steel, P.M., next proposed that a vote of condolence be sent to the widow of the late Bro. G. F. Staff. Bro. Steel said he was assured that all the brethren would deplore the loss the lodge had sustained, for, although the deceased brother had only been initiated about a year, he had won the esteem of all. Bro. Finch, P.M., having seconded the proposition, it was carried unanimously. Bro. H. Oldham, W.M., announced his intention of serving as Steward at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and asked the brethren to support him. It was proposed by Bro. Steel, P.M., and agreed, that the sum of 10 guineas should be taken from the lodge funds and placed on the list of the W.M.

All Masonic business having been transacted, the lodge was formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Great Eastern Hotel, where ample justice was done to a substantial meal.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were afterwards duly honoured.

Bro. C. Steel, P.M., in proposing "The Worshipful Master," said it was his privilege to be allowed to submit this most important toast to the notice of the brethren, and he was certain it would be received with the customary cordiality. The short time Bro. Oldham had occupied the chair had been sufficient to convince the members that he would carry out the work in a manner that would fully sustain the prestige of the lodge. He had performed the ceremonies that evening in a very impressive manner which

augured well for the working during the remaining portion of his term of office.

Bro. Oldham, W.M., in reply, thanked the I.P.M. for the kind manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the cordiality with which they had received it. He was gratified to hear that his working had satisfied the brethren, and assured them that he would do his utmost to promote the interests of the lodge during the ensuing year.

"The Initiates" having been given, and duly responded to, Bro. Stanger replied for "The Joining Member," and remarked that he was not aware that he should be honoured with a separate toast. He had been a Mason for several years, and the more he saw of Freemasonry the more he loved it, and esteemed the honour of belonging to it. He hoped the brethren who had been initiated that evening would regard it in the same manner, and become increasingly attached to the Craft. It had afforded him considerable pleasure to join that lodge, and he sincerely thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which he had been received.

"The Visitors" was then proposed by the W.M., who offered the visiting brethren a hearty welcome.

Bros. Lee, Barham, Woodman, and others, having responded, and acknowledged the kind hospitality they had received,

Bro. Oldham, W.M., proposed "The Masonic Charities." He said that, as Freemasons, it was their duty to uphold those excellent institutions, and he made an earnest appeal for the support of the brethren for the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The W.M. subsequently announced that he had received a hearty response to his appeal, the total amount subscribed, including the vote of the lodge, being over fifty guineas.

Bros. Steel and Blackburn replied on behalf of "The Past Masters."

Bro. Lutwyche, P.M., Secretary, in replying for "The Treasurer and Secretary," said it was always a pleasure to respond to this toast. As a Past Master he was very glad to see such able men filling the chair of the lodge, and to which their present W.M. was by no means an exception. He congratulated the brethren on the hearty manner in which they had replied to Bro. Oldham's appeal on behalf of the Charities, and assured the W.M. that he could rely on the sympathy and support of all the members while he occupied the chair.

"The Officers" having been given, the Tyler's toast brought a pleasant evening to a close.

EVENING STAR LODGE (No. 1719).—The installation meeting of this lodge, which was established in 1877 for the convenience of gentlemen connected with the different branches of the gas world, was held on Wednesday evening, the 24th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, under the Mastership of Bro. Arthur Mead, P. Prov. G. Supt. of Works Essex. There were present on the occasion Bros. T. A. Greene, P.M.; James Glaisher, P.M., Treasurer; Magnus Ohren, P.M., Secretary; J. W. Sugg, P.M.; J. S. Tamburini, M. Mildred, Joseph Manwaring, E. Hide, T. H. Martin, W. Liddall, J. F. Porter, Walter King, H. T. Bailey, A. Stephenson, James Gibb, H. J. Davis, James Randall, Richard Sandell, Samuel Spencer, W. H. H. Broadberry, T. E. Priestman, and several visitors.

After the opening of the lodge, and the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. J. W. Sugg, P.M., installed Bro. Joseph Manwaring as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing twelve months. The following brethren were appointed as officers for the year: Bros. Arthur Mead, I.P.M.; Edward Hide, S.W.; Joseph F. Porter, J.W.; the Rev. C. F. Porter, D.D., Chaplain; James Glaisher, P.M., Treasurer; Magnus Ohren, P.M., Secretary; T. H. Martin, S.D.; Wm. Liddall, J.D.; W. Sugg, P.M., D.C.; Walter King, I.G.; D. W. Sugg and Valon, Stewards; and Benjamin Banks, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel, of the value of ten guineas, was presented to Bro. A. Mead, the I.P.M., as a mark of respect from the members of the lodge. Bro. Jas. Randall moved that the sum of three guineas be given from the funds of the lodge to the Frederick Binckes' Presentation Fund, to mark the completion of his twenty-five years' faithful services as Secretary of the Masonic Institution for Boys. The motion was seconded by Bro. Magnus Ohren, but was opposed by Bro. W. Liddall, and several other brethren, and ultimately lost.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to banquet at the Freemasons' Tavern, and honoured the usual toasts.

Bro. Glaisher, P.G.D., Treasurer, replying to the toast which embraced the "Grand Officers," said it was pleasing to him, as one of the founders of the lodge, to find the tenth Master proposing this toast, and the brethren receiving it so warmly, and listening to it so attentively when it was proposed. The Grand Officers performed their trust in every degree until they obtained the proud and honourable position Bro. Manwaring occupied that day. The Grand Officers had not entered the Order lightly or considered it hastily, but they continued in it year by year. They did it with an earnestness which was creditable to any person, but particularly to those who were getting into the sere and yellow leaf. The feeling of the Grand Officers was, if possible, to aid and assist in every way, and it was that feeling which caused them to be held in such high esteem. It was so with Lords Carnarvon and Lathom, who were patterns to all Masons because they performed faithfully and truthfully every duty demanded of them.

Bro. Mead, P.M., proposed "The W.M.'s Health," and said he believed he was singularly unfortunate in having to follow so eloquent a speaker as Bro. Glaisher. But, nevertheless, he proposed the toast with a great deal of pleasure and real sincerity. He knew Bro. Manwaring as a very old personal friend. He knew what was due to him as a good and true Mason more than most of the brethren. Bro. Manwaring had asked him to be as brief as possible, and to spare his feelings, and he complied with that request because he would have other opportunities during Bro. Manwaring's year of office, when the fog was not so thick, and the brethren would not be desiring to go home. He had something to tell them about the W.M., and he promised them he should do so on a future occasion.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said this was to him a very serious matter. Bro. Mead had suggested something that he was going to bring before the brethren about him. However, he would let that pass this foggy night, and he thanked the brethren for the kind way in which they had

received that toast, and he hoped they would continue their kindness in the future.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Visitors," said the Evening Star Lodge always had a goodly number of visitors, and that night they kept up the old rule. All those brethren were welcomed heartily by the brethren of the lodge.

Bro. Norman said the toast always afforded him very great pleasure, having been frequently a visitor at that lodge. He could not but feel the warmth of the reception the visitors had had, which he had always experienced in that lodge. He had constantly received it from Bro. Glaisher and others.

Bro. James Reed, P.M. 1228, said he was pleased to be present to respond to the toast, and he hoped on many occasions to occupy that happy position. He had known the W.M. for many years, and he was sure he would be found a most genial Chairman, and if he was not particularly good at the ritual, they would find him particularly good at the feasting. The I.P.M. he had known for more years, and he was quite sure if the W.M. was good at feasting, the I.P.M. was still better; that, as a P.M. said, was an open secret.

The Worshipful Master having proposed "The Past Masters," named those present—Bros. Mead, Greene, Glaisher, Ohren, and Sugg—and said he was sure the brethren would drink the toast with the same heartiness as he himself drunk it.

Bro. Mead responded with great pleasure; but he had, at the same time, an explanation to make. Most of the brethren were aware that Bro. J. W. Sugg had performed the ceremony of installation most ably. When the toast list was prepared and printed, the toast of the P.M.'s was put in without any reference to the Installing Master, because he (Bro. Mead) had promised to perform the ordinary duty of a Master on leaving the chair, and install his successor. He commenced to learn the ritual from Bro. Sugg, but from circumstances he could not control, was prevented completing the work. Bro. Sugg then consented to perform the ceremony, and the thanks of the lodge were due to him for getting the lodge out of a difficulty. The manner in which Bro. Sugg had performed the work was such as had seldom been seen. Bro. Sugg, however, had been obliged to leave, or they might have had some words from him. So far as the Past Masters of the lodge were concerned, he would deal with them first. They thanked the brethren very heartily. For himself he thanked them for the compliment they had paid him by presenting him with a jewel. It might be said it was customary for the I.P.M. to be presented with a jewel, but it appeared to him that, although customary, it should not be done unless it was deserved. Although feeling that he had fallen short of the requirements of the lodge, he nevertheless esteemed it a high honour that he should be appreciated to the fullest extent along with others who had preceded him. His feelings had been very much hurt indeed that night. He had the privilege and pleasure of inviting a friend and brother to the lodge from time to time, and in responding to the toast of the visitors, that brother coolly told him he thought he did the feasting better than the W.M. However, that brother had apologised.

To the toast of "The Officers," Bro. Magnus Ohren, P.M., Secretary, was the first to reply in answer to a call. He said it was usual to separate these toasts, and the Treasurer and Secretary enjoyed one because, as a rule, those officers were Past Masters of the lodge, but in many lodges the toasts were taken together, and he thought it was a very good plan, unless it was wished to divide them. However, as the brethren had thought fit to call upon him he should be glad to say a word of his own on behalf of Bro. Glaisher, who had been obliged to run away—indeed, he hardly knew when he would be able to get home that foggy night. That was the case with many brethren who had to go by train. The Grand Officers, as Bro. Glaisher had said, were always glad to fill any post and do the duties to the best of their ability. There were many visitors that night, and if they would permit him for a few moments he would say a word or two away from this toast, because he was afraid the visitors might think there was some little division in the lodge. The subject brought before the lodge was one on which he was most anxious to try the opinion of the brethren; but as every other good Mason would be anxious to carry out the views of the majority of the lodge, he thought it was right that that notice of motion having been given, should be properly and fully carried out. He believed this was the first time there had been any division in the lodge, but he assured the brethren it was only a seeming division, and hoped they would not take it as a real one.

Bro. Hide, S.W., in his reply, said, on behalf of himself and his brother officers, that the brethren had seen the working of the brethren who were going up to the chair, and he was perfectly certain that from what had been seen they would support the W.M. to the utmost. He would endeavour, however weak he might be, to carry out his duties, and he hoped at the end of his term they would find he had endeavoured, and the other officers had endeavoured, to carry out to the utmost the duties attaching to their respective offices.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Masonic Charities," and calling on Bro. Randall to reply, said that the lodge had done its best to keep those Institutions in very good order.

Bro. Randall, in response, said that, although he had only acted as Steward for the Boys' School last year, it gave him intense pleasure, and he felt that in mixing and mingling not only with members of the lodge, but with Masons outside, he had found many, many friends. That being so, he should urge upon initiates the duty of taking upon themselves Stewardships. It would benefit them in many ways. Wherever he applied he met with most friendly responses and kindly feelings, and he hoped the result of his motion that night would be that he would bring up a good list, which would be a credit to the Evening Star Lodge.

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings of an agreeable evening, which was rendered the more enjoyable by the singing of Bros. Wm. Liddall, Lewis Thomas, Charles M. Ohren, Hubert T. Bailey, Aubrey M. Ohren, Thomas Henry Martin, and James Reed, P.M. 1228.

SUNDERLAND.—Palatine Lodge (No. 97).—The audit meeting of this old lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, on Saturday, the 20th ult. The Treasurer's (Bro. T. M. Watson, P.M., P.G.J.D.) accounts were duly audited; they showed the financial

condition of the lodge to be everything that could be desired, there being a good balance in hand, and no liabilities, although the claims for charities and lodge expenses had been unusually heavy during the past year. The portrait of the late Bro. Henry Tonkinson, P.M., Treasurer, which had been placed in the lodge, at a cost of £31 10s., had been paid for—voluntary subscriptions, £21, out of the lodge funds £10 10s. The painting, which was executed by Mr. Horsburgh, of Edinburgh, has been greatly admired by the visiting brethren to the lodge, and has given entire satisfaction to the friends of the deceased brother.

At the conclusion of the audit, the W.M., Bro. J. R. Pattison, P.G. Asst. Sec., entertained the members of the Permanent Committee, viz.: Bros. J. C. Moor, I.P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; T. M. Watson, P.M., P.G.J.D., Treas.; G. C. Watson, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., Sec.; W. Beattie, P.M.; T. Sharp, P.M.; G. Lord, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; R. Singleton, S.W., W.M. elect; C. M. Wake, J.W.; W. A. O. Sutcliffe, J.D.; J. D. Marshall, T. Campbell, and a few visiting brethren—Bros. Captain Larkins, W. Vincent, W. Liddell, P.M. 949, P.P.G.D.; Dr. H. Liston, and others.

"The Health of the W.M., Bro. Pattison," was enthusiastically received on being proposed by Bro. T. M. Watson, P.M.

LIVERPOOL.—Downshire Lodge (No. 594).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, 22, Hope-street, when there were present Bros. Wm. Blunsum, W.M.; Wm. R. Roberts, S.W.; E. A. Dow, J.W.; E. R. Latham, Secretary; D. Dunkel, S.D.; C. E. Webster, J.D.; B. Allenby, I.G.; D. Jones, Stwd.; T. Malcolm, Tyler; Wm. H. Veevers, P.M.; S. Boswell, P.M.; I. Turner, I.P.M.; Anderson, Bosworth, Carpenter, Edwards, Forsbrey, Gould, Kafalas, Kerr, Kelsey, Lyon, McCormack, and Roose. Visitors: Bros. Wm. Goodacre, Prov. G. Sec. W. Lanc.; Smythe, I.P.M. 2114; Cohen, 1502; Williams, 1021; and others.

Lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. W. Slade and approved of, and he, being in attendance, was duly initiated into Freemasonry, the ceremony being most ably performed by Bro. Wm. H. Veevers, P.M. Bro. Dow explained the working tools, and the ancient charge was capitally rendered by the S.W., Bro. Wm. R. Roberts, at the termination of which the Prov. G. Sec. intimated that a prior engagement would prevent him staying longer; but he must express his admiration of the excellent manner in which the Degree had been worked by the officers, particularly as they had not expected him coming, and he would take care to report it at the proper quarter. Bro. Blunsum having resumed the chair, he passed to the Degree of F.C. Bros. Kelsey and McCormack, the working tools being explained by Bro. W. R. Roberts, the S.W., after which a number of applications on behalf of poor and distressed brethren were considered, and relief granted to urgent cases.

After the lodge was closed, the brethren gathered later on in the banquet room, where they dined together, Bro. Casey catering most satisfactorily.

The usual loyal toasts of "The Queen," "The Prince and Princess of Wales," and "The Prov. G. Officers" having been duly proposed and responded to, Bro. Isaac Turner, I.P.M., in a happy speech, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," with honours, which was received with enthusiasm.

Bro. Blunsum thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which his health had been proposed and received, and congratulated them on the increasing popularity of the Downshire.

Bros. Turner, Veevers, and Boswell responded on behalf of "The Past Masters."

Bro. William R. Roberts, S.W., in responding for "The Officers," said he thanked the W.M. and the brethren for the pleasure it afforded him to hear the manner in which that toast had been proposed and received, and assured them that they would always do their best to please, and their endeavour would be to emulate their predecessors, and if possible, excel them; if not, then they would claim their kind indulgence, but no effort should be wanting on his part to make the Downshire shine as it had never shone before.

Other toasts followed, concluding with "All Poor and Distressed Brethren."

The evening was made particularly enjoyable by a choice rendering of music and songs by Bros. Smart, McCormack, Webster, and Isaac Turner, Bro. Haydn P. Cowell having charge of the musical arrangements.

HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—This lodge met at the Red Lion Hotel on the 18th ultimo. Among those present were Bros. W. Spearing, W.M.; Wheatley, S.W.; Eales, J.W.; J. C. Jessett, P.M., P.G.S.B. Middx., Treasurer; T. C. Walls, P.M., Prov. G.S.B. Middx., Secretary; Ransford, S.D.; Davis, J.D.; Scholding, Asst. Stwd.; Culverwell, Asst. D.C.; Jones, P.M., W.S.; W. Fisher, P.M.; and others. Bros. Moorman, S.W. 1038, and C. F. Davies, 1981, were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Kent and Piper were raised to the Degree of M.M. The ballot was then taken on behalf of Messrs. L. Myers, C. Wheatley, F. Scott, and H. Gale, and it being unanimous, they were inducted into Craft mysteries by the W.M., the ceremony being ably performed. It was unanimously resolved that permission be granted by the lodge to hold a lodge of instruction at the Red Lion Hotel, Hampton. Bro. Wheatley was elected W.M.; Bro. J. C. Jessett, Treasurer; and Bro. Gilbert, Tyler; for the year ensuing. A Past Master's jewel having been voted to Bro. Spearing, in recognition of his efficient services during a most arduous year of office, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

The long routine of toasts received full justice at the hands of the W.M., and some very excellent instrumental and vocal selections were contributed by several brethren.

CROYDON.—Addiscombe Lodge (No. 1556).—A highly successful meeting of this lodge was held at Harewood House, 105, High-street, on Saturday, the 20th ult., the occasion being the installation of Bro. Christopher W. Holt, 874, 1347, and 1856, as W.M. The ceremony of

initiation was ably rendered by Bro. Chumley, P.M., and the incoming Master was inducted into the chair of King Solomon by Bro. Dr. Thompson, M.D., J.P., P.M. There were present as visitors many brethren from neighbouring lodges and from London, and the number of Charity ribbons was remarkable. Amongst the brethren being his Worship the Mayor of Croydon, Bros. Layton, P.M. 181, and 61, Grand Stwd. of England; Frederick West, P.G. Stwd. England, Deputy P.G.M. Surrey; John Peddon, P.P.G.S.W.; Rev. H. W. Turner, P.P.G. Chap. Surrey; Jas. Payne Curtis, P.M. Royal Albert Lodge, P.P.G.D.C. Gloucestershire; A. W. Wells, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Kent; E. D. Frost, 1347, P.P.G.D. Surrey; G. P. Britten, P.M. 183; and others.

At the banquet which followed the work, the R.W. Dep. P.G.M. expressed himself as highly gratified at the able working of the lodge generally, its Past Masters and junior officers being alike most efficient. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. Chapman, S.W.; A. Lambert, J.W.; Tremaine, S.D.; Wells, J.D.; Dr. Thompson, J.P., P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Surrey, Treas.; Dr. Parsons Smith, P.M., P.G.S.B. Surrey, Sec.; H. H. Hughes, I.P.M.; J. Rhodes, P.M., P.P.G.O. Surrey, Org.; Burgess, I.G.; Fenn, D.C.; Vichers, Stwd.; and T. Bowler, Tyler.

CARSHALTON.—Wallington Lodge (No. 1891).—A regular meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Public Hall, on Thursday, the 18th ult. The brethren appeared in Masonic mourning as a mark of respect and regard for the late Bro. Chas. Greenwood, Deputy Provincial Grand Master. There were present: Bros. A. Bishop, W.M.; F. Carter, S.W.; W. Bassett, J.W.; J. W. Baldwin, P.P.G.S.B., I.P.M.; John G. Horsey, P.P.G.D.C., P.M.; Wm. Pile, P.G.S.B., P.M.; E. Dickman, P.M.; Wm. R. Crowe, Treasurer, P.M.; Leon A. Mesrouze, Secretary, P.M.; W. G. Filmer, S.D.; H. Aslett, J.D.; J. Bincastle, Organist; J. A. Taylor, I.G.; W. Harwood, W.S.; Capt. R. Crow, F. Norton, W. W. Weal, R. Ward, I. Manley, L. Seward, I. Edwards, A. Verdon, C. Maspero, and W. Ransom.

There were also numerous visitors, amongst whom were Bros. H. Byards, 1641; J. S. Cumberland, W.M. 2128; H. Potter, W.M. 1347; B. Cooper, W.M. 1441; Major W. G. Williams, P.M. 162; E. Frost, P.P.G.D. Surrey, P.M. 1347; W. R. Church, P.M. 1347; L. Potts, I.G. 2128; A. Martinne, 1687; J. Desvignes, 2060; E. Outram, 2060; A. W. Oesterly, 619; C. J. Cuthbert, 1815; H. Liney, 1815; E. M. Crutchlow, 1385; H. Essex, 511; W. G. J. Newton, Cambridge University; J. H. Vickers, J.W. 1623; H. J. Barnard, S.D. 1815; and G. R. Foster, 784.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bro. Thos. L. Heward was passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. The ballot having proved unanimous in favour of Lord Victor Alexander Seymour (the much respected vicar of Carshalton), he, being in attendance, was initiated into Freemasonry, after which lodge was closed.

At the banquet which followed, and which was served by Bro. Verdon, at the Greyhound Hotel, a very pleasant evening was spent.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing the toast of "The Initiate," congratulated the brethren of the Wallington Lodge on the admission among them of Lord Victor Alexander Seymour, a gentleman so well known and so highly esteemed by all residents in that neighbourhood, and he felt proud that it had fallen to his lot as W.M. to initiate his lordship.

Lord Seymour briefly replied, expressing the pleasure he felt at his admission to the Craft, and stating that he had been deeply impressed by the solemn ceremony of initiation which had been so beautifully rendered by Bro. Bishop, the W.M.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close at an early hour.

YORK.—Agricola Lodge (No. 1091).—This lodge held their regular monthly meeting at their rooms, No. 3, Peter-lane, on Monday evening, the 22nd ult., when they were honoured with a visit from Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, the recently appointed D.P.G.M. of the Province of North and East Yorks. The W.M., Bro. Edward Harding, opened the lodge, being supported by Bros. B. Polkinghorne, I.P.M.; Dr. Martin, S.W.; A. M. White, J.W.; F. Woolnough, Sec.; W. B. Dyson, S.W. 1611, D. of C.; Taylor, S.D.; J. E. Wilkinson, J.D.; J. Wilson, (I.G.) E. Osborne, Tyler; T. Harding and Welch, Stwds.; and the following other members of 1091: Bros. A. H. McGachen, P.M. 3, Nova Scotia, P.G. A.D.C.; H. Evans, P.M. (I.C.); F. Hewson, P.M. 342, P.D.G.D. Malta; J. D. Clarkson, J. Bell, G. Mantion, W. H. Wigham, J. Eccles, F. W. Andrews, and C. H. S. Brooks. Visitors: Bros. M. C. Peck, P.M., P.G. Sec.; W. Reynolds, P.M. 200, P.G. Treas.; A. Sample, 236, P.G.O.; George Kirby, P.M. 236, P.G.D.C.; T. B. Whythead, P.M. 1611, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Todd, P.M. 236, P.P.G. Reg.; Geo. Balford, P.M. 236, P.P.G.O.; H. Foster, W.M.; J. Marshall, P.M.; and S. G. C. Crum-mack, of 236; W. Brown, W.M.; J. Kay, Sec.; P. Pearson, E. Thrackwag, and F. W. Halliwell, of 236; G. Bingley and J. Pattinson, of 55; G. C. Chambers, I.P.M.; J. H. Hackett, P.M.; E. D. Rooke, S.W.; and J. Bowes, J.W. of 1760; and F. Fox, 1843.

The minutes of the previous regular lodge were read and confirmed, and the ballot was taken unanimously in favour of a candidate for initiation. The D.P.G.M. North and East Yorks having been announced, was accompanied by the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, received in due form, the brethren under the able direction of the D. of C., Bro. Dyson, S.W. 1611, saluting the D.P.G.M. with the usual honours. The candidate, Mr. J. Sutcliffe, was then admitted and duly initiated according to ancient custom by the W.M., the tools being presented by the D. of C., and the charge given by the S.W. The W.M. was then elected Provincial Charity representative of the lodge for the ensuing year.

"Hearty good wishes" were tendered by the D.P.G.M. and visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed. On the invitation of the Worshipful Master, the brethren (excepting a few who had to leave York by an early train) adjourned to the Old George Hotel, and partook of a supper, excellently prepared by the hostess, Mrs. Robson. The W.M. in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," referred to her Majesty as the good mother of several,

good Masons, and the toast was enthusiastically received by the brethren, led by Bro. Wilkinson, J.D., and accompanied by Bro. Arthur Sample, P.G.O., rising and singing the National Anthem.

This was followed by the toast of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge."

The W.M. then proposed "The R.W. P.G.M. of North and East Yorks, Bro. the Earl of Zetland, and the W.D. P.G.M., Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett," thanking the latter for his attendance that evening.

The D.P.G.M. thanked the W.M. and brethren, congratulated them upon the working of the lodge, referred to the impressive manner in which the S.W. gave the charge, and proposed "The Health of the W.M. of the Agricola Lodge."

The W.M. responded, and expressed a hope that one of the benefits to be derived from the general visit of the D.P.G.M. to the various lodges would be more uniformity of working throughout the province.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Provincial Grand Officers of North and East Yorkshire, Present and Past," to which Bro. McGachen, P.G.A.D.C., humorously responded.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Officers of the Agricola Lodge," and thanked them for their punctual and regular attendance, and careful attention to their respective offices.

The toast was briefly replied to by the S.W. and J.W., the latter, amidst the amusement of the brethren, apologising for the one instance of late attendance of himself and J.D., owing to their absence from the city upon a piscatorial expedition; but expressing the hope that, as they reached the lodge in time for the (to him) congenial task of calling the "brethren from labour to refreshment," but little inconvenience had been experienced through his temporary absence.

Bro. B. Polkinghorne, I.P.M., proposed "The Visitors," and, on behalf of the W.M., thanked them for their presence.

The toast was responded to by Bro. Brown, W.M. 1611.

The Junior Warden next proposed "The Health of the Initiate," and advised him to try to follow in the footsteps of the many good men that had already been initiated in the lodge, and, in congratulating him upon his admission, wished him long life and good health to enjoy the privileges of the Craft, and hoped one day to see him holding high rank therein.

Bro. Sutcliffe suitably responded, and the Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close, the enjoyment of the brethren having been greatly promoted by the singing of several excellent songs and glees by Bros. A. Sample, P.G.O. (who accompanied on the piano), J. E. Wilkinson, J.D.; J. Wilson, I.G.; and J. Sutcliffe.

KIRKBURTON.—Beaumont Lodge (No. 2035).—The election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler of this lodge took place at the monthly lodge meeting, held at the Royal Hotel, on Saturday, the 20th ult., Bro. B. Stocks, W.M., in the chair. Bro. W. H. Cook, J.W., was unanimously elected W.M., Bro. W. Fitton, P.M., Treasurer, and Bro. B. Denton, Tyler for the ensuing year. Mr. A. Gledhill was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, and expressed a desire to take the next Degree as soon as possible. The ceremony was performed by the W.M., assisted by Bros. Cook, J.W., and Fitton, P.M.

The lodge was then closed, after which the brethren dined together, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

INSTRUCTION.

FIDELITY LODGE (No. 3).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 24th ult., at the Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury. Bro. Edwin Storr, P.M. 167, occupied the chair, and there were present in addition Bros. Gregory and Ament as Wardens; Coste and Wright as Deacons; Scannell, I.G.; Ferguson, Preceptor; Dimsdale, Sec.; and a large number of other brethren. Lodge having been opened, and minutes read and confirmed, Bro. Storr installed Bro. Putland as W.M. in ancient form. Bro. Putland then invested his officers, after which Bro. Storr gave the various addresses in an excellent manner. This was followed by the First Section of the Second Lecture, worked by Bro. Preceptor, Bro. Hutchinson, of Trinity College Lodge, having been elected a member, and Bro. Storr an honorary member, lodge was closed in due form. Letters were read from several brethren expressing their regret at being absent owing to the fog.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 26th ult., at the Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland-street, when there were present Bros. Grove, W.M.; Ford, S.W.; Deaton, J.W.; Winnett, S.D.; Humfress, J.D.; Jacquet, I.G.; Harvey, P.M.; Baker, P.M., Preceptor; and Deaton, Secretary. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Harvey, P.M., having answered the usual questions, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Harvey, P.M., being the candidate. Bro. Baker, P.M., having taken the chair, Bro. Ford answered the usual questions, and the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, after which the ceremony of installation was rehearsed by Bro. Baker, P.M., Bro. Ford being the candidate. Proposed by Bro. Baker, P.M., and seconded by Bro. Deaton, J.W., "That Bro. Ford, S.W., be W.M. for the ensuing week."—Carried unanimously.—Officers in rotation. The lodge was closed in due form.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 30th ult., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida-vale. Present: Bros. S. J. Humfress, W.M.; E. W. Scattergood, S.W.; C. J. Biorn, J.W.; F. G. Baker, P.M., Treas. and Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; J. Mellier, S.D.; A. E. Hubert, J.D.; J. H. Taylor, I.G.; W. Chapple, A. J. Green, and C. Coleman. Visitor: Bro. A. G. Boswell.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Chapple was examined and entrusted. The lodge was next opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. Chapple candidate, Bro. Humfress then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Baker, the Preceptor, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation. Bro. Humfress having been duly presented, was installed into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. The 1st Section of this Lecture was next worked by Bro. Baker, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Boswell was unanimously elected a joining member. The S.W., Bro. E. W. Scatte good, was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).—This lodge held its annual rehearsal of the installation ceremony on Tuesday, the 30th ult., at the White Hart Hotel, Borough, when there were present Bro. J. Sadler Wood, W.M.; Charles Williams, S.W.; Chapman, J.W.; Austin, S.D.; Emblin, J.D.; H. G. Douglass, I.G.; Walter Wingham, Preceptor; Fred. H. Williams, Hon. Sec.; J. Finester, Org.; Roots, Oliver, Holliday, Gray, Wallman, Robins, Dunkley, Cowie, Cannon, J. Block, W. Block, Tyler, Fairhead, Horton,

Braund, W. Williams, B. Drew, Darch, Walter Martin, Ludd, Osmond, Alderton, Blatchford, Renaut, Murray, Hurl, C. F. Williams, W. Lloyd, Turnbull, Price, Hattersley, Bradbury, Deapon, Jacobs, Cole, Eedle, and many others.

The ceremony was most ably performed by Bro. J. Sadler-Wood, W.M. 2024, who installed Bro. Charles Williams, S.W. 72, into the chair of K.S. The officers having been duly invested, the W.M. rose for the first, second, and third times, and the lodge was closed in due form. The ceremony, which was a musical one, was a great success throughout.

The brethren then adjourned to a very sumptuous supper provided by Bro. S. Renaut. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a very enjoyable and harmonious evening was spent under the presidency of Bro. Charles R. Williams. Appropriate speeches were made to the respective toasts, and we are pleased to learn that this well-known lodge is doing most excellent work in the cause of Freemasonry.

ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE (No. 1585).—A meeting was held at the Railway Hotel, High-street, Putney, on Monday, the 29th ult. Present: Bros. Cutbill, W.M.; Whitehead, S.W.; Radclyffe, J.W.; Grundy, Sec.; Harling, S.D.; Slinn, J.D.; Sapsworth, I.G.; Taylor, P.M., Preceptor; J. G. Carter, P.M.; W. Carter, P.M.; Williams, P.M.; Collick and Grant.

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. J. G. Carter, P.M., being the candidate. The 3rd Section of the First Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, the questions being answered by the brethren. Bro. Williams having offered himself as a candidate, was proved, entrusted, and retired. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, but for want of time the remainder of the ceremony was omitted. Lodge was closed to the First Degree. Bro. Whitehead, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks and "Hearty good wishes" closed the lodge.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 25th inst., when there were present Bros. E. C. Mulvey, W.M.; A. Clark, I.P.M.; E. J. D. Bromley, S.W.; E. Chamberlain, J.W.; J. D. Graham, S.D.; Harry Sammons, I.D.; H. J. Pellatt, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; James Rowe, F. M. Noakes, W. J. Forscutt, L. Gunzell, James Woodward, R. J. Harrell, C. A. Itter, Frank Gulliford, W. Hancock, Otto Enderlein, Carlo Grassi, T. A. Dickson, W. Richards, and G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge opened in the Second Degree. The lodge opened in the Third Degree. The lodge resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. J. Rowe having offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge resumed to the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. Lodge closed in the Third and then in the Second Degree. Bro. G. H. Reynolds offering himself as candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony. The W.M. worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. On rising for the first time, Bro. E. J. D. Bromley proposed that Bro. Otto Enderlein, 179, be a joining member of this lodge—seconded by Bro. G. Reynolds. Carried unanimously. On rising for the second time, Bro. A. Clark proposed that Bro. E. J. D. Bromley, S.W., be W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 27th ult. Present: Bros. W. G. Coat, W.M.; Gammell, S.W.; D. S. Long, J.W.; Ayling, Preceptor; G. Gardner, Treas.; A. Williams, Sec.; H. Aslett, S.D.; D. Stroud, J.D.; Worth, I.G.; Craggs, Stwd.; Sims, P.M.; Hopkins, Dodson, W. W. Williams, Rowling, Gomm, Brown, Harvey, Wood, and Osborne.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. W. W. Williams offering himself as a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed—Bro. W. W. Williams candidate—the W.M. giving the traditional history. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Section of Lecture worked by the brethren under the direction of Bro. Long. On the second rising, Bro. Gammell was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. W. G. Coat for the manner in which he had carried out the duties of the chair for the first time in this lodge. Bro. Saunders was duly elected a member of this lodge, and a ballot was afterwards taken for a subscribership, which Bro. Gardner was fortunate enough to obtain. Lodge was then closed, and two ballots were held of the Benevolent Association Funds. Bros. Wing and A. Williams obtaining the votes.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.—A meeting was held at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham Station (L.C. & D.R.), on Monday, the 29th ult. Present: Bros. H. Price, W.M., 177; Hooke, S.W.; C. H. Phillips, J.W.; Steele, S.D.; Boulton, J.D.; Burnett, I.G.; I. R. Johnson, Preceptor; Westley, Treas.; Andrews, Asst. Sec.; Partidge, W.M. 1686; Martin, W.M. 1320; Sadler Wood, Greenwood, Capt. Butterworth, Ayling, Templeman, Coc, Banks, W.M. 145; Lafenlard, Heathcote, Russell, Baker, Esling, Glover, Hancke, Crouch, Lavington, Jenkins, Walker, Lewis, Stubbs, H. J. Grover, Dr. Walker, Chapman, Folkard, Luckhurst, Grover, and Pitt.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of installation very carefully rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Price, with Bro. Lafenlard as W.M. elect. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony proceeded. A Board of 12 Installed Masters was formed, Master Masons were admitted, and the ceremony proceeding, closed the lodge down to the First Degree. Bro. Lafenlard then took the position of W.M., and appointed and invested his officers, Bro. Price giving the charges in a very impressive manner. Bro. Ayling then worked the 2nd Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. A cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Price was carried and ordered to be entered on the minutes for the able manner in which he had rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. Price duly returned thanks. The W.M., Bro. Lafenlard, rose for the first time, and dues were collected. The following brethren were then unanimously elected joining members of this lodge: Bros. Lafenlard, 1381; Jenkins, 857; Lewis, 2048; and Chapman. The W.M. rose for the second time, and various announcements were made, amongst others that the Fifteen Sections would be worked by the members of the Earl of Lathom Lodge, held at the Station Hotel, close to the Camberwell New-road station (L.C. & D.R.), at seven o'clock on Wednesday, the 22nd inst., when Bro. Westley would take the chair, with Bro. Farwig as S.W. The W.M. rose for the third time, and received the "Hearty good wishes" of the brethren, and the lodge was closed. Thus ended a very pleasant and instructive evening in this prosperous and well-conducted lodge.

Comps. the Rev. T. Russell Wright, J. Stroud, and B. A. Hogg, who have been severally elected Z., H., and J. of Faith and Unanimity Chapter, No. 417, Dorchester, for the ensuing year, will be installed in office in the month of January next.

"Philanthropy in 1886" (four poems), dedicated to the late Mr. Samuel Morley, is the last production from the pen of Bro. Edward St. John Fairman, M.R.A.S. It is on sale at J. Shaw's, 403, Oxford-street, W.; price 6d.; by post 6½d.

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

Royal Arch.

SHEERNESS-ON-SEA.—Adam's Chapter (No. 158).—The installation meeting of this old and most respected chapter took place on Tuesday, the 23rd inst., at the Britannia Hotel, when there were present Comps. George T. Green, M.E.Z.; A. Spears, as H.; J. Tower, J.; W. Pannall, as I.P.Z.; J. Bagshaw, P.Z., S.E.; R. H. Platten, S.N.; E. J. Penney, P.Z., P.S.; A. Spears, P.Z., Treas.; H. G. Bowman, as 1st A.S.; H. E. Pannall, as 2nd A.S.; and J. Akhurst, Janitor. The visitors present were Comps. C. Burley, P.Z.; H. Black, P.Z.; and Charles Morriss, 1273.

The minutes were read and confirmed, after which Comp. A. Spears, P.Z., proceeded to install into their respective chairs the following companions, Comps. Wm. Pannall, P.Z., Z.; James Tower, H.; Robert Henry Platten, J.; and George T. Green, I.P.Z.; the rest of the officers invested being as follows, viz., Comps. J. Bagshaw, P.Z., S.E.; Wm. Wallace Copland, S.N. (by proxy); Henry Geo. Bowman, P.S.; Henry Ernest Pannall, 1st Asst.; Joseph Dyer, 2nd Asst. (by proxy); A. Spears, P.Z., Treas.; E. J. Penney, P.Z., D.C.; and J. Akhurst, Janitor. On the completion of the ceremony a cordial vote of thanks was ordered to be entered on the minutes of the chapter to the Installing Officer for the very able manner in which he had performed the ceremony. The companions then expressed their deep sympathy with Mrs. Rigg, on the death of her late husband, who was a P.Z. of the chapter, and ordered a letter of condolence to be sent to that lady. "Hearty good wishes" were then given by the visitors. The business of the convocation being concluded this old chapter (whose warrant dates from 1821, but is known to have exalted candidates into R.A. Masonry before the year 1813), was then closed in due and ancient form.

The companions then adjourned to the banquet rooms where the worthy hostess, Mrs. Green, had prepared a most excellent dinner, which was highly enjoyed by all.

The following toasts were then given, "Her Majesty the Queen" being responded to by all present most loyally. "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Z. of the Order, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," "R.W. Bro. Earl Amherst, Grand Supt. of Kent, and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past," and which were duly acknowledged by the Prov. G. Officers present.

The toast of "The Health of the M.E.Z." was next proposed, and in responding the M.E.Z. thanked them for the honour they had again conferred on him.

The usual toasts of the officers of the chapter were given and loyally responded to.

The companions retired at an early hour after having spent a most enjoyable evening.

INSTRUCTION.

NORTH LONDON CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 1471).—This chapter held its annual convocation on Thursday, the 25th ult., at the Alwyn Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, when the ceremony of exaltation was ably rehearsed by Comps. W. H. Dean, P.P.G.R. Dorset, as M.E.Z.; Wm. Radcliffe, H.; and E. Lewis, Z. 1237, J.

The Audit Committee read the financial statement for the year ending Nov. 18th, 1886, and expressed their entire satisfaction with regard to the healthy state of the funds, which were received and adopted. The election of the S.E. was then proceeded with, which resulted in the re-election of Comp. J. E. Sheffield, when the companions present proposed a cordial vote of thanks to be recorded on the minutes to Comp. Sheffield for the correct and satisfactory manner he had kept the accounts for the past year. Comp. R. H. Halford was re-elected Treasurer for the coming year, unanimously trusting he would be spared many years to come to fill that position. The companions present tendered their sincere thanks to Comp. T. C. Edmonds, as Preceptor, for services rendered to the chapter in posting them all in the R.A. ritual in such a perfect manner, and a cordial vote of thanks was passed in his favour. Number of members on the books 160. Number of chapters represented 69. The chapter was closed, after a pleasant and enjoyable evening.

Mark Masonry.

GRAND STEWARDS' LODGE.—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, on Monday last, Bro. R. P. Spice, W.M. occupied the chair, and there were also present Bros. W. E. Stewart, S.W.; G. Powell, J.W.; Gilles, Treas.; Driver, R. of M.; Hogard, Sec.; Thiellay, J.D.; Tomkins, D.C.; Cama, I.G.; Williamson, Stwd.; Soppet, P.M.; and Binckes and Matier, Hon. Members. Visitors: Bros. H. Venn, J. Moon, Lake, Mather, and R. J. Clutton.

The minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee received and adopted. The brethren duly qualified were balloted for and accepted as joining members. On the motion of Bro. Hogard an additional meeting of the lodge in the month of November was determined on, to admit of members being proposed and admitted within a reasonable time after their appointment as Grand Stewards at the Grand Mark Lodge in June. The installation of Bro. Dr. W. E. Stewart as W.M. was then proceeded with, the Grand Secretary, Bro. Binckes, performing the ceremony with the aid of Bro. C. F. Matier, as D.C. To those who are familiar with the ceremony as rendered by Bro. Binckes, it is sufficient to say that on this occasion he was in his best form, and with the assistance of Bro. Matier it was as perfect as a ceremony could well be. After the W.M. was installed in the chair he appointed his officers as follows: Bros. R. P. Spice, I.P.M.; G. Powell, S.W.; Anderson, J.W.; Marsh, M.O.; Driver, S.O.; Thiellay, J.O.; Gilles, Treas.; Tomkins, R.M.; Hogard, Sec.; Cama, S.D.; Williamson, J.D.; W. E. Williams, D.C.; H. Stone, I.G.; Bent and Ramsey, Stds.; Mills, Tyler. On the motion of the W.M. 3 guineas was unanimously voted to "The Binckes Presentation Fund."

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where a banquet was provided.

The toast of "The Queen and Mark Masonry," and "The M.W.G. Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales" having been proposed, the W.M. gave that of "The Grand Officers," coupling with it the name of Bro. Binckes as Grand Secretary and installing officer.

Bro. Binckes, in reply, said there was some difficulty in a lodge like the Grand Stewards in replying to the toast of the Grand Officers, inasmuch as in the constitution of the lodge all members must be Present or Past Grand Officers, and the lodge was drinking the health of itself as Grand Officers. There were no more useful officers than Grand

Stewards, who largely administered to the comfort of others. That lodge had been established on the basis of a large amount of prosperity, and he trusted the lodge would be recruited from time to time by Grand Stewards as they came into office, and he wished success to the Worshipful Master during his year of office.

Bro. Spice, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." in a very characteristic speech, in which he congratulated the lodge on having such an excellent Master, and the W.M. in having such a lodge to rule over.

Bro. Stewart, in response, expressed his regret at not having the eloquence of Bro. Spice, but thanked him for the kind manner in which his health had been proposed. It was true there was no work to be done in that lodge, but if there were he could assure the brethren that he would have endeavoured to do it to the very best of his ability.

"The Health of the Past Masters" was the next given, the W.M. remarking that what they wanted in numbers they made up quality, and their services had been creditable in every way.

Bro. Soppet, in acknowledging the toast, said it was gratifying to know that their services had been appreciated to the extent they had given evidence of that evening. He had felt it a great honour to have been the first W.M. of the lodge, and he should never forget that the first business of the lodge was to elect him as W.M.

Bro. Binckes also replied, and said that he had installed each of the Masters, and it had afforded him much pleasure to do so. His services were always at their disposal, and it had been a special privilege to install Bro. Dr. Stewart.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Visitors," and called on Bros. Moon, G. Treas., and Venn to respond.

Bro. Venn said it occurred to him that this toast was probably as old as Masonry itself, and that our ancient brethren had often proposed and received that toast. He offered the W.M. and members his hearty thanks for their reception of the toast.

The Grand Treasurer also replied.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Officers of the Lodge," said that they were very fortunate in having such a good body of officers, as well as having the services of Bro. Matier, who had assisted them in the installation ceremony of that day.

The S.W., Bro. Powell, replied.

Bro. Matier said if it were possible to quarrel with the ruling of the chair, he should dispute his claim to be included in that toast; but he felt sure that the W.M. had done it out of the kindness of his heart. To him it had been a great gratification, more especially as he had the pleasure of assisting one with whom he had acted for a great number of years, and with whom he hoped to act for very many years to come.

This concluded the toast list, and the brethren separated at an early hour.

Bros. Cumberland and Williamson kindly contributed to the pleasures of the evening by some excellent singing.

MALLET AND CHISEL LODGE (No. 5).—

A meeting of this old and prosperous lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Monday, the 22nd ult. Among those present were Bros. H. Helsham, M.D., P.G.S.W. Middx. and Surrey, W.M.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B., &c. (Hon. Member), acting S.W.; Holdgate, J.W.; F. Bennett, M.O.; Hudson, S.O.; Hoare, P.G. Org., P.M., acting J.O.; Tarran, P.M., Treas.; E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., P.G. Org., P.M., Sec.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W., &c. (Hon. Member), acting S.D.; Greenfield, acting I.G.; Stedman, P.P.G.O. Middx. and Surrey, I.P.M.; Jeffs, P.M. 30°, &c.; Harrison, P.M.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot having been taken on behalf of Bros. H. C. Hale, 1627, and W. S. Hoyte, 1706, they were duly advanced to the Degree of M.M.M. It was unanimously resolved "That a deposition be applied for to allow the lodge to hold its next meeting at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square."

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. "The Health of the Grand Officers" was responded to by Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W.

Bro. Jepps replied to the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

"The Health of the W.M." was ably proposed by Bro. Hoare.

The Worshipful Master having replied, then gave "The Advances," coupled with the name of Bro. Hale, who responded.

"The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary" followed. In giving this toast the W.M. took occasion to express his great thanks to those worthy and distinguished brethren for the great services he had received from them. He particularly mentioned the names of Bros. Jeffs, Hoare, and Dr. Lott, the latter of whom, by his zeal and activity, had raised the lodge from a moribund condition to one of great prosperity.

Bros. Jepps, Hoare, and Dr. Lott having replied, the W.M. gave "The Mark Benevolent Fund."

Bro. Matier, Secretary of the Fund, in response, made a fluent and earnest appeal on behalf of the Institution.

We are pleased to say that Bros. Dr. Lott and Jepps at once volunteered to serve as Stewards for the Fund in 1887.

The toasts of "The Officers" and "Honorary Members" terminated the proceedings, which were throughout of a most enjoyable nature.

WHITEHAVEN.—Fletcher Lodge (No. 213).—

The monthly meeting of the above lodge was held on Friday, the 26th ult., Bro. W. Bewlay, W.M., P.G.M.O., presided, supported by Bros. Geo. Dalrymple, P.G. Sec., as S.W.; E. Tyson, P.M., J.W.; Brakenridge, P.G.I.G., M.O.; Thos. Rowlings, S.O.; W. J. Tyson, J.O.; W. D. P. Field, Secretary and Registrar; D. Atkinson, S.D.; Dr. Muir, D.C.; J. Casson, I.G.; and T. Richardson, Tyler; and Bros. Thos. Atkinson, P.M., P.G.J.W.; W. H. Bewlay, W. Clarke, and G. W. Roll, M.O. 36.

The minutes were read and confirmed, with a vote of one guinea to the Binckes' Presentation Fund. One candidate was proposed for advancement. The W.M. intimated that his successor would be elected at the next regular meeting. There being nothing further, "Hearty good wishes" was given by Bro. Roll, and the lodge was closed.

BELVEDERE.—Saye and Sele Lodge (No. 309).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on

Thursday, the 25th ult., at the Masonic Rooms, when Bro. Rev. H. Cummings, M.A., D.G.M. Kent, P.G.C., &c., was installed as W.M. of the lodge. The ceremony was to have been performed by Bro. the Rev. Thos. Robinson, M.A., P.A.S., G.M. of Kent, but owing to a personal bereavement he was unable to attend, and the retiring W.M., Bro. A. H. Bateman, G.M.O. Kent, performed the ceremony at very short notice in his usual able manner. Letters of regret for absence were read from many eminent brethren, and the visitors present were Bros. Rev. C. H. Fielding, P.M.; Cameron; Spinks, P.M.; and De Pinna. The officers appointed were Bros. Robinson, S.W.; Joynton, J.W.; Colman, M.O.; Russell, S.O.; Blyth, J.O.; Wood, P.P.G.M.O. Treas.; Bateman, Sec.; Spurrell, Reg. of Mks.; Heaps, S.D.; Prince, J.D.; Crump, I.G.; and Creed, Tyler.

A handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Bateman, and, after a sincere vote of sympathy with the P.G.M.M.M. of Kent, the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Belvedere Hotel, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were cordially honoured, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Rosicrucian Society of England.

HUDDERSFIELD.—York College.—A most interesting and successful gathering of the members of this Masonic Archaeological Society took place on Wednesday, the 17th inst. The meeting was fixed for 3 p.m., but before that period a number of brethren had assembled in the hall of Lodge Harmony, No. 275, which had been fraternally placed at the disposal of the college. It has been a pleasant experience on the part of the Rosicrucians of Yorkshire to find the readiness of the lodges in the various towns to hold out to them the hand of hospitality on occasions of their visits, which are made during the fine weather to widely separated centres of population in the county of Broad Acres.

At 3 p.m. the M.C. was formed by the following fratres: T. B. Whytehead, Chief Adept; Tudor Trevor, Suffragan; C. Fendelow, Prov. Treasurer; Major Moore, Celebrant; J. M. Meek, Treasurer; W. Brown, Secretary; Col. Monks, P.A.; C. L. Mason, as S.A.; R. Craig, as T.A.; W. F. Tomlinson, Q.A.; J. W. Monckman, Conductor of Novices; D. Grant, as Torch Bearer; J. R. Dore, Guard of the Temple; T. Trevor, Major MacGachen, W. H. B. Atkinson, E. C. Patchitt, C. Palliser, A. H. J. Fletcher, F. Laxton, G. A. Locking, and W. B. Dyson. A ballot was taken for Bro. J. R. Ramsden Riley, P.M. 387, author of "The Yorkshire Lodges," and that brother was received into the M.C. with the usual ceremonial, which was conducted by Frater Tudor Trevor, the Celebrant being partially disabled by a bronchial affection.

The Chief Adept made a few remarks, in which he alluded to the remarkable nature of the discovery referred to by Bro. Professor Hayter Lewis in his paper read before the Quatuor Coronati Lodge the previous week. If investigation justified the fact of the present existence of such a MS. as had been described, it would bring about almost a revolution in existing notions of the history of Speculative Masonry. Doubtless the first thing to be done would be to unearth the MS. referred to, and this should not be a task of great difficulty with the clues afforded to its whereabouts.

Frater Ramsden Riley expressed his gratification at having joined the Society, and hoped to be able to contribute his quota to the researches of the members.

Votes of thanks were passed to Fratres Dore and Fletcher for their labours in preparing for the visit of the college, and to Lodge Harmony for the use of the hall, and the M.C. was dissolved.

The members at once adjourned to the ante-room, where they proceeded to inspect a very large and valuable collection of bibles, the property of Frater Dore, whose well known as a leading collector of these rarities, some of his specimens being of almost priceless value. In the collections shown were specimens of every English version. Amongst them were examples of Tyndal's version of 1534, 1550, and 1553; Coverdale's version, 1535, 1538, and 1550; Matthew's version, 1537 and 1549; Taverner's version, 1551; the "Great Bible" version, 1561, 1566, and 1568; the Geneva version, 1557, 1560, 1569, 1576, &c. The version of 1557 of the New Testament had a special interest as being a translation by Mr. Wm. Whittingham, Dean of Durham, who was never in Holy Orders, and whose conduct was anything but ecclesiastical. Bishop's version was represented by examples of from 1568 to 1619; the Douai version from 1582; and many others. These of course included the well known "Breeches," "Treacle," "Vinegar," "He" and "She," "Rosin," &c. Bro. Dore proceeded to give a very interesting lecture on this collection, in the course of which he pointed out the various peculiarities, which, with many foreign versions, numbered over one hundred. He then gave an address entitled "Obsolete words enshrined in the Masonic Ritual." This was most interesting, the lecturer pointing out many words and phrases well known to the Craft and Royal Arch as occurring in ancient versions of the volume of the Sacred Law, but not to be found in that of the present day, the inference being that the English ritual was formulated anterior to the publication of the modern Bible, and at a time when these earliest English versions were in common use. Great interest was displayed by the members in the remarks of Bro. Dore, who was heartily thanked for his efforts to instruct and enlighten the college.

After this an adjournment was made to the George Hotel, where the fratres met at high tea. Later in the evening some of them returned to the Masonic Hall, where the Harmony Lodge was holding a meeting, and where the visitors received a thoroughly Yorkshire Masonic welcome. The next meeting, being the annual obligatory assembly, will be held at York in February.

Amongst the letters of apology for absence read were notes from Fratres J. S. Cumberland, J. L. Atherton, W. H. Cowper, W. B. Williamson, F. Fowler, T. J. Wilkinson, M. Millington, G. Simpson, Dr. Drury, S. W. Fisher, W. Fraser, J. T. Bell, Rev. W. C. Lukis, F. Waddington, G. Althorpe, and H. E. Cousins.

Bro. the Marquis of Lorne is spoken of as the probable Liberal candidate for Bentford.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

ROSE AND LILY CHAPTER (No. 97).—

A meeting of the above chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Golden-square, W., on Thursday, the 25th ult. Present: Bros. Capt. N. G. Philips, H. D. Sandeman, Gen. Brownrigg, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Raphael Costa, Col. H. S. Burney, Chas. H. Driver, C. F. Matier, H. J. Lardner, G. P. Festa, A. McDowall, G. Gregory, F. T. Bennett, A. R. Carter, C. E. Bignold, E. M. Lott, Viscount Molesworth, W. A. Scurrah, Jabez Church, and H. J. Rolls. Visitors: Bros. F. A. Philbrick, W. M. Bywater, R. F. Castellari, J. W. Coffin, H. H. Shirley, and H. A. Hunt.

The chapter was opened in ancient form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. On ballot, the following brethren were elected: Bros. T. P. Staley, S.W. 1426, and John Grey Trevor, 1236. Bro. John Grey Trevor was perfected in due and ancient form. Ill. Bro. C. H. Driver, P.M.W.S., then presented E. and P. Bro. G. P. Festa, the M.W.S. elect, and he was duly installed as M.W.S. by his predecessor, Bro. H. J. Lardner. Bro. G. P. Festa then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. J. Lardner, P.M.W.S.; A. McDowall, H.P.; J. V. Spence, 1st G.; C. Bassano, 2nd G.; C. H. Driver, Treas.; C. F. Matier, Recorder; Lieut.-Col. Bignold, G.M.; A. R. Carter, R.; G. Gregory, D.C.; Sir Love Jones-Parry, Bart., Her.; F. T. Bennett, C. of G.; and E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., Org. On motion duly proposed and seconded, the report of the Audit Committee was received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The Recorder reported the regretted death of Ill. Bro. E. F. Storr, and read several letters of apology and other communications. The M.W.S. presented the jewel of P.M.W.S. to Ill. Bro. H. J. Lardner, who returned his warmest thanks for the compliment.

The chapter was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet at the Café Royal, under the presidency of the M.W.S., Bro. G. P. Festa.

Scotland.

CENTENARY CELEBRATION OF ST. JOHN LODGE, No. 166, AIRDRIE.

The centenary of this lodge was celebrated on Friday, the 5th inst., with much enthusiasm, by a large gathering of the brethren of sister lodges, a deputation being present from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, consisting of Bros. D. Murray Lyon, Grand Sec.; R. G. Jamieson, Proxy Grand Master of Venezuela; Albert Apthorpe, William Edwards, President of Grand Stewards, &c. The lodges and deputations met at the County Court Hall, and were as follows:—Nos. 590, Harthill; 426, Renfrew; 427, Cambusnetha; 409, Bu'ness; 374, Whitburn; 203, Airdrie St. John Operative; 177, St. Andrew, Coatbridge; 88, New Monkland, Montrose; and 166, St. John Airdrie, Grand Lodge members being represented as above. At the opening ceremonial in the Court Hall, Bro. Sheriff Mair, acting as Proxy Master of 166, gave a history of the lodge since its institution on 5th November, 1786, and said it was very gratifying for him, while he had the honour of presiding at such an influential meeting of the craft, to be able to congratulate the brotherhood on their uniform charity and benevolence to their unfortunate brethren; and even, indeed, during their periods of prosperity they had helped the community amongst whom they lived, as there was a record in their minutes that they had contributed very largely towards the cutting of a road at the west end of Airdrie, the burgh being short of funds at the time. On another occasion, towards the end of last century, the lodge, after taking into consideration the particular situation of the country owing to the high price of provisions, appointed a committee to supply cheap food to the people of the neighbourhood to an extent not exceeding £70. These were bright spots in the history of Lodge No. 166, and were likewise amongst the gems of Freemasonry. The Proxy Master having completed his review of the various events in which the lodge had taken part, a grand procession of the lodges and deputations took place through the streets of the burgh, and the weather being favourable, the parade was witnessed by immense crowds of townspeople and others from a distance. A banquet took place in the Commissioners' Hall, County Buildings, in the afternoon.

The funeral of the late Bro. John Dunscombe, of the Dumbarton Kilwinning Lodge, No. 18, Scotland, took place in Dumbarton Cemetery, on Saturday, the 20th ult., a large number of brethren being present to pay their last tribute of respect to his memory. Bro. Dunscombe had been Bible Bearer of his lodge for several years.

CHEAP AND NUTRITIOUS FOOD.—In these days of "depression of trade" and complaining in our streets of the difficulty experienced by poor families in obtaining cheap and wholesome nourishment, it is a matter of considerable importance that every advantage should be taken of the advances that are made in the culinary art. For many years past Edwards' preserved potatoes have been known as one of the most valuable and excellent commodities extant; and that its popularity has not diminished is proved by the fact that only last week 6000 cases of this esculent have been dispatched by order of the Indian Government for the use of our troops now engaged in the Burmese expedition. By an ingenious drying process these potatoes may be kept for almost any length of time, and yet retain all the properties and flavour of the fresh potato. To this welcome adjunct of our food supply may now be added Edwards' desiccated soup, a delicious compound of beef and vegetables, which can be vended to the public at the ridiculously low price of one penny per bowl of three-quarters of a pint. This food is spoken of in the highest terms by the medical faculty as a most perfect diet, and notwithstanding the prejudices invariably formed of any such "innovations," it is finding its way largely into the families of our artisan and humbler classes. It is readily made in a few minutes, and besides being most palatable, is decidedly possessed of the most valuable nutritive properties. It is well that heads of families should know how these tasty dishes may be obtained, and every information on the subject will be afforded by Messrs. F. King and Co. (Limited), of 6, Bishopsgate-avenue, E.C.



The third annual ball of the Lodge of Israel, in aid of the Benevolent Fund, will be held at the Cannon Street Hotel, on Wednesday, February 2nd, 1887, under the distinguished patronage of the Right Hon. Sir Reginald Hanson, M.A., Lord Mayor, and the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex. By special dispensation of the M.W. the Grand Master, brethren may wear either Craft or Royal Arch clothing. Tickets, and every information, may be obtained from Bro. Joseph Da Silva, Hon. Secretary of the Ball Committee, 11, 12, and 13, Palmerston-buildings, Old Broad-street, E.C.

Bro. C. H. Holt was installed W.M. of the Addiscombe Lodge, No. 1556, Croydon, on Saturday, the 20th ult., in the presence of a strong muster of members and visitors.

At the meeting of the Grand Stewards' Mark Lodge, at Red Lion-square, on Monday last, the sum of three guineas was unanimously voted from the lodge funds towards the "Frederick Binckes' Presentation Fund."

On Thursday, the 25th ult., Comps. Horton, J. Robertson, and T. Dartnall were installed Z., H., and J. respectively of Concord Chapter, No. 394, Southampton, the ceremony being very efficiently performed by Comp. Cole, P.Z. A vote of thanks for his services to the chapter was unanimously passed to Comp. Arthur, I.P.Z.

The funeral of Bro. G. S. Morris, whose death occurred through the fire in Holme-street, Glasgow, on the 22nd ult., took place in Sighthill Cemetery, Glasgow, on Saturday last, in the presence of a large gathering of relatives, friends, and brethren, members of the Lodge St. John's, No. 458 (S.C.), of which he was the respected I.P.M.

At the installation meeting of the City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563, on the 25th ult., Bro. William Charles Smith, the well-known Preceptor of four lodges of instruction, viz.: the Emblematic, Eclectic, Covent Garden, and Lonsborough, was installed into the chair of K.S. in the presence of the members and a large assemblage of visitors. Further particulars will appear in our next issue.

One of a series of Cinderella dances promoted by the brethren of Northampton, took place at Mrs. Hardy's Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, on Wednesday, the 24th ult. Bro. J. Gold made an efficient M.C., and Bro. G. Butcher an equally efficient Hon. Secretary, the energetic Stewards being Bros. Lillard, Spoor, Emery, Croft, Currah, and Jewett. A pleasant evening, which terminated at midnight, was passed.

At the last meeting of the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744, held on 23rd ult., Bro. H. Dickey was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. J. Willing, jun., P.M., re-elected Treasurer. At the same meeting the W.M. and Wardens signed the petition to Grand Lodge for a warrant to hold a lodge to be called the Savage Club Lodge. Bros. the Earl of Dunraven, W.M. designate; H. Irving, S.W. designate; Sir Somers Vine, J.W. designate; and T. Catlin, Secretary.

Bro. J. Tickle, who has just been elected Common Councilman for the Ward of Cheap, in succession to Mr. J. M. Hart, was initiated in the Urban Lodge, No. 1196, in 1871, and became its W.M. in 1876. He is also a P.Z. of the Urban Chapter, No. 1196, a founder and P.M. of the Suburban Lodge, No. 1702, a founder and P.Z. of the Eastern Star Chapter, No. 95, and a founder and present H. of the Stanmore Chapter, No. 1549. He is also Past Prov. Grand Registrar, both Craft and Arch, of Middlesex, and a Life Governor of our Masonic Institutions.

We would remind our readers that the third annual Hastings and St. Leonards Masonic Benevolent Ball will be held at the Royal Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's, on Tuesday, the 18th January, 1887, under the sanction of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, R.W. Prov. G. Master of Sussex, and a dispensation has been granted by the P.G.M. for Masonic clothing to be worn by the brethren. The proceeds will go towards the Funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Bro. Councillor W. H. Russell, P.G. Steward, P.M. 40, and Bro. R. J. Reed, 40, have again consented to act as Secretaries, and Bro. J. Bray, as Treasurer. Further particulars may be had on application to the Secretaries.

A VEGETARIAN RESTAURANT.—A restaurant, devoted to the sale of vegetarian dishes, has been opened by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, opposite the Royal Courts of Justice. There porridges, vegetable soups, and entrées, savouries, griddled vegetables, salads, hot and cold sweets, and so forth, may be obtained at prices which will astonish people who have been accustomed to pay for butcher's meat at their meals. All sorts of beverages are to be had on demand, but as the restaurant is fully licensed (the only vegetarian one with that privilege in London), mild beer, bitter, stout, and claret can also be obtained at remarkably reasonable prices. In these days, when cheap meals are a matter of great importance to very many people, these vegetable dinners will be very welcome; and it may be added that we have high medical authority as to their wholesomeness and nutritious qualities.

Bro. Robert Clemow, who is retiring from the management of Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, has taken the Peacock Hotel, Boston, Lincolnshire, and it has been rightly resolved by a number of his Masonic friends to raise and present that worthy brother with a testimonial in recognition of the great zeal and services he has rendered to the Craft both in his Masonic and managerial capacity. It is needless to say the proposal has our full sympathy, and we trust it will be warmly supported by the members of the lodges, chapters, and other Masonic bodies whose meetings are held at Anderton's. A full list of the testimonial committee will appear later on, but in the meantime we mention that Bro. John Barnett, jun., No. 177, is chairman; Bro. John B. Dodson, P.M. 860, treasurer; and Bro. Edward Wilts, P.M. and Sec. 144, 16, Wormwood-street, E.C., of whom further particulars may be obtained, honorary secretary.

Bro. Henry Kimm, of Coleman-street and St. Leonard's-on-Sea, has again been appointed to conduct the auction sale of cattle at the Christmas fat stock show to be held at Battle. Amongst the contributors being his Grace the Duke of Cleveland, K.G., Lord and Lady Brassey of Bulekely, Col. Brookfield, M.P., for East Sussex, and others.

A correspondent has drawn our attention to a coincidence, which is certainly curious. The Christian name (Matthew) of the first, and the surnames (White and Ridley) of the second and third of the brethren invested as P.G. Stewards of Northumberland on the 10th ult. by the newly-installed P.G. Master of that province, together make up the name of that distinguished brother—Sir "Matthew White Ridley," Bart., M.P.

NEW NURSERY PATENT.—A want in this description of furniture has been supplied by Messrs. J. C. Porrett and Co., of Sunderland, who have patented a combined chair and stool. When closed, it is apparently only a footstool or child's table; it can be opened almost instantly to form a handy comfortable little chair. The various parts are excellently contrived, and it is a really substantial and ornamental piece of furniture, which only requires to be seen to be appreciated.

Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G.H. East Lancashire, assisted by Comp. W. W. Dawson, P.G.D.C., installed Comps. W. Hutchinson, Z.; the Rev. W. R. Clayton, H.; and R. Pickering, J., on the 116th anniversary of the Chapter of Uuamity, No. 42, Bury, on Tuesday, the 23rd ult. This being the first Masonic work undertaken by Comp. Sillitoe since his Mediterranean voyage and restoration to health, a very hearty welcome was accorded to him by the companions present.

PROVINCE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.—At a large and influential meeting of brethren, held at the Swan Hotel, Bolton, prior to the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge on Wednesday, the 24th November, it was decided to present to the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, his portrait, painted in Masonic costume. For the purpose of carrying out this object, a strong Committee was appointed, with Bro. Geo. Mellor, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, as Chairman; Bro. G. P. Brockbank, Treasurer, and Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, Hon. Secretary.

The ceremony of installation will be worked in its entirety at the Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949, to be held at the Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., on Tuesday, the 7th inst., by Bro. J. W. Watts, P.M. 507, P.Z. 720, when it is anticipated a large Board of Installed Masters will be formed, which will be duly opened and closed—a portion of the ceremony seldom carried out. Lodge will be opened at 8 o'clock p.m. precisely, and after same is closed the usual monthly meeting of the Benevolent Association will be held.

Bro. Robert Berridge, the popular G.D. of C. of Mark Grand Lodge, was installed on Tuesday, by Bro. Alfred Williams, as Worthy Master of the Playing Card Makers. The banquet at the Albion was a most cheery gathering, and was certainly remarkable for the number of Freemasons present. Bro. Glashier, P.G.D., waxed eloquent on the labours of both "Houses of Parliament;" Bro. R. P. Spice did ample justice to "The Sister Services;" Bro. Godson, M.P., pronounced a well deserved eulogium on the virtues of "The New Master;" Bro. Altman boldly defended "The Coal and Wine Dues;" and Bro. Broadley in felicitous terms immortalized "The Past Masters," amongst whom were Bros. A. Williams, Spice, and Saillard. Even Bro. Augustus Harris tore himself away from his pantomime preparations to be present.

At the last meeting of the Vigilance Chapter (R.A.), No. 111, Darlington, Comp. Dr. Hill Drury presented to the chapter a handsome white satin veil, lined with scarlet silk, and embroidered with Masonic emblems. Earlier in the year Bro. Hill Drury presented an alms bag, in blue velvet and embroidered with the square and compasses, to the Marquess of Ripon Lodge, No. 1489, of which he is a member; and at the same time he covered the back of the harmonium of the Restoration Lodge, No. 111, with blue canvas, bearing in the centre a Masonic design worked in silver thread. The whole of these articles, which have been much admired, were manufactured at the extensive establishment of Bro. Geo. Kenning.

Bro. G. T. Brown, host of the Beaufort Arms, Chelsea, who is P.M. of the Prosperity Lodge, No. 65, and P.Z. of its chapter, and for the last ten years has discharged the arduous duties of Secretary of the former, was presented at a meeting on the 25th ult. with a very handsome testimonial, consisting of a resolution of thanks, beautifully emblazoned on vellum and framed, a large gilt and blue enamel clock with side ornaments, and a gold brooch and earrings, set with brilliants, for Mrs. Brown. Bro. Brown has done valuable service to his lodge, especially in connection with the Charities, which have benefited, through his exertions, to the extent of over £2000, and well deserves such a testimonial to which the lodge and nearly every one of its members contributed.

Now that it is definitely settled that the Colonial and Indian Exhibition will not re-open next year, the attention of the amusement-loving public will be undividedly directed to the American Exhibition, to be opened May 2nd, 1887, at Earl's Court, Kensington. The Jubilee year then will be made additionally attractive by the enterprise of our Yankee cousins in coming across the ocean to submit for our inspection, criticism, and haply our approval, the results of their last half century of industry. Already a large force of men are at work on the grounds at Earl's Court. The land is now graded, the drain pipes laid, the concrete foundations in place, and the main building is in process of construction. On that portion of the grounds set apart for the use of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Exhibit the arena is laid and ballasted, the camp staked out, and the erection of the grand stand will shortly be commenced.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The sudden changes, frequent fogs, and prevailing dampness sorely impede the vital functions, and conduce to ill-health. The remedy for these diseases lies in some purifying medicine, like these Pills, which is competent to grapple with the mischief at its source, and stamp it out without fretting the nerves or weakening the system. Holloway's Pills extract from the blood all noxious matters, regulate the action of every disordered organ, stimulate the liver and kidneys, and relax the bowels. In curing chest complaints these Pills are remarkably effective, especially when aided by friction of the Ointment on its walls. This double treatment will ensure a certain, steady, and beneficent progress, and sound health will soon be re-established.—ADVT.

We are asked to announce that Bro. Berry, P.M., will work the installation ceremony, on Tuesday, the 7th instant, in the Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 534, at the Green Dragon, Stepney.

The Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012, is giving further signs of its interest in Constitutional Masonry, a proposition for the establishment of a Royal Arch chapter in connection with it, which Bro. Gardner is doing his utmost to promote, having already made considerable headway.

We regret very much that in our report last week of the installation meeting of the Shadwell Clerke Lodge, No. 1910, Bro. H. P. Goodall, one of the worthy Past Masters of the lodge, should have been erroneously described as Bro. H. Tisdale.

Bro. James Pettigrew was installed W.M. of the St. Clair Lodge, No. 362, Glasgow, at the meeting held on Monday, the 22nd ult. The reports for the past year show the lodge to be in a very prosperous condition both financially and otherwise.

Bro. W. H. Pearse was installed W.M. of the St. Margaret's Lodge, No. 1872, Surbiton, at its annual meeting on Thursday, the 18th ult. The brethren afterwards dined together at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton, under the presidency of their new chief.

The annual meeting of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Maryland was to be held on Tuesday, the 23rd ult. The 34th annual convocation of that of Pennsylvania will take place in Philadelphia, in May, 1887, and already the subordinate commanderies of that city are making grand preparations for the meeting. Sir Knight G. S. Graham is the present G. Commander.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Royal Savoy Lodge of Instruction, No. 1744, at the Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-square, W., on Thursday, the 9th inst., commencing at 7 p.m. precisely. Bro. J. Paul will preside as W.M., and Bros. J. Hemming and H. Dickey will occupy the chairs of Senior Warden and Junior Warden respectively.

Bro. E. Farwig, P.M. 180, Preceptor to the St. James' Union Lodge of Instruction, worked the Fifteen Sections in that lodge of instruction on Monday last, when there was a large attendance of brethren. A vote of thanks was proposed and carried unanimously to Bro. E. Farwig, for his admirable and beautiful working, and he in thanking the brethren for the vote spoke most highly of those who had assisted in working the Sections.

Union Waterloo Lodge, No. 13, which was founded originally in 1761 and reconstituted in 1785, will hold its centenary celebration on Wednesday next, the 8th inst. The lodge meeting will take place in the Masonic Hall, Woolwich, at 2.30 p.m., and the banquet will follow at the Holborn Restaurant at 6.30 p.m.

At the meeting of the Surbiton Lodge, No. 2146, Surbiton, on the 18th ult., Bro. Gibbs, on behalf of the officers and members, presented Bro. R. Sebastian Hart, P.P.G.D. Surrey, with a handsome gold Past Master's jewel in recognition of their esteem and of the services he had rendered to the lodge.

At the regular meeting of the Crook Lodge, No. 2019, on Wednesday, the 24th ult., Bro. Samuel Holdsworth, ex-mayor of Durham had conferred upon him the compliment of honorary member of the lodge in token of the important services he had rendered in the formation of the lodge and the admirable manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of its first W.M. A supper at the Surtees Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. R. Hardy, W.M., followed.

The Masonic Hall, Nottingham, will be the scene of a somewhat rare event on Wednesday next, the 8th inst., when two new Royal Arch Chapters—the Annesley, No. 1435, and the Carnarvon, No. 1909—will be consecrated and their respective Three Principals installed. The consecrating officer will be Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Scribe E., who will be assisted on the occasion by Comps. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., and Prov. G. Sup. Essex, as H.; R. F. Vernon Bussell, P.P.G.J., as J.; and Robt. Berridge, P.G.D.C. The Provincial Grand Chapter will open at 2.45 p.m., and the banquet is fixed for 7 p.m.

A very successful entertainment in aid of the West Newton Church Choir Fund was given by Bro. W. A. Baskcomb, at the Sandringham Club, West Newton, on Saturday last. There was a very full attendance, and the various items were well received, some of them indeed, and notably a pianoforte solo (Chopin) by Mrs. Baskcomb, musical governess to the Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud of Wales, and a violin solo (Vieuxtemps) by Mdmle. Anna Lang, a serenata, sung by Miss Eleanor Rees, with violin accompaniment by Mademoiselle Lang, being enthusiastically applauded. Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales had very kindly given the meeting their patronage, but were unfortunately unable to be present.

In the unavoidable absence of R.W. Bro. Wm. Pearce, M.P., Prov. G.M. of Glasgow, Bro. J. M. Oliver, Prov. G.S.W., presided at the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge held in the Masonic Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on Tuesday, the 23rd ult. The financial statement of the Prov. G. Treasurer for the past year indicated a great degree of prosperity, the balance in favour of Provincial Grand Lodge being in excess of £63. The statement was accepted and a hearty vote of thanks passed to the Auditors for their services. The appointment and investiture of the office bearers for the year took place in the course of the meeting.

One of the most interesting stands at the International Food and Cookery Exhibition at Westminster Aquarium, is that of Messrs. George Mason and Co., of 417, King's-road, Chelsea. It is very common to see specialities brought forward for the especial behoof of invalids, but here we have it on the most undisputed medical testimony that Mason's essence of beef, veal, mutton, and chicken, are the most nutritious and wholesome that can be supplied. Concentrated beef tea, in skins and tins, is made of the finest British beef, and about an ounce dissolved in half-a-pint of boiling water will make, in one minute, a delicious and nourishing cup of pure beef tea. There are other interesting specialities at this stand, which visitors should inspect, including the beef tea jelly, the concentrated meat lozenges, turtle soup for invalids, and the "O.K." sauce and relish, which need only to be tasted to be appreciated.

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Tables are given shewing the different Lodges and Chapters grouped under their respective Provinces; and a List of Lodges and Chapters meeting on Foreign Stations.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, December 11, 1886.

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4.

General Committee Boys' School at 4, Freemasons' Hall.
Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel.
" 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1622, Rose, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
" 1949, Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton.
Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
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, DECEMBER 6.

Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
" 69, Unity, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields.
" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 83, United Lodge of Prudence, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 144, St. Luke's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 188, Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern.
" 256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1625, Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd.
" 1669, Royal Leopold, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
" 1731, Cholmeley, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.
" 1853, Caxton, Freemasons' Hall.
" 2020, St. Botolph's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 2024, Raymond Thrupp, Hampton Court.
" 2098, Harlesden, National School, Harlesden.
Chap. 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1056, Victoria, M.H., Mason's Avenue, E.C.
" 1891, St. Ambrose, Barons' Court Hot., West Kensington.

Mark 224, Menatschin, Criterion, Piccadilly.
K.T. 154, Shadwell Clerke, M.H., 33, Golden-sq.
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., 7.30.
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.
Queen's Westminster, The Criterion, Piccadilly, W., 7.45.
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hot., Putney, Still 10.
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 7.
St. Ambrose, Barons' Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 7.45.
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, DECEMBER 7.

Colonial Board, at 4.
Lodge 7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, F.M.H.
" 9, Albion, Freemasons' Hall.
" 18, Old Dundee, Cannon-st. Hotel.
" 92, Moira, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 166, Union, Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.
" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hotel, London-bdg.,
" 1257, Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav., Commercial-rd., E.
" 1261, Golden Rule, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.
" 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-st., Islington.
" 1381, Kennington, Bridge House Hotel, London-bdg.
" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hotel, North Woolwich.
" 1693, Kingsland, Railway Hotel, Highbury.
" 1891, St. Ambrose, Baron's Crt. Ho., W. Kensington.
" 2032, Richmond, Richmond, Surrey.
" 2054, Wilson Iles, Four Swans' Hotel, Waltham Cross.
Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan Tavern, High-st., Deptford.
Mark 355, Royal Savoy, Criterion, Piccadilly.

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.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
Duke of Albany, Rock Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-st., Edmonton, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., at 8.
Finsbury, King's Head Tavern, 42, Threadneedle-st., at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
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 Edgumbe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
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, DECEMBER 8.

General Committee, Benevolent Institution, at 4.
Lodge 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.
" 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
" 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
" 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.
" 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse.
" 1260, John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1395, St. Marylebone, Langham Hot., Portland-pl.
" 1306, St. John, Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.
" 1349, Friars, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Great Eastern Hot., Liverpool-st.
" 1586, Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Upper Norwood.
" 1610, Northern Bar, 33, Golden-sq., W.
" 1694, Imperial, Pier Hot., Oakley-rd., Chelsea.
" 1766, St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch.
" 1900, Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn Fields.
Rose Croix 1, Grand Metropolitan, Criterion, Piccadilly.
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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.
Grays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Gray, 8.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Gt. Portland-st., W., at 8.
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
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.
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.
Domestic Chapter, Union Tav., Air-st., W., at 8.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9.

Lodge 19, Royal Athelston, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 238, Pilgrim, F.M.H. (worked in German language).
" 263, Bank of England, Albion Hot., Aldersgate-st.
" 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.
" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1216, Macdonald, Headquarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Flodden-rd., Camberwell.
" 1457, Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton, Essex.
" 1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
" 1706, Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1708, Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley.
" 1791, Creation, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1987, Strand, Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 2047, Beckenham, Public Hall, Beckenham.

Chap. 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
" 907, Royal Albert, White Hart Tav., Abchurch-lane.
" 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-rd., Notting Hill.

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Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.
Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.
City of London, Tiptree Tavern, 6, Leadenhall-st., at 6.
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Creation, Wheatheaf 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 Wolsley, Rotherhithe New-rd., at 8.
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington.
The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C., 6.30.
Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-rd., Bow-rd., 7.30.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.
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, DECEMBER 10.

Great Priory, Cannon-st. Hot.
Lodge 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
" 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1536, St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 1559, New Cross, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1997, John Carpenter, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 2000, Earl of Mornington, 8A, Red Lion-sq.
Chap. 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
Mark 144, Grosvenor, Café Royal, Regent-st.
K.T. 26, Faith and Fidelity, &c., Cannon-st. Hot.
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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, DECEMBER 11.

Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
" 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1612, West Middlesex, Lyric Hall, Ealing.
" 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1928, Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton.
" 1964, Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
Chap. 1297, West Kent, Thicket Hot., Anerley.

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