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OUR anticipations as to the success of the Third Jubilee of the Grand Lodge of Scotland have been more than realised. Numerically, the meeting was the strongest ever held in a Masonic Hall in Scotland, while as to its influential character, we have but to glance over the list of the brethren present in order to certify ourselves of the fact that, if not unequalled in this respect, it certainly could not have been surpassed. There were some 1400 Masons present, with Grand Master Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL, of Blythswood, Bart., M.P., in the chair, supported by Past Grand Master the Earl of MAR and KELLIE, the Earls of HADDINGTON and KINTORE, Grand Master Depute and Grand Master Substitute respectively, the Grand Wardens and other Grand Officers, several of the Provincial Grand Masters and Officers, and the representatives of a considerable number of the private lodges. The proceedings—both in Grand Lodge and at the subsequent banquet—were of the usual character; but the utmost enthusiasm was everywhere apparent, and the applause with which the several speeches were greeted furnished ample testimony as to the loyalty and fervour of our Scottish brethren. And many of the speeches contained matter that justified almost unbounded applause. The position of the Craft north of the Tweed is reputable in the highest degree, while the management of its affairs, especially when contrasted with what it was some few years since, reflects the greatest credit on the executive officers of Grand Lodge. "Ordo ab Chao," though not the legitimate device of the Scottish Craft, is clearly one which they have taken to heart seriously and acted upon successfully. Quite recently the Society was in debt; now it is a wealthy body, and laying up for itself year by year fresh treasure to be employed for the needs of Masonry and its votaries as occasion may require. The number of lodges, especially in the British Colonies and possessions abroad, has increased amazingly, while the yearly average of initiates or "intrans," as they are designated in Scotland, is not far short of 5000. Of course, as we have again and again remarked in reference to Masonry in England and elsewhere, mere numbers is by no means to be regarded as a never-failing criterion of strength. But in the case of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, numerical increase has gone hand in hand with increase in wealth and influence, and therefore we accept it unreservedly as a substantial part of the evidence which was adduced on this occasion by the GRAND MASTER and other speakers in support of the progress made of late years by Scottish Freemasonry. In fact, there was noticeable throughout the after-dinner proceedings a very natural feeling of pride at the present position and future prospects of the Order in Scotland, but there was about this feeling no exaggeration. What was stated was capable of substantiation in the teeth of the most severe criticism. It was, and is, "the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth," that Freemasonry in Scotland is in a very prosperous condition, and we trust it may continue so for many years.

It is probable, after the very close division in Grand Lodge on the 1st inst., that we shall hear more about the question of Past Masters' Collars, and when they may be worn. Indeed, it seems very desirable it should be again discussed, if only that some brethren may have the opportunity of refuting certain of the arguments employed in opposition to Bro. NICHOLL's proposition, as amended by Bro. PORTAL, "That the Master, Past Masters, and the Officers of a lodge shall be at liberty to wear their collars and jewels upon all Masonic occasions." For instance, Bro. COCHRANE, P.G.C., suggested that if this were the law, there would be some difficulty in distinguishing among the multitude of collared brethren who were the officers of the lodge. To this we object that the officers of a lodge have their several places assigned to them, and the visiting brethren theirs likewise. Consequently, no brother who knows where he is and what he is about, when in his own lodge or visiting another lodge, should have any difficulty in distinguishing between the officers of the lodge and the visiting brethren who are officers in their own lodges. Again, Bro. POPE, G.S.D., showed less than his wonted acumen when he argued that

the collar is the ensign of office, not of rank. We submit, with all deference to our learned brother, that, if this be so, then as the Masters and Wardens of lodges, when attending Grand Lodge, wear their collars as the insignia of the offices they severally hold, the Past Masters who also wear their collars in Grand Lodge must do so on the same ground. But it has been held, throughout the discussion of this question, that Past Masters are not officers, but only enjoy certain privileges by reason of their status or rank as Installed Masters; and, consequently, either Bro. POPE's argument fails as a general proposition, or the generally received opinion that Past Masters have rank without office becomes untenable. There is this also to be said in opposition to Bro. POPE's view. Setting aside the case of a Master, Past Master, or officer of a lodge visiting a sister lodge unofficially, when of course he is present only in his individual capacity of a brother Mason, is it not, beyond all doubt, that when the Master and Wardens of a lodge are invited to attend, as such, the meeting of a sister lodge—say on the occasion of a new W.M. being installed in office—they attend officially, and are therefore in duty bound to wear the insignia of office as fully and conspicuously as they do when present at the meetings of their own or Grand Lodge? Such instances as this are of frequent occurrence in the provinces, and if the present state of the law is retained, then the Master and Wardens so invited must either decline the invitation, or make a composition with the circumstances by attending merely as individual brethren, with nothing about them to show they are the official Simon Pures who were invited. These and other points that might be mentioned are well worthy of further careful consideration.

A DIFFERENCE of opinion as to the real object and scope of the Confirmation of Minutes. proposition "to confirm the minutes," still exists, and it would be well to have the matter settled authoritatively if possible. The question is this. What is involved by the confirmation of minutes? Can a resolution carried at one meeting be negatived at the following regular meeting by the particular minute being negatived? We answer *yes*, decidedly. Some brethren, however, maintain that so long as the minutes are a correct account of the proceedings of the previous meeting, they cannot be objected to, unless the Constitutions or the by-laws require the confirmation of any particular portion, prior to their taking effect, in which case that part of the record may be negatived, if so desired. For instance, Law 130 provides that the election of Master must be confirmed *before* installation. If *all* minutes which are subject to confirmation, *may be negatived or approved*, they ask why should the election of Master be thus specified? Does it not suggest that so long as the rules of the Grand Lodge, or the by-laws declare certain matters as subject to confirmation or *reconsideration*, that all the other propositions, if correctly recorded, should be passed? Brethren desiring an answer to these queries should examine the *Freemason* for February, 1880, and especially consult a letter therein from Bro. THOMAS FENN, President Board of General Purposes (then P.G.D.) Bro. FENN, who is so familiar with all the clauses of the Constitutions and their application and intention in relation to lodges, says emphatically "the principle of confirmation which includes the power of *rejection or non-confirmation* has been recognised in every act of Grand Lodge. It has always been the practice to confirm or reject at one meeting resolutions that have been passed at the preceding meeting." Some 25 instances are cited when "the minutes were either not confirmed or where motions were made for non-confirmation without objection on the point of order." According, therefore, to this view of the matter, which we think the correct one, all minutes should be read either for approval or rejection, whether they be those of the Grand Lodge, Provincial Lodges, or Lodges.

THE death, at the comparatively early age of 57, of Bro. J. HENDERSON SCOTT, P.G.D. of England, and D.P.G.M. of Sussex, will be generally regretted throughout the Craft, but nowhere more deeply and sincerely than by the brethren of the Province with which he had been so long and honourably associated. Bro. SCOTT had done splendid service to Freemasonry during the many years he had been a member. As the son and grandson of conspicuous Masons, he may be said to have imbibed in his early youth those principles of our Society, of which in after years he was to prove himself so capable an exponent, and in behalf of which he laboured so arduously and conscientiously. In all the various offices he had held in lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge—and he was W.M. of the Royal Clarence, No. 271, and Prov. G.S.D. Sussex in 1859—he had acquitted himself admirably, and it is not surprising that the Prince of WALES as Grand Master should, a few years since, have conferred upon him Grand Lodge honours in recognition of what he had done in order to advance the well-being of the Craft everywhere. We tender our sincere regret to the Prov. Grand Master, the Duke of CONNAUGHT, and the brethren of Sussex on the occasion of a loss, which it will be well nigh impossible to repair—at all events for some years to come.

WE are much interested in the new departure of the Lodge Quatuor Coronati of the Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076. The members have in contemplation the formation of an adjunct to their lodge in the shape of a literary society, or "correspondence circle," open to Master Masons in good standing of all jurisdictions. The steps necessary to procure admission and mode of election are not yet definitely settled; the subscription will probably be 10s. 6d. yearly; members will be entitled to receive the printed Transactions of the lodge gratis; those in England will further receive the lodge summonses, and other minor privileges will be accorded, tending to associate them very closely with the special work of the lodge. A Committee of the lodge, consisting of Bros. Sir CHARLES WARREN, W.M.; Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD, R. F. GOULD, W. SIMPSON, G. W. SPETH, W. J. HUGHAN, and T. B. WHYTEHEAD, has been formed, with power and instructions to arrange details and carry out the project at once, and we await their promised circular with some curiosity. Besides the forthcoming volume of Transactions, the lodge contemplates an early issue of Volume I. of "Quatuor Coronati Reprints." This will probably include the Halliwell Poem, *in fac-simile*, "The Defence of Masonry," 1730, and the article in the *Plain Dealer* of 1724 on the Society of the Gormogons. Members of the correspondence circle will receive these reprints at a reduced price. The first volume of the Transactions will include the oration delivered at the consecration of the lodge by Bro. WOODFORD, and the following papers: "On some Old Scottish Masonic Customs," by Bro. GOULD; "The Steinmetz Theory Critically Examined," by Bro. SPETH; "On an Early Version of the Hiram Legend," by Bro. Professor T. HAYTER-LEWIS; "Freemasonry and Hermeticism," by Bro. WOODFORD; "On the Orientation of Temples," by Bro. Sir CHARLES WARREN; and other matter. Future papers already announced by the lodge are "The Threefold Division of Temples," by Bro. W. SIMPSON; "Connecting Links between Ancient and Modern Freemasonry from a Non-Masonic Standpoint," by Bro. HUGHAN; and a Rosicrucian Paper by Bro. Dr. W. WYNN WESTCOTT.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WILTSHIRE.

The annual meeting took place at the Masonic Hall, Devizes, on Tuesday, the 30th ult., being held under the banner of the Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, No. 663. The Prov. G.M., Lord Methuen, was unavoidably prevented, by illness, from being present. In his absence the chair was filled by the D.P.G.M., Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., who was supported by the following Prov. Grand Officers and brethren:

Bros. W. Nott, P.G.S.W.; T. H. Chandler, as P.G.J.W.; Rev. T. J. Heard, P.G. Chap.; F. H. Goldney, P.G. Treas.; H. Bevir, P.G. Sec.; A. J. Beaven, P.G. S.D.; T. Reeves, P.G.J.D.; J. Chandler, P.G.D.C.; H. I. Ward, P.G.A.D.C.; J. Green, P.G. Swd. Br.; H. Millington, P.G.O.; Wm. Pullin, P.G.A.P.; H. Howse, P.G. Stwd.; Rev. G. E. Gardiner, P.P.G.C.; J. C. Maclean, P.P.G.S.D.; T. S. Futcher, P.P.G.J.D.; W. H. Burt, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; H. E. Bishop, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; Dr. Ringer, P.P.G.A.D.C.; G. W. Collen, P.P.G.A.P.; W. S. Bambridge, P.P.G.O.; Rev. J. A. Lloyd, P.P.G.C.; J. Sparks, P.P.G.O.; W. H. Bunkworth, P.P.G.O.; C. Gauntlett, P.P.G.A.D.C.; and others.

The roll of the various lodges was called, and in every case duly responded to.

The Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. HARRY BEVIR, read the minutes of the last Prov. Grand Lodge, held at Warminster, which being duly confirmed, he then read the minutes of the Charity Committee held that morning, when the Treasurer's accounts, so far as regarded the Charity Fund, had been duly passed, showing a balance in hand of £149 11s. 6d., of which the sum of thirty guineas the Committee recommended should be granted to the Boys' School, and placed on the list of Bro. T. S. Futcher, whose Stewardship for that Institution, as representing the Province of Wiltshire, had been approved by the Committee. The Committee also recorded its opinion that the province should support only one Institution each year, and the name of Bro. Mann was mentioned as willing to accept a Stewardship for the Girls' School for the year 1888.

The recommendations of the Committee were adopted.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. F. H. GOLDNEY, then produced his account, which had been duly audited, and of which an abstract was read and duly approved.

The Prov. Grand Registrar, Bro. HENRY MERRICK, also presented his report, showing the position of Masonry in the province. This report exhibited a steady increase in the number of members, the ten lodges constituting the province now numbering amongst them nearly 500 members. The report also called special attention to the number of votes held for the Masonic Charities by the various lodges. It was resolved that the report be approved, and printed for circulation, with thanks to the P.G. Reg. for the trouble he had taken in compiling it.

Bro. WILLIAM NOTT, the Prov. Charity Secretary, produced his report on behalf of the Benevolent Fund Charity Organisation Committee as follows:—

BENEVOLENT FUND.—There having been no claim upon the income of this Fund, the whole of it has been added to the capital, which now amounts to £335 1s. 2d. Consols. The Fund is now assuming such a position that in a few years it will have reached an amount sufficient to enable the Committee, from its annual income and the lodge subscriptions, to give substantial assistance to any case requiring it.

CHARITY ORGANISATION.—During the present year your Committee partially supported the case of Meyrick George Bruton Good, son of a deceased member of 586, as a candidate for the Boys' School, and he was successful at the election held last month.

Your Charity Secretary has attended the elections during the current year, the result of such elections, so far as the associated provinces are concerned, being that all the candidates put forward—eleven in all—have been successful, viz.: Bristol 1 boy, Gloucestershire 2 boys, Leicester and Rutland 1 girl, Somersetshire 2 widows, South Wales (East Division) 1 boy, Wiltshire 1 boy (Good), and Worcestershire 2 girls and 1 boy.

The Wiltshire recipient of the Masonic Charities are now 11 in number, viz., four widows receiving annuities of £32 each from the Benevolent Institution, five children in the Girls' School, and two in the Boys' School. It will therefore be seen that Wiltshire derives a large benefit—certainly not less than £500 a year in value—from the great Masonic Charities.

The contributions from Wiltshire to these Charities during the year, made through the medium of Bro. J. Campbell Maclean, as Steward, amounted in the aggregate to £261 14s., viz., £61 3s. for the Boys' School and £200 11s. for the Girls' School.

The votes placed at the disposal of the Committee during the past three years have been as follows:—

| | 1884 | 1885 | 1886 |
|--|------|------|------|
| Royal Masonic Institution for Boys | 509 | 513 | 560 |
| " " " " Girls | 417 | 384 | 467 |
| " " Benevolent Institution for Aged Masons | 233 | 244 | 223 |
| " " " " Widows | 338 | 279 | 212 |
| | 1497 | 1420 | 1462 |

WILLIAM NOTT, P.G.S.W. Wiltz, Prov. Charity Sec.
Devizes, 19th November, 1886.

This having been printed and circulated with the summons was taken as read, and was, on the motion of the D.P.G.M., unanimously approved, the thanks of the Prov. Grand Lodge being, at the same time, voted to Bro. Nott, as Charity Secretary.

Bro. J. Campbell Maclean, who had served two Stewardships during the year, viz., for the Boys' and the Girls' School, was then, on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge, presented by the D.P.G.M. with the Charity jewel in recognition of his services.

Bro. Sir GABRIEL GOLDNEY, D.P.G.M., addressing the meeting, said that Lord Methuen wished him to convey to the meeting his great regret that illness prevented him from being present that day. Sir Gabriel Goldney further went on to express his own gratification at the present position of Masonry in Wiltshire as testified by the reports which they had that day had before them. He considered the year on which they had now entered was a most important one to Freemasons, being as it was the Jubilee year of her Majesty, the Patroness of the Craft. He felt sure that every Mason in Wiltshire would be desirous of testifying his loyalty on the occasion, and he suggested that a resolution should be drawn up and signed by the Master and Wardens of each lodge and be presented by a deputation in such way as might hereafter be considered desirable. He begged, therefore, to propose that such a course be adopted, and that a Committee be appointed to draw up such a resolution and submit it to the Prov. Grand Master for his approval.

Bro. WM. NOTT, P.G.S.W., said that he believed that such a course would meet with general approval, whatever other course might be decided upon after the subject had been fully dealt with in Grand Lodge and elsewhere, when possibly the Prov. Grand Master might think it desirable to call a special Provincial Grand Lodge meeting for Wiltshire. He (Bro. Nott) had therefore great pleasure in seconding the resolution, and naming the D.P.G.M., the P.G. Treas., and the P.G. Sec., as the Committee to draw up the resolution.

The proposition was carried unanimously.

Bro. F. H. GOLDNEY was unanimously re-elected Treasurer with thanks for his valuable services in the past, whilst Bro. J. Savory was unanimously re-elected Tyler.

The D.P.G.M. having declared all offices vacant, then proceeded to invest the new officers for the ensuing year as follows:

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| Bro. Earl Cowley | ... | ... | ... | Prov. S.G.W. |
| " J. C. Maclean, 355 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. J.G.W. |
| " Rev. J. A. Lloyd, 1533 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Chap. |
| " F. H. Goldney, 626 (re-elected) | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Treas. |
| " James Sparks, 1271 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Reg. |
| " Harry Bever, 355 (re-appointed) | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Sec. |
| " F. S. Hancock, 663 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. S.G.D. |
| " Edward Noke, 335 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. J.G.D. |
| " J. A. Randall, 663 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.S. of W. |
| " J. Chandler, 355 (re-appointed) | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.D.C. |
| " S. J. Haden, 1478 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. A.G.D.C. |
| " G. S. A. Waylen, 663 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Swd. Br. |
| " H. Howse, 663 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Org. |
| " H. Cooper, 1533 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Purst. |
| " G. R. Shemilt, 1295 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. A.G. Purst. |
| " F. B. Norris, 636 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Std. Br. |
| " W. C. White, 1533 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Stwd. |
| " J. Savory, 355 (re-elected) | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Tyler. |

This ended the business of the P.G.L., which was then closed and the brethren afterwards adjourned to the annual banquet, at the Town Hall, which was presided over by the D.P.G.M.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

A convocation of the above Provincial Grand Chapter was held in the Mechanics' Institute, Wood-street, Wakefield, on Wednesday, the 24th ult., by the invitation of Chapters Unanimity, 154; Wakefield, 495; and Sincerity, 1019. M.E. Comp. T. W. Tew, J.P., P.G. Supt., presided, and there were present—

Comps. Rev. Wm. Collings Lukis, M.A., Prov. G.H.; Rev. Thomas Cartwright Smyth, D.D., Prov. G.J.; C. L. Mason, P.P.G.H.; John Booth, P.P.G.J.; John Dunning Kay, P.P.G.J.; Benjamin Broughton, P.P.G.J.; Henry Smith, Prov. G. S.E.; Henry W. Pawson, Prov. G.S.N.; James Bedford, P.P.G.S.N.; John Wm. Fourness, Prov. G. Treas.; George Marshall, P.P.G. Treas.; John Heaton Cadman, Prov. G. Reg.; Jonas Craven, P.P.G. Reg.; Wm. Brevin Alderson, P.P.G. Reg.; John C. Malcolm, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Kitson Ibberson, P.P.G. Reg.; Charles Crabtree, Prov. G. Prin. Soj.; C. T. Rhodes, Prov. G. 1st Asst. Soj.; W. T. Bealand, Prov. G. 2nd Asst. Soj.; Samuel H. Stocks, P.P.G. Soj.; Samuel Slack, P.P.G. Soj.; H. Wm. Maleham, P.P.G. Soj.; J. W. Monckman, P.P.G. Soj.; Robert Craig, P.P.G. Soj.; George Althorp, P.P.G. Soj.; Wm. F. Tomlinson, P.P.G. Soj.; John Wm. Turner, Prov. G. Swd. Br.; Thomas Denby, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; R. Williamson, P.P. Swd. Br.; A. A. Stott, Prov. G. Std. Br.; Wm. Delaney, Prov. G.D.C.; E. Lord, Prov. G.A.D.C.; Henry France, P.P.G.D.C.; John Wordsworth, P.P.G.D.C.; W. F. Smithson, P.P.G.D.C.; John Read Dore, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Barker, P.P.G.D.C.; Edward Poppleton, P.P.G.D.C.; Christopher W. Fincken, Prov. G. Org.; W. Ash, P.P.G. Org.; H. G. E. Green, Prov. G.A.S.E.; Joseph Dobson, as Prov. G. Stwd.; Dr. W. R. Thomas, Prov. G. Stwd.; Thos. R. Vaux, Prov. G. Stwd.; Wm. Watson, Prov. G. Stwd.; Joshua Lee, Prov. G. Janitor; and acting Principals, Past First Principals and companions of the majority of the chapters.

Apologies for absence from several companions having been read, and P. Grand Chapter having been opened, the PROV. GRAND SUPERINTENDENT, after the usual salutation, delivered the following address:

Excellent Companions,—At this period of the year we assemble to take note of the progress of Royal Arch Masonry during the past six months, and to transact such business as may lie before us. It is most gratifying to observe that the work undertaken by its responsible officers has been faithfully and efficiently accomplished with credit to themselves and honour to this exalted Degree. The enthusiasm displayed is strongly evinced by the increase in the number of members and chapters, and should the recovery in trade continue I doubt not in time there will scarcely be one W. Master of the 940 in this Province who is not also a Royal Arch Mason. Towards this achievement I am sure your officers will not fail to use every legitimate influence. I feel very proud to meet you this afternoon to acknowledge your salutation, and to express my high sense of your kindness and the support you give to the office, which it seems to be your pleasure that I should try to fill. Our meeting is under somewhat exceptional circumstances; not having received an application for this autumn gathering, we have had to cast about for a suitable place, and our friends in the three Wakefield Chapters most willingly undertook to receive us, viz.—Unanimity 154, Wakefield, 495, and Sincerity, 1019.

You see, companions, since our numbers have so largely increased it is not everywhere sufficient and suitable accommodation can be obtained, and then there is the increased cost, which is a serious consideration, where chapter funds are often limited; in May, 1883, we experienced a similar difficulty, and, this hall not being available, the Wakefield chapters, by my request, conveyed their furniture and paraphernalia to the Town Hall, Pontefract, where we had a very successful meeting, and on the present occasion the Wakefield chapters have determined to bear the entire cost. In the most graceful language it is in our power to command, we desire to convey to those chapters our appreciation of their most opportune liberality and kindly welcome. In order not to trespass too heavily on private chapters and to encourage the continued growth of our meetings, which I much desire, and to give the smaller chapters an opportunity of sometimes receiving us, it is proposed in our revised by-laws to pay the expenses properly incident to these meetings, and I recommend as an understood practice, in future, all companions attending pay for refreshments. The annual subscriptions to chapters are so limited in amount that few can indulge in the luxury of entertaining Grand Chapter, the cost of which is seldom less than £20. I am told that companions have strong opinions on this question, which I commend for consideration to your good sense and wisdom, but in my humble opinion some such understanding might, in future, remove any obstacle such as I have mentioned, and which has tended to delay an earlier meeting this November. When we met at Barnsley on 10th May, we had for the first time before us the newly-revised Royal Arch Regulations, confirmed in London five days previously, copy of which had been furnished by Grand Chapter to every chapter under English Constitutions; and it became necessary that we should revise our own by-laws, which had been in force since 30th November, 1858; accordingly, you appointed a most learned, competent, and representative Committee to carry out this important work. This Committee held its first meeting in Leeds on 29th October, and after many subsequent conferences and proofs submitted to every acting Principal and chapter, our Registrar is enabled to present to us what I fully believe to be, a perfect set of by-laws, which are in complete harmony with the new Royal Arch Regulations. The hearty, and zealous, and rapid manner in which the Prov. G.S.E., Comp. Henry Smith, and all other members of the Committee have laboured in this matter, is another illustration of the aptitude to get this business over shown by members of the Court in this province. Should you adopt this revised edition this afternoon we shall be able to confirm it in May, 1887, and forthwith obtain the certificate of M.E. the First G. Principal. On 4th August, Supreme Grand Chapter granted a charter for a chapter to be attached to Harrogate and Claro Lodge, No. 1001, and on 3rd instant, a charter for Phoenix Lodge, No. 904, Rotherham, and I have requested E. Comp. C. L. Mason to perform the ceremony of consecrating the former, and E. Comp. Ensor Drury the latter. We welcome these additions to our roll, making 38 chapters. I may mention that in May our brethren and companions of Wakefield gave a concert which produced the noble balance of fifty guineas for the Masonic Charities. It now becomes my melancholy duty to allude to the loss by death of many valued and distinguished companions; amongst the number, I may mention, Comps. T. G. Andrews, F. W. W. Booth, J. Buckley Sharp, and W. Benland, all of Bradford, and this town has sustained a severe loss by the death of a venerable Freemason, viz., Martin Edward Naylor, who had been a member of Unanimity Lodge considerably over half a century; these companions by their conduct, so far as we can judge, practised the grand moral lesson inculcated by this beautiful Degree. Lastly, may I ask suggestions for the most desirable method of commemorating the Jubilee of our Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, in 1887. You are acquainted with the letter of our Royal Grand Master, dated 30th October, 1886, to the Mayor of Windsor, wherein he states his conviction that the anxiety to commemorate, in some special manner, her Majesty's Jubilee is felt as warmly in provincial towns as in any part of the Queen's dominions. Should a similar communication be addressed to Supreme Grand Chapter, this Provincial Grand Chapter will take practical steps to honour adequately this auspicious event, and may I suggest that we adopt a resolution similar to that passed by Provincial Grand Lodge, on 20th October, "That the consideration be left in the hands of the Charity Committee." Finally, companions, in peace, love, and unity I commend this Chapter, of which the Sanhedrim of the Jews of old is a type, to your care and keeping, believing that by the great attributes of the mysterious words, to the all wise, all powerful, and all present Being, around whose throne we may be hereafter permitted to stand, you will steadily pursue the acquisition of true wisdom, by searching out Jehovah's great and glorious works, for promoting His honour and glory, for the benefit of mankind, and your own individual welfare.

The roll, and the roll of the Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers having been called, the minutes of the meeting at Barnsley, on the 10th May last, were taken as read, and confirmed.

It was moved by Comp. J. HEATON CADMAN, P.Z. 154, P.G. Reg., seconded by Comp. C. L. MASON, P.Z. 304, P.P.G.H., and resolved, "That the Provincial Grand Lodge By-laws, as revised by the Advice Committee, and submitted for the consideration and approval to everyone in the chapter, be adopted in place of the by-laws in force since 1858;" a vote of thanks to the Committee, for their arduous and successful labours, being also passed.

The Prov. G. SUPERINTENDENT having said he was prepared to receive suggestions as to the best method of celebrating the Queen's Jubilee in 1887, it was moved, seconded, and resolved, "That it be left in the hands of the Charity Committee to prepare a scheme to be laid before next Prov. G. Chapter in May, 1887."

It was moved by Comp. C. L. MASON, seconded by Comp. JOHN WORDSWORTH, "That it be a recommendation from this Provincial Grand Chapter that in future chapters entertaining Prov. G. Chapter allow members attending to pay for refreshments."

Comp. JOSEPH DOBSON, Z. 289, on behalf the Leeds chapters, having invited the P.G. Superintendent to hold the annual meeting, May, 1887, in Leeds, Prov. G. Chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to refreshment, the P.G. Superintendent presiding.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and, with the assistance of the musical companions, a very harmonious evening was spent.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The third Jubilee of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was celebrated in Edinburgh on the 30th ult., St. Andrew's Day. There assembled in Edinburgh the largest gathering of Freemasons which has been known in the history of the Scottish Craft. The celebration assumed the form of the annual communication to the Grand Lodge and a banquet. It was early in the afternoon when the first proceeding took place, and at it the Master and office-bearers for the year 1886-87 were elected and installed. The banquet took place immediately afterwards in the Drill Hall, Forrest-road, and it proved in every respect a brilliant success.

The annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held in the afternoon at two o'clock, under the presidency first of the Earl of Mar and Kellie, and then of the Grand Master Mason, Bro. Sir Archibald Campbell of Blythwood, Bart., M.P. There was a very large attendance of brethren from all parts of the country. The office-bearers for the year 1886-87 were duly installed. The leading names are as follows:

Bros. the Right Hon. the Earl of Haddington, R.W.G.M. Depute; the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore, R.W. Substitute G.M.; Frederick E. Villiers of Closeburn, R.W. G.S.W.; James T. S. Elliot, younger, of Wolfelee, R.W.G.J.W.; D. Murray Lyon, R.W.G. Sec.; David Kinnear, R.W.G. Cashier; Rev. John Watt, B.D., and Rev. R. Herbert Story, V.W.G. Chaps.; William MacLean, jun., C.A., V.W.G.S.D.; J. Dalrymple Duncan, V.W.G.J.D.; Hippolyte J. Blanc, V.W.G. Architect; David Macgregor, V.W.G. Jeweller; Major F. W. Allan, V.W.G.B.B.; Albert Apthorpe, W.G.D. of C.; George Dobie, W.G. Bard; Lieut.-Col. John Campbell, W.G. Swd.

Br.; Carl D. Hamilton, W.G.D. of M.; Robert Davidson, W.G. Org.; Major Wm Hills, W.G. Marshal; David Reid, W.I.G.; and David Robertson, Grand Tyler.

Sir Archibald Campbell having been formally elected to the office of the Master, was conducted to the hall with the customary ceremonial, and was informed by the Earl of Mar and Kellie that, for the third time, he had been elected Grand Master Mason of Scotland. His lordship congratulated him on the honour that had thus been conferred on him. (Applause.)

The GRAND MASTER returned thanks for the honour which he had thus received, and had pleasure to be able to announce on this auspicious occasion—the occasion of the third jubilee—that the Grand Lodge was in as flourishing and as prosperous a condition as they, as Masons, could possibly desire it. (Applause.)

The other office-bearers were introduced with the full Masonic ceremony, and took the oath of allegiance.

Bro. Sheriff THOMAS presented to the Grand Lodge a bust of the Past Grand Master, the Earl of Mar and Kellie. (Applause.) The bust is by Mr. John Rhind, and is a replica of that recently presented by the Grand Lodge to Lady Mar and Kellie.

The GRAND MASTER accepted the present with the greatest pleasure—as the gift of a bust of a most distinguished Mason—(applause)—and as one who deserved well of the Grand Lodge. (Renewed applause.)

Grand Lodge was then closed.

There was an attendance of about 1400 brethren at the banquet, all the lodges of Scotland being represented, as well as many others at home and abroad. The Drill Hall naturally lent itself very suitably to the occasion. Along the south side of the hall there was ranged a platform, on which the Chairman and the more prominent Masonic brethren were accommodated. The back of the platform was effectively decorated with drapery, and in the immediate centre and behind the chair it was embellished with a panelling representing the orders and symbols of Operative Masonry. The proceedings opened at three o'clock. Sir Archibald Campbell, the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, occupied the chair.

Amongst those present were—

Bros. The Earl of Mar and Kellie, Past G.M.; Earl of Haddington, G.M. Depute; Earl of Kintore, Sub. G.M.; Lieut.-Col. Lord Saltoun; R. F. Shaw-Stewart, Past Sub. G.M.; Charles Dalrymple, M.P., Prov. G.M. of Argyllshire and the Isles; W. H. Shaw-Stewart, M.P., Depute of Renfrewshire West; Wm. Pearce, M.P., of Glasgow; Rev. Prof. Story, G. Chap.; Sheriff Thoms of Caithness, Orkney, and Shetland; M'Lagan, M.P., G.M. of Linlithgowshire; Col. Drummond Moray, yr., G.M. of Perthshire West; F. E. Villiers of Closeburn, G.S.W.; D. Murray Lyon G. Sec.; Capt. Oswald of Dunnikier, P.G.M. of Fife and Kinross; J. T. Elliot, yr., of Wolfelee, G.J.W.; Rev. John Watt, B.D., G. Chap.; Hector M'Lean, W.S., P.G.M. of Upper Lanarkshire; W. Barton, Representative from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee; Dr. John Loth; J. M'Donald, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Indiana; R. Nisbet, Representative from the Grand Lodge of Utah; J. Baird, Representative from the Grand Lodge of Cuba; Alexander Hay, Prov. G.M. of Jamaica; D. Kinnear, Grand Cashier; and Thomas Nesbitt, Depute P.G. Sec. Antrim.

The CHAIRMAN proposed the loyal and patriotic toasts, which were responded to with enthusiasm. In proposing "The Queen," he said that her Majesty's Jubilee coincided with the Jubilee of the Grand Lodge, and he was sure that no body of men throughout the world rejoiced more than the Masons of Scotland at the fact that her Majesty was able to celebrate the Jubilee of her reign during the present and incoming year (Cheers.)

Sir JAMES BUCHANAN, Dumbarton, replied for "The Navy," Lord SALTOUN for "The Army," and Col. HENRY LUMSDEN, of Pitcapel, for "The Reserve Forces."

Bro. M. H. SHAW-STEWART, M.P., proposed "The Grand Master Mason and the Grand Lodge of Scotland." He asked the brethren to compare the position of the Grand Lodge now to its position in 1836, the date the last Jubilee. Fifty years ago there were only 320 lodges on the roll of the Grand Lodge, and now there were 600 working lodges. (Cheers.) Fifty years ago there were only 12 lodges abroad, and now there were 218 lodges. The average number of initiates fifty years ago was 960, and now the average number was 5000. (Cheers.) What he thought most important of all was that, while fifty years ago there was no fund for benevolence, there was now a fund of the kind, which distributed annually from £400 to £500, and which had a reserve fund, he thought, of £6000. (Cheers.) Therefore, they had good cause to congratulate the Grand Lodge for having wiped away the load of debt which was hanging over it, and for having instituted a system of benevolence and Charity. That remarkable gathering testified to the loyalty and affection which was borne to the Grand Lodge. Long might it be the same, and long might the Grand Lodge prosper, was, he was sure, the heartfelt wish of every one there. (Cheers.) He added that he thought their Grand Master was everything that a Mason should be. (Cheers.) They all knew that he had a warm heart and generous mind, and they all knew that he pursued with unflinching determination and energy every good and useful work which he put his hand to. (Cheers.)

The CHAIRMAN, in reply, also gave statistics showing the increase of Freemasonry. In 1836, he remarked, there were no lodges connected with the Grand Lodge of Scotland in their great colonies. Now they consisted of a large number. In all there were 212 colonial lodges which owned the sway of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. (Cheers.) The Grand Lodge now, he was glad to say, found itself without debt and with £30,000 worth of property. (Cheers.) The entrants during the year had been 4709. New charters had been given to twelve lodges, and the gross income of the year came to about £4800. As to the Benevolent scheme, he hoped and trusted that before long the Grand Lodge would be able to do more than it had done in the past, and to do it in a manner which might be a good to all Masons and Freemasonry generally. What, he proceeded to ask, did their Order teach them? Thousands of years ago, when the wise Grand Master, Solomon himself, organised this great Body—when he was laying the foundations of the Temple of the Lord—he could not conceive in the wildest flights of his fancy to what an extent their Order was to grow. (Cheers.) He did not think that he could have foreseen that in the isles of the West, girt about by the sounding sea, they should find the true homes of Masonry—(cheers)—that in a free people, owning free laws, Freemasonry should flourish as it had done. It had grown with the growth of the nation. It came as a flower, budding forth; and when the time came in Providence's hand that they should go forth and occupy the waste places of the earth, Masonry went also. (Cheers.) Masonry now, in the lodges that they had planted all over the world, called to them there, and asked them to remember their devotion to the laws, and to the Institutions which they had founded upon the Book of Faith, which had gone forth. Founded in unity, it asked them to remember unity also. (Cheers.) And he might say, that he trusted before long that they, as Britons, would be able to look around and see that teaching which their Order suggested brought about in the great Empire

over which her Majesty held sway. He trusted not only that the unity of their own Order, but also that the unity of this Empire, might be a great one—(cheers)—that it might be one which the world would look on with wonder and awe, and perhaps with envy. (Cheers.) If it would only remember upon what it was founded, and remember that it was capped, as their Order was also capped, by a free, firm, and just government, it would be certain to uphold the principles which had made their Order so great and so universal, and it would enable the world to see that there was truth in the foundation upon which they rested. (Cheers.) He thanked them in the name of the Grand Lodge for the manner in which they had drunk the toast. (Cheers.)

The CHAIRMAN, in proposing "The Grand Lodges of England and Ireland," said they were aware that the patron of their Order, the Prince of Wales, was the distinguished occupant of the chair in England. No Grand Master was more able to fulfil his duties than his Royal Highness was. On all occasions he came forward to do his duty, and not only that, but he did it in such a manner that there was no Mason, however well versed he might be in the laws of Freemasonry, who did not acknowledge that they had in him a Grand Master worthy of the post he filled. (Cheers.) In Ireland the Duke of Abercorn worthily fulfilled his duties. (Hear, hear.) In a like manner with the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Abercorn regretted extremely that he was not able to be present at this, their jubilee—(cheers)—but he had duties to perform at this time in Ireland which enforced him to remain in that country.

Bro. Captain OSWALD replied.

Bro. the Rev. Professor STORY proposed "The District Grand Lodges under the Scottish Constitution, in India, the Colonies, and in foreign parts—and 'Freemasonry over the world.'" He said there could not be a more comprehensive toast than the cause of Freemasonry over the world, especially of the lodges over the world that held sway under the Grand Lodge of Scotland throughout the British dominions. They wished them all health, peace, and prosperity. In these days, in which it had become the fashion amongst certain short-sighted politicians to talk of disunion and separation as things possible within the bounds of the British Empire, it was gratifying to them to believe that every lodge established throughout the British colonies, holding its charter from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, was a new link in that chain which, strong as iron and bright as gold, would bind together in one brotherhood, in indissoluble unity, all the regions and quarters of the globe which owned the sway of their British Sovereign, the Queen. (Cheers.)

There were a number of other toasts. Bro. CHAS. DALRYMPLE, M.P., proposed "The Past Grand Masters," to which Bro. the Earl of MAR and KELLIE replied.

Bro. Col. DRUMMOND MORAY, in the absence of Bro. W. Pearce, M.P., gave "The Grand Master Depute and Substitute Grand Master."

Bro. the Earl of HADDINGTON replied.

Bro. J. T. ELLIOT, in the absence of Bro. the Earl of Caithness, proposed "Lady Campbell," the CHAIRMAN replying.

Bro. the Rev. P. M'ADAM MUIR proposed "The Grand Wardens and the other Grand Office-Bearers."

Bro. F. E. VILLIERS replied.

"The Provincial Grand Lodges, with the Attendant Daughter Lodges," was proposed by the CHAIRMAN; and replies were made by the head of each province represented.

Bro. F. E. VILLIERS, in replying for Dumfries, drew attention to a Mason present who had been connected with the Order since 1821. The brother was afterwards accompanied to the platform and introduced to the Chairman.

Bro. the Earl of KINTORE proposed "The Metropolitan Lodges," and Bro. W. MANN, the Chairman of the Grand Committee, replied.

Bro. PETER M'LAGAN, M.P., proposed "The Surviving Participants in the Second Jubilee of the Grand Lodge," and Bro. H. J. ROLLO, W.S., responded, "Auld Lang Syne" having beforehand been sung.

The banquet closed shortly before eight o'clock. A strong orchestra, under Bro. H. Dambmann, was present in the gallery, and played during the serving of the banquet and at intervals on the toast list.

BRO. LANE'S "MASONIC RECORDS."

MASONIC RECORDS, 1717-1886, Comprising a list of all the Lodges at home and abroad, with their dates of Constitution, place of meeting, &c., by JOHN LANE, F.C.A., P.M. 1402, Torquay, with an introduction by WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN, P.G.D., &c., &c. LONDON: George Kenning, 16 Great Queen-street, 1886.

Our readers are now in a position to gratify their curiosity. Bro. Lane's long-anticipated work on the "Masonic Records" of the different Grand Lodges of England during the period from 1717 to 1886 is before them, and they can now judge for themselves of its merits. For ourselves, we have no doubts whatever as to their verdict being most favourable in all respects. No equally valuable work of its kind, nor even one possessing an approximately equal value, has ever yet been published. Indeed, if we except the annotated lists which have been issued by different Masonic experts, or published in sundry Masonic periodicals, no attempt has heretofore been made, and certainly none on the scale attempted by Bro. Lane, to trace by slow but trustworthy steps the almost infinite ramifications of the Craft from the parent stem of England. The career of every lodge warranted by one of our English Grand Lodges, from its creation till its death, absorption by other lodges, or translation to other Masonic jurisdictions, is delineated in the pages of this volume step by step, and with a fulness and accuracy of detail which has but few parallels even in the most laborious exemplars of successful literary and scientific research. Indeed, Bro. Lane has done his work so thoroughly and with so near an approach to complete freedom from error that, even on the assumption there may be brethren as eager and willing as he has shown himself, to devote the time, labour, and expense that must be involved in any similar undertaking, we imagine a like responsibility will never again be undertaken. It is our firm belief that Bro. Lane's book will remain always the accepted guide of all students of Masonic history in all matters relating to the rise and progress of our lodge system in England from 1717 onwards and its establishment and development in other countries.

The work has been in our hands so short a time that we are under the necessity of confining ourselves in this preliminary notice to remarks of the most general character. We should be paying Bro. Lane and his labours but a poor compliment if we dealt with what it has cost him so many years to compile, in a curt and perfunctory manner, and after an examination of a few hours only. But the most detailed study of the contents will not

reveal to us more, as regards their subdivision and arrangement, than we have learned already. It is difficult to conceive of any method by which the growth of English Masonry could have been more clearly demonstrated than that which Bro. Lane has adopted of dividing his work into three Parts, with an Index, Part I. being occupied with "The Grand Lodge of ALL England" at York; Part II. to "The Grand Lodge of England South of the Trent;" and Part III., in three sections or subdivisions, to (a) "The Grand Lodge of England," (b) "The Grand Lodge of England according to the Old Institutions," and (c) "The United Grand Lodge of England." Nor do we think he would have succeeded so well in tracing and making clear the course of individual lodges had he adopted any other than the tabular arrangement. The latter places before us at once, and as it were by a *coup d'œil*, the necessary framework of every private lodge's career, that is to say, the date of its constitution, the houses or localities in which it has met, its successive changes of number (if any); and its ultimate destiny. Thus a brother, who is interested in the career of any particular lodge, has only to turn to its number in Bro. Lane's Records and there he will find grouped against it, in a series of parallel columns, the various particulars we have enumerated. Had they been set forth in a continuous narrative or in any other form, they would not have been so clear and easily get-at-able. These are criticisms of a general character which we may reasonably permit ourselves to offer, even at the outset of our study of this most important work.

Then there are the Introduction by Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., and the Author's Preface; but neither of these is of greater length than is usual or necessary. Bro. Hughan, as a neighbour of Bro. Lane, has had almost daily opportunities of watching the progress of the Records towards completion, and his advice has often been sought by the latter in matters of doubt and difficulty. But Bro. Hughan's Introduction is less a plea in behalf of his friend's book than a contribution on Lodge Lists, which will be found of considerable value in the study of its contents. In his concluding paragraph, however, he commends unhesitatingly the "perseverance, research, and fidelity" exhibited by the author in the compilation of his volume, and commendation like this from so high an authority as Bro. Hughan in all matters pertaining to this particular branch of Masonic labour is indeed a commendation of which Bro. Lane has reason to be proud.

The Preface contains a full explanation of the circumstances which led Bro. Lane to embark upon so long and laborious an enterprise as well as of the sources from which he has obtained his information; the difficulties he has encountered in the prosecution of his work the not infrequent conflicts of statement he has met with, and which he has often found it hard, if not impossible, to reconcile; the dilatoriness or unwillingness which has been shown by many members of the Craft in answering his inquiries; and his reasons for the arrangements and sub-division he has seen fit to adopt. It is well and clearly written and modest withal. We are less surprised, after reading this Preface, which contains so much and such varied information in so small a compass, that Bro. Lane should have successfully accomplished his appointed task. There is an intimate connection between the ability to condense well and that of wading carefully through and properly marshalling an infinite number and variety of small, but important, details.

Lastly, it does not take long to formulate an opinion as to the style in which a volume such as this is presented to the public; and as the contents are a lasting monument to the author's ability and untiring energy, so are the typography and binding a credit to the skill and taste exhibited by the printer and binder in their respective spheres of duty. The exterior appearance of the volume is in complete harmony with its interior literary value.

In future articles we shall write more in detail.

FREEMASONRY IN NORFOLK.

By way of confirming the leaderette in the *Freemason* for 20th Nov., and to illustrate the value of Bro. John Lane's "Masonic Records," I have copied from that work a few, out of the many particulars to be found in its numerous pages respecting the Province of Norfolk. The voluminous index is a special feature of the volume, and is the means of saving much labour in the investigation.

LODGES ON THE ROLL.—(Before 1814).

NORWICH—(1) A.D. 1736, No. 52; (3) A.D. 1755, No. 93; (7) A.D. 1795, No. 213.
HARLESTON—(2) Harleston from A.D. 1854 (Norwich from 1753), No. 85.
YARMOUTH—(4) Yarmouth from 1846 (Norwich from 1757, Blakeney from 1789), No. 100; (8) A.D. 1797, No. 313.
NORTH WALSHAM—(5) North Walsham from 1827 (Norwich, 1758; Aylsham, 1774; Norwich, 1781; Cottishall, 1788; Hoveton St. John, 1805; Bungay—Suffolk, 1814).

LYNN—(6) A.D. 1810, No. 107 (originally of 1766, *Welchpool*).

After the "Union."

NORWICH—(9) A.D. 1860, No. 807; (10) A.D. 1863, No. 943; (14) A.D. 1874, No. 1500.

EAST DEREHAM—(11) A.D. 1863, No. 996.

FAKENHAM—(12) A.D. 1866, No. 1114.

WYMONDHAM—(13) A.D. 1867, No. 1193.

DISS—(15) A.D. 1878, No. 1741.

NORTH WALSHAM—(16) A.D. 1879, No. 1808.

Making 8 before and 8 after the "Union," or a total of 16.

EXTINCT LODGES (1724-1813).

(a) Norwich, A.D. 1724; (b) 1748, (c) 1750, (d) 1751, (and Swaffham), (e) 1754, (and Writtle, Essex), (f) 1755, (and Walsingham) (g) 1765, (h) 1797. Also "Ancient" Lodges, (i) 1761, (j) 1762, (k) 1767, (l) 1769, (m) 1770, (n) 1770 (and Blakeney).

Yarmouth (o) 1751 (and Norwich), (p) 1759, (q) 1793, (r) 1812.

Lynn (s) 1729, (t) 1762, (u) 1796 (and Wisbeach, Camb.), (v) 1798, (w) "Ancient" 1762.

Swaffham (x) 1764.

Fakenham (y) 1765 (also to Thetford and Prov. of Suffolk).

Diss (z) Diss.

London to Lynn (aa) 1759 (original warrant).

EXTINCT LODGES (since the "Union").

Lynn (bb) 1823, (cc) 1824.

Norwich (dd) 1831, Yarmouth, 1826.

REMOVALS FROM NORFOLK.

(A) 1792 Norwich to Warwick (1808) now No. 284.

(B) 1747 Norwich to Acle, then Yarmouth, and finally Lowestoft, Suffolk, now No. 71.

It will thus be seen that there are now 16 lodges on the roll of the Province of Norfolk, 30 have been erased, and two removed to other provinces, so that it is remarkable that the proportion of extinct lodges to those on the roll should be so much greater of the former class, making with the removals exactly double. The dates, or, rather, years of constitution only are given. For the exact dates, all the places of meetings, and other particulars, Bro. John Lane's great work should be consulted; copies of which may be obtained at 3s. 6d. net, during the remainder of the year, being the cost price of production.

W. J. HUGHAN.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The regular meeting of the General Committee of this Institution took place at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday last. Bro. James Moon, V.-Pat., presided, and among those present were Bros. Alfred Williams, John L. Mather, George Motion, Stephen Richardson, Walter Ballard, Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; S. H. Parkhouse, C. F. Hogard, G. Bolton, J. S. Cumberland, F. Adlard, C. Belton, F. W. Ramsay, A. E. Gladwell, G. P. Gillard, W. H. Saunders, N. B. Headon, E. Baxter, George Read, George W. B. Fletcher, John H. Gwyn, W. Maple, W. A. Scurrah, W. Harding, F. T. C. Keeble, George Cooper, H. W. Hunt, Richard Eve, H. Young, and F. Binckes (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, and those of the House Committee read for information, nine petitions were considered and accepted, and the names of the children ordered to be entered on the list of candidates for the April election.

Two applications by ex-pupils for grants towards outfit were favourably entertained.

The day for holding the Quarterly Court in April, 1887, which will fall on Easter Monday, was postponed till the Monday following (18th April, 1887).

The other business having been disposed of, and a vote of thanks passed to the Chairman, the Committee rose.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management held its usual monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. The chair was occupied by Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., and amongst the members present were Bros. Edgar Bower, P.G. Std. B.; Samuel Brooks, Hugh Cotter, Alex. Forsyth, Charles J. Perceval, Joseph Freeman, Thos. Griffith, W. J. Murlis, W. Belchamber, John Bulman, J. A. Farnfield, Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; A. H. Tattershall, C. H. Driver, Albert Fish, C. F. Matier, Fred. Davison, P.G.D.; J. H. Webb, W. H. Perryman, A.G.P.; Chas. Belton, and James Terry (Sec.)

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the death of one male annuitant, who had received £230. The Warden's report for the past month was read. The receipt of a legacy to the Male Fund amounting to £25, free of duty, from the executors of the late Rev. Samuel Gauntlett, of Midway Manor, Wilts, was announced.

The Committee voted the sum of £20 towards the entertainment of the inmates of the Institution at Croydon, on 5th January, prox.

An application made by the widow of a late annuitant for half her husband's annuity was granted.

Nine petitions (6 male and 3 widows) were taken into consideration, with the result that seven were accepted, and the names ordered to be placed on the list of candidates for the election in May next, and two were deferred for further information.

A vote of thanks to the chair terminated the meeting.

SECOND ANNUAL DINNER OF THE UBIQUE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1789.

The second annual dinner of the above lodge of instruction took place at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, S.W., on Friday, the 27th ult., when a goodly muster of the members sat down to an excellent repast provided by the worthy host, Bro. Wakeley. The chair was occupied by Bro. Boulton, P.M.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been given, a presentation of a handsome gold watch was made to Bro. Coughlan, P.M., the esteemed Secretary.

The CHAIRMAN, in the course of his remarks, referred to the admirable services rendered to the lodge of instruction by that brother, and, in making the presentation, said he felt sure that he was only echoing the feelings of every member in wishing that he may be long spared to wear it.

Bro. COUGHLAN, in reply, said that to hold office in lodge was in itself an honour, but when the members conferred a reward, as they had done that evening, it not only showed that the small services rendered had been appreciated, but that the recipient gained their esteem. He also stated the good services rendered by the lodge to Freemasonry in general, and pointed out that although the lodge had been in existence five years, they had, after paying the necessary expenses incurred, contributed no less than twenty guineas to the several Charities, and that out of an income of £5 15s. for the past year £5 10s. was devoted to Charity; he also dwelt upon the great services rendered by the Charitable Associations in connection with the lodge, which, although only established a year, had contributed 80 guineas to the several Masonic Institutions; he also pointed out that such distinguished brethren as Bros. the Rev. C. A. Tolbe, R.A., Capt. Butterworth, J. Gibson, W. Brindley, J. Wade, and F. Green, all of whom are Past Masters, and Bros. G. Mason, W.M. of the mother lodge, and Valentine Green, W.M. of the Rothesay Lodge, had received a goodly portion, if not all their instruction in this lodge, and that these brethren while in office rendered their services in a manner which reflected credit, not only on themselves, but to the lodges to which they belonged, and remarked that the prosperous condition of this lodge was due to various causes—first, the Preceptor, Bro. Boulton, P.M., by his tact, ability, and courtesy could not be surpassed; the work done by the lodge could not be excelled; and the members united in the grand design of being happy and communicating happiness, so that perfect harmony prevailed.

The toast of "The Mother Lodge" was appropriately responded to by Bro. MASON.

Songs and recitations were indulged in throughout the evening, and the brethren departed shortly before midnight, having spent a most enjoyable evening.

Bro. the Rev. William Whitley, P.P.S.G.W., P.P.G. Chaplain of Devon, will preach a sermon on "The Pillars of the Temple" on Sunday evening next, the 12th inst., at 6.30 p.m., at the Claremont Congregational Church, Pentonville-road, N., near the Angel.

BRO. J. H. SCOTT, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. SUSSEX.

It is with sincere regret that we record the death of Bro. John Henderson Scott, which took place at his residence, 59, Brunswick-road, Brighton, on Sunday last. The deceased had been in declining health for sometime past, but it was not till quite recently that a fatal issue was considered probable. A Sussex contemporary of ours—whose sketch of our late brother's career is so ample and, as regards the Masonic details, so accurate, that we have deemed it well to quote it at length—writes of him thus:

To the general public, Mr. Scott was known as a local artist of great repute. His grandfather, securing the friendship and patronage of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, afterwards George IV., established himself at Brighton just before the opening of the present century. His father, too, secured a reputation in Brighton as a water-colour painter of acknowledged merit, and, on his death, his mantle fell worthily on his son, John Henderson, who at once achieved a high position among the artists of the South of England. The metropolitan picture galleries have, from time to time, been favoured with his works from his easel, while the local exhibitions have, year after year, being assisted by his choice productions. Mr. John Henderson Scott's leisure time was however, mainly devoted to the cause of Freemasonry, into which he threw his whole heart and soul, and in which he secured such distinction as to ultimately gain the honourable position of Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Sussex. Bro. Scott was initiated into Freemasonry in the Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 271, February 18th, 1853, and it is worthy of notice that for three generations the Scott family has been honourably connected with the Lodge. Bro. Edmund Scott was Master from 1796 to 1805, and during the Grand Mastership of General Lennox, afterwards Duke of Richmond, he was the Acting Master. Bro. John Scott has filled every office in the Royal Clarence Lodge, from I.G. upwards, and has been thrice elected W.M., and occupied the chair in the years 1859, 1865, and 1877. In the Provincial Grand Lodge he was appointed Provincial Senior Grand Deacon in 1859, and it was at the September meeting at Hastings that Bro. Scott proposed the appointment of a Steward in every lodge to collect subscriptions from the members of his lodge; a system which has worked so well as to place the province in a very prominent position with respect to the number of votes per lodge. In 1861, he was appointed Prov. G.J.W., while in 1865-6-7, he held the high position of Prov. G.S.W. In 1873, on the retirement of Bro. G. E. Pocock, P.G. Swd. Br. of England, from the duties of Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. J. H. Scott was appointed as his successor. In April, 1875, the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M. took place, and the two brethren selected to act as Stewards for the province on that occasion were Bros. J. H. Scott and V. P. Freeman. In the following September, at the Provincial Lodge meeting, Bro. Scott and his fellow Steward were presented each with a jewel, struck by command of the M.W.G.M., in commemoration of the installation.

In December, 1876, Bro. E. J. Furner sent in his resignation to Lord Pelham, the Prov. Grand Master of the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master the duties of the office encroaching too much on the time his own profession demanded of him. In consequence of Bro. Furner's resignation, Lord Pelham, not feeling equal to resuming the direction of the affairs of the province, tendered his own resignation as Prov. Grand Master to the M.W.G.M., which was accepted. Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., succeeded Lord Pelham, and in June, 1877, at a Provincial Grand Lodge meeting held at Brighton, obligated, invested, and installed Bro. Scott as Deputy P.G.M. The Prov. Grand Master, addressing Bro. Scott, said "that he felt it would be useless to say much with regard to the duties of D.P.G.M. to so old a Mason, and one who was so particularly looked up to by the brethren of the province. All the brethren would agree that in choosing Bro. Scott to be his deputy he had selected the right man, and put him in the right place." (Cheers.) It was at this meeting that Bro. Vincent P. Freeman, P.P.S.G.W., was appointed to succeed Bro. Scott as Prov. Grand Sec. The year 1880 was an eventful one to Bro. Scott. In February, at the Annual Festival of the Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, he took up the magnificent total of £630 on his list. Such a result must have been highly gratifying to Bro. Scott, as, out of twenty-seven provinces represented, Sussex took the second place. At the Annual Festival of the Grand Lodge, held at Freemasons' Hall, in April, Bro. Scott was appointed one of the G.J. Deacons of England, which appointment was received with unanimous satisfaction throughout the province. Bro. Scott worthily carried out the duties of Deputy Provincial Grand Master under the late Sir W. W. Burrell, and it will be remembered that at that imposing gathering of Freemasons at the Brighton Dome last June, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, the recently-installed Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, re-appointed him to the high position in the Sussex Province. His Royal Highness, in investing him, said he was "fully aware of his (Bro. Scott's) long and valued services in the cause of Freemasonry in general, and in the Sussex province. He knew him to be one who would maintain in all their integrity the distinguishing characteristics of the Order. (Loud applause.)" At the banquet which followed the ceremony, the Duke of Connaught proposed "The Health of Bro. John Henderson Scott, P.G.D.," and said he did so with the greatest cordiality, knowing that he had laboured most assiduously in the cause of Freemasonry. In the Sussex province he had held the post of Provincial Grand Secretary, and for many years that of Deputy Provincial Grand Master. In three generations the name of Scott had been familiarly associated with Freemasonry in Sussex, and in Bro. John Henderson Scott they had a thorough Freemason at heart. It was, therefore, with the greatest satisfaction that he appointed him his Deputy. Before sitting down, he desired to express to him his appreciation of the admirable arrangements for the ceremonies of the day. They had been satisfactory in every respect. (Applause.)" Bro. Scott, who was warmly received on rising, "thanked the Provincial Grand Master for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed, and the brethren for the cordial manner in which it had been received. He deeply felt the honour conferred upon him, and trusted, with restored health—(applause)—to prove equal to the duties which would devolve upon him. (Applause.)"

In the absence of his Royal Highness the Prov. Grand

Master of Sussex, Bro. Scott presided at the Prov. Grand Lodge meeting recently held at the Royal Pavilion, and those present will not readily forget the graceful manner in which he alluded to the late Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell. Though enfeebled by his serious indisposition, Bro. Scott spoke in a truly eloquent and impressive manner, and his short but effective speech will long be remembered as the last and one of the best he ever delivered to a large body of the brethren of the Craft. A striking and substantial recognition of the value and high estimation in which the services of Bro. Scott to Freemasonry was shown in June, 1884, when he was presented with a purse of 700 guineas, a silver goblet, and a handsome illuminated address and record of the occasion. During his long life in the Craft, he has installed nearly 40 W.M.'s, consecrated five new lodges, and assisted at the consecration of 13 new lodges, and has worked every section of the Three Lectures. He was a Life Governor of each of the Masonic Charitable Institutions. In Royal Arch Freemasonry Bro. Scott was equally distinguished and energetic. He was exalted in the Lennox Chapter, No. 271, in 1857, and served the offices of M.E.Z. twice, H. four times, and J. three times. With but few exceptions he installed all the Principals and exalted the majority of the companions of that chapter since 1862. He was father of the Royal Sussex Chapter, No. 732, of which he was M.E.Z. in 1869. He was the founder and the first M.E.Z. of the Cyrus Chapter, No. 38. He has assisted at the consecration of three new chapters, was appointed G. Std. Br. of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England in May, 1880, and Prov. G.H. at the resuscitation of the Prov. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Sussex, in April, 1880. So highly was he appreciated by the brethren of the province, that he was elected an honorary member of almost all the lodges and chapters in Sussex. By the death of Bro. Scott (who had passed his 57th year) a valued and beloved Freemason has passed away, whose place it will be difficult to fill. To the younger members of the Craft he was especially affable and courteous, and was, at all times, happy to render them any service which his experience and knowledge of the working of the Order would enable him to afford them. His colleagues in the Prov. Grand Lodge will keenly feel his loss. As Bro. Scott so feelingly said of Sir W. W. Burrell in his last speech at the October meeting, so it may be said of himself—"It was impossible to know him without loving him. His happy and cordial nature, his generosity and kindness, his hatred of everything mean, dishonest, or untruthful, his anxiety to anticipate the wants and also the pleasures of those about him, seemed to embody him as the very incarnation of the grand Masonic design—"to be happy himself and to communicate happiness to others." The funeral will take place at the Extra-Mural Cemetery, to-day (Friday), at one o'clock.

Ireland.

CONVERSAZIONE OF THE ST. CECILIA LODGE, No. 250

On Monday, the 22nd ult., the members of the above-named lodge gave a grand concert and conversazione, under the patronage of his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, M.W.G.M. of Ireland, in the Masonic Hall, Molesworth-street, Dublin. This is the third concert given under the auspices of the lodge, and was so successful that the members have decided upon giving another early next year. The Grand Lodge room, in which the concert was held, was filled to overflowing by a fashionable and brilliant audience, almost all the brethren present wearing full Masonic costume, whilst the handsome apparel of the ladies aided in producing a scene seldom before witnessed in the beautiful hall, round which hang the portraits of many distinguished brethren. The ladies and gentlemen who took part in the programme were Bro. W. H. Gater, Mus. Doc., Herr Rudersdorff, Mr. Walter Bapty, M. Victor Buziau, Bro. Edmond Oldham, Miss Harter, and Miss Lucy A. Hackett, the performances, both vocal and instrumental, being highly appreciated. Bro. T. R. G. Joze, Mus. Doc., W.M. of St. Cecilia, acted as conductor, and filled the post most efficiently.

During the interval between the first and second parts, Bro. R. W. SHERLETON, Q.C., D.G.M., announced that he had received a letter from the Duke of Abercorn, expressing his regret at being unable, through the illness of the Duchess, to be present, and wishing the lodge every success.

A conversazione was afterwards held, when the visitors had free access to the splendid suite of apartments in which the Royal Arch and Prince Masons meet, and also to the pretty chapel dedicated to the uses of the Knight Templars. All the officers of the St. Cecilia Lodge exerted themselves to the utmost to secure the comfort and happiness of the visitors, and in this they were so successful that there are few who do not look forward with pleasant anticipations to the next concert.

Royal Order of Scotland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE AND CHAPTER OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

A meeting of this body was held in Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, on Friday, the 3rd inst. Bro. the Rev. Wm. Valentine, M.A., P.G.M., presided, and there were also present Bros. I. B. Whythead, D.P.G.M.; Wm. H. Cowper, P.G.S.W.; Donald Grant, P.G.J.W.; George Simpsin, Prov. G. Treas.; Wm. Brown, Prov. G. Sec.; W. H. B. Atkinson, P.G.S.B.; W. B. Dyson, P.G. Ex.; and other brethren.

Bros. W. H. V. Millbank, H. Darley, and H. E. Cousins were duly admitted to the Order of H.R.D.M., and afterwards promoted to the R.S.Y.C.S. A draft of by-laws was submitted, and the Prov. G.M. and D.P.G.M. were appointed to arrange the fixed days of meeting.

A number of apologies from absent brethren were read, and after the close of the lodge the brethren adjourned to a Lanquet at the Station Hotel.

Bro. R. L. Robertson has recently been installed W.M. of the Medina Mark Lodge, No. 140, West Cowes, Isle of Wight, the installing Master being Bro. T. W. Faulkner, P.M.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 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.]

THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Nearly every member of the Craft considers that London should be divided into provinces, and it would be a capital way of commemorating the Royal Jubilee. Middlesex and Surrey are quite large enough; besides, why should brethren be obliged to travel 10 or 12 miles to get purple? Is it fair, when one thinks of Bristol and Bedford with four lodges each? Could not a meeting be held?—Yours fraternally,
"CRUX CORONA."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In order to commemorate the Jubilee in a way most auspicious and useful, allow me to suggest to the Executive of the Masonic Benevolent Institutions to make an appeal to the brethren for the purpose of raising a sum sufficient to admit all the girls, boys, and old people who are striving for admission this year. Perhaps our three energetic and esteemed Secretaries will mention the amount actually required to accomplish this most desired end, and whatever that amount may be, I am sure it would be speedily subscribed. I cannot think of a plan by which the principles of our Order could be better exemplified, nor one that would give more pleasure to our most noble patroness.

The Treasurers of our lodges and Chapters hold large sums which I maintain might be utilized to carry out the plan I have proposed, and their employment in this manner would be in accordance with the purpose for which they were originally contributed.—Yours fraternally,
TREASURER.

WAS THE ETRICK SHEPHERD A FREEMASON?

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

It has been generally understood that the celebrated Scotch poet, James Hogg, the Ettrick Shepherd, was a Freemason, in consequence of his having held the office of Poet Laureate of the Lodge Canongate, Kilwinning, No. 2 (S.C.). Mr. Hogg, however, never joined the Order, as is seen from the following letter, which you will find quoted in the "Freemason's Quarterly Review" for 1835, p. 66. "Altrive Lake, January 25, 1835.

"Dear Forbes,
"I am 65 years of age this night. I am not a Mason, and never have been, having uniformly resisted

the entreaties of my most influential friends to become one. I am, however, intensely sensible of the high honour intended me, which coming to my hand on the morning of my birthday has I feel added a new charm to the old shepherd's life. My kindest respects to the Hon. Master and members of the lodge, and say that I cannot join them, nor be initiated into the mysteries of the Art, for I know I should infallibly * * * * And, alas! my dear John, I am long past the age of enjoying Masonic revels. I shall, however, be most proud to become nominally the Poet Laureate of the lodge, to have my name enrolled as such, and shall endeavour to contribute some poetical trifle annually.—I remain, your and the honourable brotherhood's most affectionate,

"JAMES HOGG."

It is somewhat singular that the Lodge Canongate, Kilwinning, should have elected Mr. Hogg in such circumstances one of its office bearers.

Bro. Gould would find much interesting and instructive information were he to refer to the "Quarterly Masonic Review," which contains a full record of the proceedings of the Craft 50 years ago. It will be found in the British Museum.—Yours fraternally,
W. O., P.M. 1 (S.C.)

ADMISSION INTO LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I think the question of a non-subscribing brother being refused admission to a lodge or lodges of instruction a very important one, which should be definitely disposed of once and for all.

Our Book of Constitutions says, vide Article 152: "No brother who has ceased to be a subscribing member of a lodge shall be permitted to visit any one lodge more than once until he again becomes a subscribing member of some lodge."

This, in my opinion, is exceedingly hard upon a brother who, having been compelled to resign the membership of his own lodge, perhaps through financial circumstances, or perhaps otherwise, finds himself, no matter how great his sympathies with the spirit of Freemasonry as taught in lodges of instruction may be, at once outside our Order.

On the other hand, it is difficult to understand why lodges of instruction are not governed by the same Constitutions as regular lodges are, and if not, why not?

Doubtless, some well-enlightened brother or Grand Lodge Officer could answer the above in a thoroughly "constitutional" manner, which, I trust, he will speedily do for the information and instruction of—Yours fraternally,
MASTER MASON.

GRAND LODGE AND PROVINCIAL HONOURS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Under the above heading your correspondent "L. V. W." in your last week's issue raises again the important subject of the sub-division of the Metropolitan lodges into four Provincial Grand Lodges, which excited so much attention in 1882.

"L. V. W." sets forth the exact plan of sub-division which I then endeavoured to submit through the agency of a recommendation by the Grand Lodge to the Most Worshipful Grand Master for his consideration; and if your correspondent will refer to your report of the Quarterly Communication of June 7th, 1882 ("Freemason," Vol. XV., No. 692), and the correspondence thereon, he will see how that attempt was met and defeated.

It would be mere waste of time to reiterate the arguments then advanced in favour of the proposal, notwithstanding that, owing to the considerable increase in the number of Metropolitan lodges since that time, such arguments could be greatly strengthened.

Not only for the purpose of affording opportunity for conferring on worthy and zealous London brethren similar distinctions to those enjoyed by the members of Provincial lodges in their respective Provincial Grand Lodges, but for the far more important reason that the lodges existing within the vast Metropolitan area would have a closer and better supervision in regard to Masonic working, would such sub-division be of great advantage.

The proposed system works well in every respect in relation to another Masonic organisation, and would do so if applied to what is denominated "pure and simple Masonry."

Whatever difficulties may appear against the adoption of the proposal are not of such a nature as cannot be easily overcome if once the necessity for such sub-division be admitted by Grand Lodge. The first and most important is the abrogation of the Regulation 152 in the new code of laws, without which, I presume, not even the M.W.G.M. himself could take action. That being done, his power of constituting Provincial Grand Lodges as suggested would follow, and a recommendation from Grand Lodge itself to that effect would then, doubtless, have his favourable consideration.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,
JAMES STEVENS, P.M., P.Z.
Clapham, December 6th.

AN APPEAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I trust you will allow me, with your usual courtesy, to make an appeal, through the columns of your valuable paper, at this season of the year. There are already signs of great privation amongst the respectable poor. Our visitors report cases of "no work" continually, and great distress prevails. During the past year we have been enabled to benefit upwards of 3500 persons weekly.

We are most anxious to provide a Christmas dinner for 700 of the homeless, and for 600 poor families in the neighbourhood, and to replenish our Fund for the relief of distress.

811 persons were maintained in the Homes and Refuges in the twelve months, 1747 attendances were made at the crèche, 34,789 at the religious services for adults, and 65,931 at the Bible schools and other children's meetings. Broken food was given away 29,477 times, whilst 10,326 quartern loaves, and 2600 quarts of soup were distributed, and 338 persons were placed in, or assisted to obtain, employment.

We earnestly hope we may receive the funds necessary to continue these benevolent operations in a full state of efficiency.—I am, dear sir, yours faithfully,
December 8th. PEREGRINE PLATT, Sec.



694] "SOLOMON IN ALL HIS GLORY."

Bro. John Richardson, of Harrowgate, tells me he has a copy of "Solomon in all his glory," London printed, and Dublin reprinted for T. Wilkinson, A.D. 1777. This work has the plates to which I referred (in my articles on the Constitutions 1767-76) bound up with the octavo edition of the Regulations 1769, and which are in part mentioned on the curious and lengthy title page. I have no doubt as to the plates doing duty for the both works. The first edition of Wilson's "Solomon in all his glory" was published in 1766, and a second issue in 1768. I never remember seeing the original of 1766, but know the later editions. All those of last century are now rarely met with.
W. J. HUGHAN.

695] MASONIC EDUCATIONAL FUNDS.

I am exceedingly glad to see that Educational Funds, supported by various provinces, are now becoming so general. Of course we cannot expect them all to increase to the same extent as those of West Lancashire and Cheshire, with some 150 children being thus benefited in those two provinces, but the good work is going on, with a maximum of benefit, at a minimum of cost, and now, most large provinces are devoting their energies to taking care of the number of orphans who cannot ever expect to get elected into our London Institutions. We see, by the excellent report just issued for Durham, by Bro. John Hudson, Prov. G. Sec., that fourteen children are being educated in 1886, being an increase of seven from the previous year, and the capital has also considerably increased. Similar prosperity is attending the movement in Devon and other counties, full particulars of which I shall be glad to have from time to time.
W. J. HUGHAN.



A GENERAL HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY
Translated and Compiled from the Masonic Histories of Dr. Rebold by J. FLETCHER BRENNAN. 1885.

Rebold's histories, in French, have long been familiar to Masonic students, for what Kloss and Findel have done for Germany, Mackey and Mitchell for the United States, and Gould and Hughan for England, Rebold has achieved for France, and, like some of these worthies, he has not failed to write a general history of the Craft as well. No work that we know of devotes such attention to the intricacies and contradictory accounts of Freemasonry in France. The author has aimed at "omitting nothing which would interest a young Mason," and he has also inserted much that is of value to the brother who is more advanced; in fact, no one who seeks to understand the history of the Craft can afford to neglect this able contribution to the subject, for many of the facts and suggestions are of considerable value, and the arrangement of the work is all that can be desired. The ancient mysteries are duly described, and from them is indirectly traced the institution of the *Collegia Artificum* (by Numa Pompilius), from which in time came the Masonic Corporations of the British Isles. "Wherever the legions established entrenched camps, the Masonic Corporations erected cities more or less important. It was thus that York, called by the Romans *Eboracum*, and subsequently celebrated in the history of Freemasonry, became one of the first that acquired importance and elevation to the rank of a Roman city. . . . In the transalpine provinces of Gaul the Masonic Corporations, contemporaneous with those of Britain, increased in a no less extraordinary manner." During the fifteenth century "there existed in Germany a great number of lodges of Operative Masons, which, following the example of the English lodges of the same period, recognised a few principal lodges of master workmen and architects, to whom they accorded the title of high, or Grand Lodges." We prefer the term *high* or *chief* lodges, to that of "Grand," as the latter designation suggests the modern organisations which, as we all know, have little in common with the older *Masonic Bodies* in Germany, which have been proved to be quite distinct from the Freemasons who flourished during the same period as the *Steinmetzen* in England and Scotland. In treating of the general transformation of Freemasonry from an Operative to a Speculative or philosophical Institution, the author expresses the opinion that "if the Craft has ceased to erect temples, it has not less continued its work of moral and intellectual culture, and its success in this respect has been far more satisfactory than those who planned its design as a Speculative Institution ever hoped to achieve." The abridged account of the progress of Freemasonry in France 1721-72, is of special interest, as also the chapters which follow relative to other countries and Grand Lodges, and though we are not able at the present time to accept all his statements, we cannot but admire the uniform diligence displayed by Dr. Rebold in the search after light, and his enthusiasm in the study always appears unbounded and inexhaustible. His history of the "Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite" is full of most important facts and details, and is quite a feature of the work; for he has well-earned the title of "a careful and impartial Masonic historian," conferred on him by the Grand Orient. He is severe on the Rites of *Misraim* and *Memphis*—though not too much we think—and, as he is also unfavourable to the A. and A. Rite, we may rest assured that the "high degrees" generally, are not any favourites of his. We think, however, he has dwelt too long, and too exclusively, on the abuse of these *additional Degrees* rather than their right use; and at all events in this country we can have nothing but good to say of their character, management and progress. Unhappily, on the Continent, the "*hautes grades*" particularly, have been utilized for unworthy purposes so frequently, that those familiar with such prostitutions of essentially non-political societies, can find plenty of excuse for Rebold's animadversions. The translation

by Bro. Brennan is a model of its kind, for it could not possibly have been better done, and the translator, who is also the publisher, has wisely issued the work in an exceedingly attractive form. To us, however, the real value of the volume is not the portion translated from Dr. Rebold's works, but the history of Freemasonry in the "Maritime Provinces of British America from its origin, there, in 1737 to the present time," as also that of the Craft in the United States. These two additions by Bro. J. Fletcher Brennan, as author, are amongst the best productions of their kind ever issued. Indeed, as to Nova Scotia in particular, the chapter by Brennan is far ahead of all other publications on the subject, giving information to be found nowhere else, and presenting, as it does, a succinct account of the introduction of Freemasonry into British North America from the earliest period known. The author has most ably and accurately given us a series of facts hitherto unobtainable, and of special value to students of the American Craft. Bro. Brennan is no friend to Henry Price, of Boston, whose claim as the first Prov. Grand Master of Massachusetts, if this Masonic historian be correct, must rest on no stronger foundation than that of Price's own appointment. The matter is worthy of careful examination, and the statements in opposition to Price's claims should either be *confuted*, or if that be impossible, accepted as an authentic narrative. We wish Bro. Brennan's venture all the success it deserves.



Craft Masonry.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—This old lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 30th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. Coop, W.M.; Hudson, S.W.; Hakim, J.W.; Carter, P.M.; Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Steng, S.D.; Wetzler, J.D.; Johnston, I.G.; Langdale and Cursons, Stwds.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, P.M.; C. Dairy, P.M.; Rumball, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; Cobham, P.M.; and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Bro. T. Mould was ably passed to the Second Degree by the W.M. The sum of one guinea having been unanimously voted to the "Bro. Robert Clemow Testimonial," the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned. There was no banquet.

JOPPA LODGE (No. 188).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 6th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. Dewsnap, W.M., presiding, supported by Bros. Wall, S.W.; J. Lyon, J.W.; Bottibol, S.D.; Gardner, J.D.; Lenzberg, I.G.; Dobson, P.M., D.C.; James Lyon, Treasurer; L. Lazarus, P.M., Hon. Sec.; Martin, I.P.M.; L. Alexander, P.M.; Spiegel, P.M.; M. Alexander, P.M.; Roberts, P.M.; and L. Meyer, P.M.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. McDuell was passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. Wall, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Wall cordially replied. The Treasurer and Tyler was next elected. Bro. J. Lyon was elected Treasurer for the eighth time.

Then came the election of five brethren for the Committee of Management and two Auditors, and eight brethren to serve on the Board of the Joppa Benevolent Fund. Bro. Martin, P.M., according to arrangement at the last meeting, moved that the sum of £10 10s. be granted towards presenting a testimonial for services rendered by Bro. J. Lyon, Treas., which was seconded by Bro. Spiegel, P.M., as the original mover of this proposition. Carried with great acclamation. Bro. M. Alexander, P.M., moved that the re-joining fee be reduced from £8 8s. to £2 2s., which was carried. The revision of the by-laws of the Benevolent Fund was adjourned to the next meeting.

The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. L. Alexander, P.M., when Bro. Martin, I.P.M., proposed that the sum of £5 5s. be voted from the lodge as a nucleus for the presentation of a Past Master's jewel to the present W.M., this having been seconded by the whole lodge, the W.M. again took the chair, and closed the lodge.

The brethren adjourned to refreshment. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Bromley, P.M. 957; A. H. Stuart, P.M. 1320; S. J. Carter, 767; Chester, 1320; H. W. P. Hart, 1248; C. Mussard, 1839; and H. J. Lyon, 185.

CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE (No. 1563).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Bro. Nicol's, the Regent Masonic Hall, Regent-street, W., on Thursday, the 25th ult., and was a great, successful, and very pleasant meeting, attended by nearly all the members, viz.: Bros. H. S. Lee, W.M.; W. C. Smith, S.W.; J. Hill, J.W.; J. A. Hammond, P.M., Treas.; J. E. Shand, P.M., Sec.; E. Cox, S.D.; E. M. Brander, J.D.; E. Hoare, P.M., Org.; W. Higgins, I.G.; C. Radcliffe, W.S.; G. J. Jones, P.M.; W. J. Eastgate, P.M.; J. Warr, P.M.; J. Alexander, W. Worster, L. Bladien, J. Buret, W. Amelot, L. Marks, G. W. Harrington, L. Langmead, W. Bolt, J. Hendry, H. Millis, A. Leaf, W. Hieatt, G. Piccirillo, A. Hart, J. Emanuel, P. Armstrong, G. Marshall, M. Hyam, J. Berther, C. Mathé, R. P. Dennis, W. Hewett, P. Bates, J. Menager, and F. Schlette.

There was a numerous and imposing array of between 50 and 60 visitors, who were pleased in having the opportunity of paying their respects on this auspicious occasion, amongst whom we noticed the following: Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, P.M. 957, &c., P.G.P.; F. Seager Hunt, M.P., W.M. 2030; G. Coope, W.M. 141; W. H. Toten, W.M. 742; C. Corby, W.M. 957; O. E. A. Higgerty, W.M. 1044; H. Tinney, W.M. 1319; R. A. Kirkaldy, W.M. 1321; A. Endeard, P.M. 9; T. Bull, P.M. 145; M. Graham, P.M. 172; W. Dickinson, P.M. 179; E. Farwig, P.M. 180; G. Read, P.M. 511; J. Blundell, P.M. 742; E. Ayres, P.M. 742; W. B. Fendick, P.M. 1321; H. S. Hunter, P.M. 1321; G. F. Swan, P.M. 1321; J. B. Grieve, P.M. 1351; W. Brindley, P.M. 1604; C. Parsons, P.M. 1637; R. C. Cummings, P.M. 1677; D. Wetherill, P.M. 1681; E. Valeriani, P.M. 1687; Dr. H. J. Capon, P.M. 1900; W. H. Baker, P.M. 2030; W. M.

Basham, 88; G. Cowley, 1044; J. W. Smyth, 1238; W. Main, 1238; J. H. Price, 1321; J. Hooper, 1515; F. Dusterwald, 1586; J. H. Johnson, 1608; J. Potter, 1614; R. M. Potter, 1614; E. E. Peouard, 1627; H. Robinson, 1681; J. Rayner, 1681; G. Dickinson, 1681; R. Kirk, 1681; J. T. Worthy, 1681; L. Barron, 1689; H. E. Poole, 2030; Baugham, 2030; C. C. Pifner, 2030; F. J. Smith, 2030; J. Kent, 2030; A. Froissaut, 2060; C. Hill, 2099; and H. Halliday, 2168.

The lodge was opened by the outgoing W.M. in due form. The minutes being read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. The ballot was taken for two gentlemen for initiation, and also for Bros. J. Hendry and M. Hyam as joining members, which, in each instance, proved unanimously in their favour. The W.M. then, in an admirable and impressive manner, raised Bros. L. Bladier and W. Worster to the Degree of M.M.; passed Bro. L. Marks to the Degree of F.C.; and initiated Messrs. R. P. Dennis and H. Hewett into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. These ceremonies being concluded, he vacated the chair in favour of Bro. G. J. Jones, P.M. The persevering and greatly esteemed S.W., Bro. William Charles Smith, W.M. elect, Preceptor of four lodges of instruction, viz., the Emblematic, Eclectic, Covent Garden, and Londesborough, was then presented to him (Bro. Jones, P.M.) to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, the whole of which ceremony he most ably performed in a very dignified and impressive manner, eliciting warm encomiums from a Board of 28 Past Masters. During the ceremony a pleasing incident occurred: the W.M. of the Emblematic Lodge, Bro. Kirkaldy, stepped forward and presented, in the names of a few of the members of that lodge, a very handsome apron, with sterling silver mountings (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning), with a suitable inscription printed in gold underneath the flap, and which he requested Bro. Smith to accept as an expression of respect and esteem from the members of that lodge, which the newly-installed W.M. received with feelings of pleasurable emotion, his connection with them being of a most friendly character, he having been the Preceptor of their lodge of instruction for the last six or seven years. The W.M. having invested the I.P.M., Bro. Harry Swinton Lee, with the collar and jewel of the office, he appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. F. Hill, S.W.; E. Cox, J.W.; H. Hammond, P.M., Treasurer; J. E. Shand, P.M., Secretary; E. M. Brander, S.D.; W. Higgins, J.D.; E. Hoare, P.M., Org.; C. Radcliffe, D.C.; W. Bolt and G. W. Harrington, Stwds.; and H. Potter, Tyler.

The W.M. having received the congratulations of the brethren, who completely filled the Temple, and the business of the evening being concluded and the lodge closed, the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous and most recherché banquet, prepared and arranged under the skilful personal superintendence of Bro. Delacoste, P.M. 1687, the manager of the restaurant.

The dinner over, the Worshipful Master gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, coupling with them that of "The Present and Past Grand Officers."

Bro. Cottebrune, P.G.P., responded, and expressed the pleasure he felt in seeing Bro. Smith, who had worked so assiduously in Freemasonry, placed in the enviable position of W.M. of the City of Westminster Lodge, he (Bro. Cottebrune) having watched his career from the time he was initiated into the Order.

Bro. Lee, I.P.M., in a neat speech, proposed "The Health of the W.M."

The Worshipful Master replied in feeling terms, and stated that he had to the best of his ability endeavoured to raise a superstructure, although not exactly perfect in all its parts, yet, he trusted, honourable to the builder, and he hoped the Great Architect of the Universe would enable him to do still more in every way for the good of Freemasonry.

The toast of "The Initiates" having been duly honoured, that of "The Visitors" followed.

Bros. Corby, Fendick, Baker, Wetherill, Capon, Bull, and other brethren replied in felicitous terms, testifying to the good work and excellent harmony that existed in the City of Westminster Lodge.

A very handsome P.M.'s jewel, of the value of £10 10s., was then presented and pinned by the W.M. upon the breast of Bro. H. Swinton Lee, the I.P.M., who, in a very appropriate speech, returned his sincere thanks to the brethren for the same.

Some words of praise are due to those brethren who contributed, by their vocal or instrumental abilities, to the pleasure and enjoyment of the brethren. After the conclusion of the remaining toasts, the brethren separated at a comparatively early hour, well pleased with having spent a most enjoyable, as well as instructive, evening.

ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE (No. 1585).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Fox and Hounds Hotel, Putney, on Wednesday, the 1st inst. Present: Bros. Collick, W.M.; Williams, S.W.; Strong, J.W.; Watkins, Treas.; Robinson, P.M., Sec.; Collins, P.M., D.C.; Wing, S.D.; Harding, J.D.; Sandalls, I.G.; Oliver, Stwd.; Bowler, Tyler; Pardoe, I.P.M.; Whiteley, P.M.; and Mansell, P.M. Visitor: Bro. Wood, of the Dalhousie Lodge, and 13 other members.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Elden and Moore, who had been initiated at the last meeting, were duly passed to the Degree of F.C. A ballot was then taken for Bros. Keene and Davies, both of 805, as joining members, and being unanimously in their favour they were declared duly elected, and tendered their thanks to the lodge. Three gentlemen were nominated as candidates for initiation at the next meeting. The Secretary announced the receipt of a letter from Bro. Hoey, P.M., tendering his resignation from the lodge. Bro. Whiteley, P.M., proposed, and Bro. Collins, P.M., seconded, that such resignation be accepted with regret. Carried unanimously.

The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the dining-room, where a plain, though substantial repast awaited them. After the table was cleared the toast of "The Queen" was drunk enthusiastically, as was also that of "The W.G.M.," "The Grand Officers," and "The Visitors" followed, which was responded to by Bro. Wood, 865.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was then given, and responded to by Bro. Pardoe, I.P.M.

Bros. Keen and Davis responded to the toast of "The Joining Members."

The Immediate Past Master then took the gavel and proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which was most heartily drunk.

The Worshipful Master responded, and then proposed "The Health of the Officers," thanking them one and all for the able assistance they had given him in the labours of the evening.

The Officers having responded, the Tyler gave his usual toast and the brethren separated.

The pleasures of the evening were enhanced by songs and recitations given by Bros. Windsor (also a selection from "Patience" on the piano), Wing, Williams, Price, Whiteley, Collick, and Colborn.

FARRINGTON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).—This civic lodge met at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, on the 29th ult., when there were present, among others, Bros. T. Simpson, W.M.; Lister, S.W.; J. Strugnell, P.M., acting J.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.P.G.O. Surrey, P.M., Treasurer; W. H. Jackson, P.M., Secretary; Schultz, S.D.; Dr. E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., P.G. Org. (Hon. Member), Org.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; H. B. Marshall, J.P., &c., P.G. Treas., P.M.; J. Young, I.P.M.; and others. Bros. Kent, P.M. 177, and N. Prower, M.A., 1349, were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Messrs. Terry and Aldous, and it proving to be unanimous, they were duly initiated into Craft mysteries by the I.P.M., the ceremony being well performed. Two of the by-laws having been amended, and a proposition for initiation at the next meeting handed in, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

The customary toasts followed. The W.M. presided most ably and genially, and Bros. Dr. Lott, Longley, Schultz, Young, and others, instrumentally and vocally entertained the brethren during the evening.

QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE (No. 2076).

—A meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall on Thursday, the 2nd inst., when there were present Bros. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., in the chair; R. F. Gould, P.G.D., S.W.; W. Simpson, J.W.; G. W. Speth, Secretary; Major S. C. Pratt, S.D.; W. M. Bywater, J.D.; Professor T. Hayter Lewis, I.G.; Dr. W. Wynn Westcott, Hyde Clarke, Kupferschmidt, and others. Bro. Dr. W. W. Westcott, M.B. London, Dep. Coroner for Middlesex, P.P.G.D.C. Somerset, author of several Rosicrucian and medical works, was admitted as a joining member.

The Secretary reported that he had received many letters asking whether brethren who were not members could be supplied with the transactions of the lodge about to be published; that these letters came from all parts of the world, the writers speaking most highly of the special objects of the lodge, and evincing much interest in its welfare and proceedings. He read extracts from some of these letters, an officer of the Grand Lodge of Ireland being so anxious to obtain the lodge publications that rather than fail in his object he asked to be admitted as a joining member. It was therefore resolved to form a "correspondence circle" attached to the lodge, with a subscription fee of ten shillings and sixpence per annum for the "transactions," and the privilege of purchasing, at a reduced price, the reprints of rare works and MSS., which the lodge intends to issue. It was felt that this association would enable many foreign and country brethren to participate in the special work of the lodge, and to become attached to the Quatuor Coronati by a tie somewhat resembling that of Honorary Membership.

A Committee, consisting of Bros. Sir Charles Warren, W.M.; Woodford, Gould, Simpson, Hughan, Whytehead, and Speth, was appointed to arrange the details of the scheme.

The following presents to the lodge were announced: By Bro. W. Simpson, a water-colour sketch by himself, of himself, in Oriental costume; and by Bro. Hughan, an advanced specimen of a portion of Bro. Lane's new work.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford read a paper entitled "Freemasonry and Hermeticism." The lecture coming from such a source could not fail to be highly instructive and interesting, and was listened to with evident and critical attention. For its text we must refer our readers to the coming "transactions," the field covered by the lecturer being so wide, and withal, so detailed and complicated, that we cannot venture upon a summary. Suffice it to say, that our Rev. brother treated the question with all his usual learning and knowledge of recondite matters, and with that clearness of exposition to which he has accustomed his hearers. The inherent difficulty of the subject showed itself in the reluctance of many of the usual speakers in the lodge to take part in the ensuing discussion; but Bro. Gould made a valuable contribution to the debate.

The lecturer having replied, and received the best thanks of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

HARLESDEN LODGE (No. 2098).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 6th inst., at the National Schools, Harlesden, N.W., when there were present Bros. Major C. Abercrombie Cooper, W.M.; A. Ball, S.W.; G. Goldney-Gary, J.W.; H. T. Reed, P.M., Treas.; W. O. Lyon, P.M., Sec.; F. S. Long, S.D.; Rev. Dr. Courtney Atwood, J.D.; O. C. Robson, I.G.; W. O. Wedlake, Leopold Field, Bell, Hezzledine, and Hughes. Visitors: Bros. F. A. Russell, Hughes, and others.

The lodge being opened in due form, the usual routine business was transacted, after which Bro. Rowland Hughes was passed to the Second Degree, the ceremony being performed by the W.M. A ballot was next taken for Messrs. Thomas Harley Jones and J. Farrer, which proved unanimous in their favour, and, being in attendance, were initiated by the W.M. After some further business, the lodge was closed.

YORK.—York Lodge (No. 236).—The election meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, on Monday, the 6th inst., when there was a numerous attendance of the brethren. Among those present being the following: Bros. Henry Foster, W.M.; T. G. Hodgson, S.W.; W. Smith, J.W.; J. Todd, P.M.,

Treas.; W. Purnell, Sec.; A. Border, S.D.; M. Bryson, J.D.; C. Anderson, D.C.; J. B. Sampson, I.G.; S. Crumback and T. Watkinson, Stwds.; T. G. Calvert, Tyler; Rev. W. Valentine, P.M.; Rev. J. E. M. Young, P.M.; Major A. H. H. McGachen, P.M.; T. B. Whythead, P.M.; G. W. Garbutt, P.M.; Mark Rooke, P.M.; Lambert Hick, Tom Archey, John Toes, W. Powell, A. M. White, John Biscoombe, C. W. Simmons, George Sellers, Rev. C. Linley, K. E. Triffitt, Brogden, and others. Bros. H. L. Swift, 405; and George Simpson, 1011; were visitors.

The minutes of the previous lodge having been read and confirmed, Bro. Triffitt was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by the W.M. The lodge afterwards proceeded to elect the W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year, when Bro. T. G. Hodgson, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. J. Todd, P.M., P.P.G.R. (for the 10th time), Treas.; and Bro. T. G. Calvert, Tyler.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The installation of the W.M. elect and the celebration of the Festival of St. John the Evangelist will take place at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 20th inst. Bro. Todd, P.M., Treas., will act as Installing Master.

NEWBURY.—Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope (No. 574).—The officers and brethren of this lodge held their last meeting for the present year at the Temperance Hall, on Friday evening, the 3rd inst., under the presidency of Bro. Montagu Palmer, W.M. Bro. H. D. Astley having been passed to the Second Degree, the members of the lodge proceeded to ballot for a W.M. for the ensuing year, resulting in the unanimous election of the S.W., Bro. H. S. Hanington, who suitably expressed his appreciation of the honour thus conferred upon him. Bro. W. H. Belcher, P.M., was unanimously re-elected as Treasurer. The W.M. elect brought forward the question of the desirability or otherwise of holding a Masonic Ball in the Town Hall in the early part of the ensuing year. The proposal was favourably received, and the lodge delegated the matter to a Committee.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—North York Lodge (No. 602).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday evening, the 26th ult., under the presidency of Bro. John Rushford, W.M. There were also present Bros. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.M., Deputy Prov. G.M. North and East Yorkshire; Rev. J. W. Dale, P.M.; J. M. Meek, P.M. Marquis of Ripon Lodge; W. Harrison, Zetland Lodge; R. Davison, P.M.; H. Thompson, P.M.; M. C. Collingwood, P.M.; W. J. Watson, P.M.; J. A. Manners, and W. H. Cowper, P.M. Ferrum Lodge, the whole of the above being members of the Prov. G. Lodge; S. Walker, P.M. Ferrum Lodge; W. T. Hardy, Wear Valley Lodge; T. R. Dent, P.M. Marwood Lodge; R. Spencer, 940; I. Fidler, P.M.; W. Holloway, R. Wilkinson, H. Sherwood, P.M.; R. W. Gibbs, P.M.; J. F. Stewart, C. Morton, B. Brewerton, R. Gent, G. Lambert, J. Newhouse, R. Scotson, A. Banks, W. J. Bruce, T. Sherwin, A. Jones, F. Robinson, W. J. Hanson, R. Braithwaite, J. Graham, Dr. Scanlan, T. H. Ward, G. W. Patinson, W. Thompson, J. Newhouse, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the October meeting, which included the unanimous election of Bro. R. Wilkinson as W.M., were passed without comment. Bro. I. Fidler, P.M., was then unanimously re-elected Charity representative of the lodge, after which the W.M. proposed, and Bro. J. A. Manners, P.M., P.P.G. J.D., seconded, "That Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, D.P.G.M. of the province, be elected an honorary member of the lodge." The ceremony of raising Bro. A. E. Scanlan to the Sublime Degree was then perfectly performed by the W.M. in his usual eloquent and forcible style, while the charge was clearly delivered by Bro. W. H. Cowper.

The business being concluded, the lodge was closed, and the brethren, at the invitation of the W.M., sat down to a magnificent banquet, the provider being Mr. A. Watts, of the Bodega Dining Rooms.

The Worshipful Master submitted "The Queen and the Craft," and said they would agree that her Majesty had proved herself one of the most gracious and best of English Sovereigns who had ever sat on the English throne. He trusted that during her Jubilee her people would show their loyalty towards her. He trusted that her Jubilee year would tend to endear her more to the affections of her people.

The toast was drunk with all the honours, Bro. J. F. Stuart singing "God save the Queen" as a solo, while the company joined in the chorus.

The Chairman then submitted "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W.G.M. of England." His Royal Highness was a most excellent Mason, and had proved himself a most excellent Grand Master of England.

The toast was drunk with Masonic honours, Bro. Stewart singing "God bless the Prince of Wales."

The Worshipful Master then gave "The M.W. the Prov. G.M. of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland." Freemasonry, he said, had made wonderful strides during the Earl of Zetland's presidency. He was certain that the toast would be honoured on the present occasion as it had always been in the past, for their Provincial Grand Master was very popular amongst them. Those of them who had been at their Provincial Grand Lodge meetings would remember what a patient Chairman he made, and how ready he was to give everyone a fair and impartial hearing. He submitted the toast, which was heartily received with Masonic honours.

The Worshipful Master then gave "The Health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past." Lord Zetland, he said, was to be complimented upon his officers, and his appointments had given universal satisfaction, and his latest appointment, viz., that of Bro. Orde-Powlett to be Deputy Provincial Grand Master, had been made because the brother named had been a Mason for some years, and had done some good work in the province. During the short time which had elapsed since Bro. Orde-Powlett's appointment he had been most energetic in visiting the various lodges in the province, having entered upon his duties animated with a desire to discharge them in a thoroughly efficient manner; and now, although they had lost a very worthy brother in the late much lamented Bro. Dr. Bell, J.P., yet they were glad to think they had found some one to take up his duties, and build up the structure he had done so much to build up.

He therefore asked them to show their appreciation at receiving an official visit from the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and drink his health.

The toast was enthusiastically received with Masonic honours in quick time.

Bro. Alfred Jones sang splendidly "Big Ben."

The Worshipful Prov. Grand Master, who was applauded, said he was glad to say that the Past Provincial Officers had always done their duties efficiently, and he had no doubt but that those now in office would follow their example. He had to thank the members of the North York Lodge for the very kind way in which they had received the toast, while he must also thank the W.M. and members for having conferred upon him the honour of electing him an honorary member. He could assure them that as long as he lived he would remember the honour they had done him and the reception he had had. He had come amongst them in order to make personal acquaintance with their members, and with a lodge which had done such good work in days past. He trusted they would further the interest of Masonry, for in a large town like Middlesbrough the brethren could do a great deal of good amongst themselves in many ways. They should take care, however, that those who were admitted into Freemasonry were men who could be looked up to. He wished that the system of raising the funds of the lodges by initiating members in order to get money could be discontinued, for it was not Masonic. He trusted that before they proposed a man they should enquire into his character and his qualifications, and, if these were thoroughly satisfactory then propose him, and nobody need be ashamed to meet him wherever he went. He had been very much impressed and gratified with what he had seen, and he hoped before long to come amongst them again. He had promised to instal the W.M. of the Ferrum Lodge on the 12th of January next.

Bro. W. H. Cowper proposed "The Visiting Brethren." Bro. W. Harrison, of the Zetland Lodge, Bro. R. Dent, of the Marwood Lodge, and Bro. Spence, of the Philanthropy Lodge, responded.

Bro. J. A. Manners, P.M., proposed "The Health of Bro. Dr. Scanlan," who had that evening been made a Master Mason.

Bro. Scanlan suitably replied. Other toasts followed; several capital songs being sung by brethren present.

SOWERBY BRIDGE.—Ryburn Lodge (No. 1283).—At the annual meeting held on Wednesday, the 24th ult., in the Masonic Rooms, where a large body of brethren from various lodges in the district was present, Bro. James Crowther was installed W.M., in succession to Bro. Samuel Brookes, P.M., Bro. Robert Kendall, P.M., being the Installing Master. The W.M. afterwards invested the following officers: Bros. William Haigh, S.W.; G. Hallas, J.W.; W. H. Thorpe, S.D.; James Haigh, J.D.; John Marshall, P.M.; Alfred Briggs, Sec.; Jos. Greenwood, I.G.; J. J. Green, P.M., Chap. After the ceremony a banquet took place at the Bull's Head Hotel and due honour done to the toast list.

WIGAN.—Lindsay Lodge (No. 1335).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 1st inst., at the Masonic Hall, King-street, when there were present Bros. W. Johnson, W.M.; R. B. Siddon, S.W.; J. Browne, J.W.; J. D. Murray, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C., Treas.; H. Bouchier, Sec.; T. Knowles, as S.D.; H. Riddlesworth, J.D.; G. L. Campbell, P.M., D. of C.; Wm. Rigby, I.G.; C. D. Mortimer, P.P.G.O. Berks and Bucks, Org.; W. A. Patterson, Tyler; H. T. Byrom, P.M.; J. E. Barlow, P.M.; R. Betley, P.M.; R. C. Snape, P.M.; R. A. Harrington, P.M.; L. R. Rowbottom, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; R. O. Burland, A. Craston, C. A. Cronshaw, R. Prosser White, W. Simpson, and H. Ackerley. Visitors: Bros. Wm. Dean, I.P.M.; T. Hunter, S.W.; R. Layland, Sec.; J. H. Smith, and Wm. Taberner, all of 178; H. Stone, S.W. 2155; J. H. Holloway, P.M. 446; and W. G. Jones, J.W. 999.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bros. Col. W. E. M. Tomlinson, W.M. of Morecambe Lodge, and J. A. McGregor, as joining members, and proved in their favour. Bro. Ackerley was then raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M. in a manner that showed that every care had been taken in studying the ceremony. The ballot was taken for Messrs. Charles Cockson, Wm. Rogers, E. H. Monks, and John Buchanan, as candidates for initiation, and was unanimous in each case. Bro. H. T. Byrom then took the chair, and initiated Mr. Charles Cockson; Bro. J. D. Murray initiated Mr. E. H. Monks; Bro. R. C. Snape initiated Mr. W. Rogers; and the W.M., Bro. Johnson, initiated Mr. John Buchanan. Bro. R. B. Siddon, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. J. D. Murray was again re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Wm. A. Patterson, Tyler. The Auditors were re-appointed, viz., Bros. Seddon, Browne, and Bouchier. The arrangements for the Festival of St. John was left in the hands of the officers.

"Hearty good wishes" having been tendered by the visitors, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the ante-room for supper, which every body seemed in need of. The W.M. having to leave to catch his train, Bro. R. A. Harrington, P.M., was appointed to take his place, and in a most efficient manner discharged the duties of Chairman.

The brethren of this lodge may be congratulated on their present position, for certainly they are coming well to the front as regards good working and the Masonic Charities. In a short time the new chapter in connection with the lodge will be consecrated, with Comps. the Earl of Crawford, as Z.; W. M. Peace, H.; and R. A. Harrington, J.; and Comp. J. D. Murray, the present Z. of the Chapter of Harmony, as S.E. All success to them!

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Truth (No. 1458).—The annual festival was held in the private rooms of the Conservative Club, Newton Heath, on Saturday, the 4th inst. The lodge was opened by Bro. A. Hebden, P.M., who, owing to the death of Bro. Davis during his year of office, has been the acting W.M. of this lodge. The members present were Bros. W. H. Hulse, S.W., W.M. elect; John Lateward, J.W.; W. Davies, J.D.; A. Hebden, P.M.; T. H. Hall, P.M.; J. Taylor, P.M.; Jos. A. Vincent, P.M.; G. Needham, P.M.; G. Berry, E. Parker, J. Archdale, J. Hogg, S. Cooper, J. Robertson, E.

P. Crosswall-Wardsworth, and J. Hyde, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. J. W. Abbott, P.M., P.G.D.C. E. Lanc.; J. B. Kendall, W.M. 1077; J. C. Richardson, W.M. 1459; W. B. Collier, W.M. 1011; J. Goldsmith, W.M. 1083; A. H. W. Milligan, W.M. 378; J. Y. Shaw, W.M. 337; R. Williamson, W.M. 1055; W. Wright, W.M. 581; S. Wrigley, W.M. 105; J. Gaskell, P.M. 78; W. Bell, P.M. 1459; J. Rogers, P.M. 1210; W. Brandon, P.M. 1210; W. Corbett, P.M. 249; W. H. Lofthouse, 1052; H. Smith, 1030 and 287; and S. E. Rigby, 287 and 1055.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Bro. Hulse, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. Abbott, P.M., P.G.D.C. E. Lanc., for installation, after which a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Hulse was duly installed into the chair of K.S. by the Installing Master, Bro. Needham, P.M. The W.M., Bro. Hulse, then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Hebden, P.M., as I.P.M.; J. Lateward, S.W.; Williamson, J.W.; Davis, S.D.; Hogg, J.D.; and Wardsworth, I.G. Bro. J. Procter was invested as Treasurer, having been elected in due form, and Bro. Robt. Caldwell, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. E. Lanc., Sec. The Stewards appointed were Bros. Robinson and Berry.

Too much praise cannot be given to Bro. Needham for the admirable manner in which he gave the ceremony of installation, nor to Bro. Hebden, who gave the charges in a most impressive form, conveying to the mind the moral beauty, which cannot be discerned by many until it is brought to light by the power of elocution, combined with a good voice and gentlemanly bearing. After "Hearty good wishes" had been given by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in peace.

The brethren then adjourned to the Railway Hotel, Dean-lane, Newton Heath, where an admirable banquet was provided. The cloth having been removed, the patriotic and Masonic toasts were given and responded to in the right spirit, and between them songs, deservedly enjoyed, were given by the musical brethren. As Charity is one of the strongest points in our noble Order, it was not left out in the cold. The Lodge of Truth may not have figured prominently in Masonic periodicals as a lodge which has given much towards it, but unostentatiously it has disbursed considerable sums without touching the funds of the lodge.

A special effort will now be made to enable the Lodge of Truth to contribute to the Masonic Charities. And as Bro. Hall, P.M., has been appointed Charity Steward, there is a good prospect that there will be a good result. "In season and out of season," if the expression may be permitted, Bro. Hall has advocated the claims of the Charities, and he is "the right man in the right place." The brethren having enjoyed a most delightful evening separated about 11 p.m.

LIVERPOOL.—Kirkdale Lodge (No. 1756).—The annual meeting took place in the Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale-road, on Wednesday, the 24th ult. A very large number assembled under the presidency of Bro. Dr. D. Hendry, W.M., who was supported by Bros. E. Johnston, P.M., P.G.S.; R. Mitton, P.M.; H. Ferguson, P.M.; James Grierson, P.M.; Dr. D. D. Costine, P.M.; Dr. Sheldon, P.M.; R. T. Britten, S.W.; W. T. Warhurst, J.W.; J. Croxton, Treas.; James Kelley, Sec.; Jos. Molyneux, S.D.; E. Johnson, J.D.; Jos. Martin, I.G.; W. Brassey, P.M. 823, &c. Amongst the numerous visitors were Bros. W. Goodacre, P.G., Sec. West Lancashire; Isaac Platts, P.M. 1473; R. Scott, W.M. 1473; John Houlding, P.P.G.R.; W. Maddox, J.W.; J. Beesley, P.G.J.D.; W. Jones, P.M. 1289; W. Blumsum, W.M. 594; John Alexander, P.M. 1094; John Williams, P.M. 1182; T. Fozzard, P.M. 1035; S. G. Sinclair, P.G.S.W.; W. Roberts, P.M. 1289; R. R. Martin, P.P.G.T.; H. H. Smith, P.P.G.D.C.; G. Mitchell, W.M. 1035; C. Robeson, W.M. 673; R. W. Gow, S.W. 823; R. H. Webster, P.M., 823; W. T. Oversbury, S.W. 1393; Lewis Peake, P.M. 1035; J. N. Hounsell, P.M. 203; J. Galley, W.M. 823; W. Savage, P.M. 1609; J. H. Barrow, P.P.G.S.D.; W. Addison, S.W. 1035; Jas. Galloway, W.M. 203; J. T. Callow, P.P.G.T.; W. Wilkinson, P.M. 1086; R. Foote, P.P.G.T.; F. Ewart, W.M. 1086; C. Burchall, J.W., 1035.

The introductory part of the installation ceremony was efficiently performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. Dr. D. Hendry, the W.M. elect, Bro. R. T. Britten, S.W., being presented by Bros. E. Johnston, P.M., P.G. Stwd., and C. Bargery, P.M.; and the remaining portion by Bro. Dr. Costine, P.M., P.P.G.R. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Bro. Britten invested Bros. T. Warhurst, S.W.; J. Kellie, J.W.; J. Croxton, Treasurer (re-elected); J. Molyneux, Secretary; Charles Johnson, S.D.; J. W. Morton, J.D.; W. Bushell, I.G.; John Milne, John Macaulay, Dr. J. Ricketts, and Dr. H. R. Powell, Stwds.; George Eytton, Org.; and C. Bargery, P.M., D.C. Bro. E. Watson was re-elected Tyler.

The brethren subsequently dined together to the number of 140. In addition to the usual Past Master's jewel, the Immediate Past Master received from the brethren a handsome cabinet writing desk from the private members of the lodge.

A capital musical programme was provided by Bros. D. J. Davies, D. Williams, Jonas Brooks, O. J. Rowlands, and R. N. Hobart, under the direction of Bro. J. P. Bryan, P.P.G.O.

LANDPORT.—Landport Lodge (No. 1776).—The installation of Bro. James Godding as W.M. took place at a full meeting held at the Masonic Hall, Commercial-road, on the 19th ult. There was a large attendance of Installed Masters, including Bros. J. M. Foster, W.M.; W. Miles, I.P.M.; Alderman W. D. King, Mayor of Portsmouth, P.M.; J. Graham Niven, P.M.; G. F. Lancaster, 903, P.G. Reg.; J. Brickwood, 342, P.G.J.D.; F. Powell, 2153, P.G.D.C.; D. G. Gilmour, 309, P.G.T.; F. Sanders, W.M. 342; J. T. Thackara, W.M. 487; J. J. Bascombe, W.M. 804; J. E. Thornton, W.M. 903; G. Whitehall, W.M. 1069; E. Pratt, W.M. 1428; S. J. Senior, W.M. 1705; I. J. Gardner, W.M. 1834; H. J. Long, I.P.M. 1903; G. S. Hill, W.M. 1958; J. Palmer, W.M. 2068; C. G. Adames, P.M.; E. S. Main, P.M.; W. J. Stanley, P.M.; W. R. Fowler, P.M.; E. Naylor, P.M.; S. R. Ellis, P.M.; W. Gunnell, I.P.M. 342; and J. G. Mason, P.M. 1428. There were also present Bros. W. J. Borrow, J.W. 1958; W. Miller, S.D. 2068; G. Harry, J.D. 309; A. C. Brookland, 342; M. G. Totterdell, 417; Dr. Wright, 1958; Dr. Hann, J. Hamilton

INSTRUCTION.

BRIDGE LODGE (No. 3).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 1st inst., at the Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury. Bro. Hookey occupied the chair, and there were present in addition Bros. Gregory and Burgess as Wardens; Bleakley and Surridge, Deacons; Silvester, as I.G.; Ferguson, Preceptor; Dimsdale, Sec.; Putland, Softe, Thwaites, and others.

After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Softe acting as candidate. Bro. Ferguson then worked the 1st and 2nd Sections of the First Degree. Bros. Softe, 1732, and Thwaites, 177, having been unanimously elected joining members, and Bro. Gregory W.M. for the ensuing meeting, the lodge was closed.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—At the meeting held at the Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland-street, on Friday, the 3rd inst., Bro. Ford presided as W.M., and there were present Bros. Wingham, S.W.; Grove, J.W.; Blum, P.M., S.D.; Humfress, J.D.; Harvey, P.M., I.G.; Cobham, P.M.; Flint, Hawkins, Blundell, P.M.; Smith, Thom, Baker, P.M., Preceptor; and Deaton, Secretary.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes dealt with, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hawkins being the candidate. Bro. Blundell, P.M., having been entrusted, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Blundell, P.M., being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Afterwards Bro. Wingham was chosen W.M. for the ensuing week, and the lodge was closed.

TEMPERANCE LODGE (No. 169).—A meeting was held at the Duke of York Tavern, Evelyn-street, Deptford, on Friday, the 3rd inst., when there were present Bros. Percival, W.M.; Walters, jun., S.W.; Dale, J.W.; Lazarus, S.D.; Leng, J.D.; Milbourn, Preceptor; Velleuoweth, Sec.; Borrett, I.G.; E. Talbot, J. Block, and Walters, sen.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Walters, sen., acting as candidate. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed by Bro. Lazarus, Bro. Block candidate, and the ceremony of raising by Bro. Velleuoweth, Bro. Talbot candidate. The W.M. resumed the chair, rose for the first time, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second and third times, and the W.M. for the ensuing meeting having been appointed at the previous meeting, and nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

ENCLESIOR LODGE (No. 1155).—A meeting was held at the Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe, on Tuesday, the 30th ult. Present: Bros. W. Greenwood, W.M.; Gorrice, S.W.; Williams, J.W.; Dale, S.D.; Walker, J.D.; Percival, I.G.; Milbourn, Preceptor; Borrett, Sec.; J. Ethridge, Jopp, Duffield, and Campbell.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. W. Jopp as candidate. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. W. Jopp being the candidate, and afterwards appointing and investing his officers. Lodge having been resumed to the First Degree the 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. P.M. Jopp assisted by the brethren. Bro. Ethridge, P.M. of the Sydney Lodge, No. 829, was elected a joining member, and Bro. Gorrice having been chosen W.M. for the ensuing week, lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 6th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. O. W. Battley, W.M.; C. S. Note, S.W.; J. R. Allman, J.W.; G. Read, P.M., 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M., 1543, Sec.; E. J. Seymour, S.D.; R. P. J. Laundry, J.D.; E. C. Mulvey, I.G.; J. E. Lawrence, Stwd.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M., 1974; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., 1425; W. J. Mason, S. Bullen, J. Cruttenden, J. Laurence, W. Death, S. Cochrane, J. S. Taylor, W. H. Wadham, and E. J. Day. Visitors: Bros. Jas. Smith, W. F. G. Ibbes, 670 (S.C.), Al Moghreb al Aksa, Gibraltar.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremonies of raising and initiation were rehearsed, Bros. Ibbes and Cochrane candidates respectively. Bro. Ibbes was elected a member. Bro. Note was elected W.M. for the 3rd Jan., the officers for the intervening meetings having been elected. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).—This lodge held its usual weekly meeting at the Old White Hart, Hotel, Borough, on Tuesday, the 7th inst., when there were present Bros. S. Kenaut, W.M.; Chapman, S.W.; Austin, J.W.; W. V. Block, S.D.; J. Osmond, J.D.; Arrowsmith, I.G.; W. Roots, Preceptor; Fred. H. Williams, Hon. Sec.; Gray, J. W. Block, Belchamber, Steel, and Youden.

Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Gray being the candidate. Bro. Belchamber having answered the usual questions was entrusted, and the lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Belchamber being the candidate. Lodge being resumed to the First Degree, the 2nd Section of First Lecture was worked by Bro. Belchamber.

Bro. Chapman having been elected W.M. for the next meeting, lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned.

ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE (No. 1585).—A meeting was held at the Railway Hotel, High-street, Putney, on Monday, the 6th inst. Present: Bros. Bond, Treas., W.M.; Radclyffe, S.W.; Grant, J.W.; Grundy, Sec.; Sapsworth, S.D.; Featherstone, J.D.; Gentle, I.G.; Webb, P.M.; W. Carter, P.M.; Cutbill, Harling, Alexander, Bugler, Langley, Bishop, and Gompertz.

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. Alexander candidate. The brethren rehearsed the saluting of the W.M. on entering lodge in the Three Degrees. The 1st Section of the First Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, the questions being answered by the brethren. Bro. Radclyffe was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and thanked the lodge, and appointed the officers in rotation. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 2nd inst., when there were present Bros. E. J. D. Bromley, W.M.; J. D. Graham, S.W.; H. Sammons, J.W.; E. C. Mulvey, S.D.; H. Crookes, J.D.; C. Lambert, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; F. Kedge, W. J. Forscutt, F. M. Noakes, R. J. Harnell, Otto Enderlein, A. Clark, C. A. Ifter, W. Hancock, James Watts, C. Corby, James Woodward, J. Rayner, F. Dusterwald, T. A. Dickson, C. F. Swan, G. H. Reynolds, Frank Gulliford, and J. W. Tacon.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Bro. E. C. Mulvey worked the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. Bro. F. Kedge having offered himself as candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony. The lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 1st Section of the Second Lecture. Lodge closed in the Second Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. J. D. Graham, S.W., be W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 3rd inst., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, S.W.

Present: Bros. Mason, W.M.; Coleman, S.W.; Arnold, J.W.; Wade, P.M., Preceptor; J. Gibson, P.M., Treas.; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Green, jun., S.D.; Glover, J.D.; Taylor, I.G.; Abbott, Wakley, Arnold, sen., Green, P.M.; and Roberts.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Audit Committee presented their report, which was accepted. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Abbott being the candidate. Bro. Gibson, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Gibson being the candidate. The lodge was closed dawn. Bro. Coughlan, assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st Section of this Lecture. The W.M. having risen for the second time, Bro. Coleman was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. Craggs, W.M.; Austin, S.W.; Cross, J.W.; Speigel, P.M., Sec.; Wood, S.D.; Marsh, J.D.; Jennings, I.G.; Davies, P.M., Preceptor; Sims, P.M.; Foreman, Chaufourier, Stroud, Head, and Lindfield.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Foreman being candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The 1st Section of this Lecture was worked by Bro. Davies, assisted by the brethren. The lodge resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. announced his intention to rehearse the ceremony of passing; Bro. Chaufourier, as candidate, answered the usual questions. The lodge resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was completed. Bros. Foreman and Chaufourier were elected members. Bro. Austin was elected W.M. for next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, Dec. 6th, at the Baron's Court Hotel, when there were present Bros. W. C. Williams, W.M.; Sims, P.M., S.W.; R. H. Williams, P.G.D. Middx., J.W.; Lee, Treas.; J. Davies, S.D.; P. J. Davies, J.D.; C. Woods, I.G.; and many other brethren.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes taken as read, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed with Bro. Haries as candidate. Bro. Sims, P.M., was elected W.M., and much regret was expressed at the unavoidable absence of Bro. Jesse Collings and the Secretary, and the hope was expressed that Bro. Morley would make every effort to attend punctually. Lodge was then closed.

BRINGTON LODGE (No. 1949).—There was a strong muster on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at the Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, to witness the ceremony of installation, which was worked in its entirety by Bro. J. W. Watts, P.M., 507, who occupied the chair of W.M. The other officers were Bros. Phillips, P.M., 1986, S.W.; E. Walker, P.M., 72, J.W.; E. A. Francis, Preceptor; G. R. Langley, Secretary; J. Andrews, Assitant Secretary; H. Hooper, S.D.; J. N. Bate, P.M., 72, J.D.; G. W. Knight, W.M., 1507, I.G.; and there were also present Bros. T. Poore, P.M., 720, &c.; R. Poore, W.M., 1949; J. Stevens, P.M., 1216, &c.; S. Richardson, W.M., 183; G. C. Banks, W.M., 145; J. R. Johnson, P.M., 1320; C. J. Axford, W.M., 2048; Smith, W.M., 1593; J. Harling, P.M., 30; H. M. Williams, I.P.M., 1986; Hill, Kenton, Boyce, Greenwood, Tarr, Rowe, Dr. Walker, G. W. Castle, Monk, P. R. Castle, Bott (2), Loney, Newland, Hicks, Day, Albert, and Palmer.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the installation ceremony was gone through, and the Board of Installed Masters duly closed. A vote of thanks to Bro. Watts for the very efficient manner in which he had conducted the "inside work" was proposed and carried unanimously. Upon the re-admission of the brethren, Bro. Langley resumed the chair, and the working tools were severally presented and explained. The W.M. then invested his officers, and the charges were given to Master, Wardens, and brethren. Bros. E. Walker, P.M., 72; P. R. Castle, 1050; Dr. Walker, 1348; R. Bott, 1949; and W. D. Palmer, 1949, were elected members. A vote of thanks, on the motion of Bro. Jas. Stevens, P.M., 1216, was unanimously passed to Bro. Watts for the efficient manner in which he had conducted the ceremony of installation. Bro. Phillips was unanimously elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing week, and the lodge was duly closed.

The usual monthly meeting of the Benevolent Association was then held, and, as two members had completed their payments, the sum of £10 10s. was ordered to be paid to the Masonic Charities.

The brethren spent a pleasing hour in vocal harmony and recitation, and thus concluded in a fitting manner one of the most successful meetings of this prosperous lodge of instruction.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 4th inst. Present: Bros. Gammell, W.M.; Long, S.W.; Stroud, J.W.; Ayling, Preceptor; A. Williams, Sec.; J. Brown, S.D.; W. G. Coat, J.D.; H. F. Williams, I.G.; Craggs, Stwd.; Sims, P.M.; W. W. Williams, and Worth.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge being informed of the very critical state in which our highly esteemed brother and host, Bro. E. Gilbert, lay (he not being expected to recover from the illness from which he has suffered so long), the Preceptor, in very feeling terms, after speaking of his long friendship for Bro. E. Gilbert, and the high esteem in which he is held in the Craft and among all his friends, moved the adjournment of this lodge, which, being duly seconded by Bro. Stroud, was carried unanimously. The lodge was then closed.

ROYAL ARCH.

KENNINGTON CHAPTER. — (No. 1381.)—This Chapter met at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on the 2nd inst. Among those present were Comps. Appleton, M.E.Z.; Ayling, H.; H. J. Lardner, J.; H. Higgins, P.Z., S.E.; Gardner, S.N.; Dowling, 1st Asst. S.; Westley, 2nd Asst. S.; George Everett, P.Z., Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.P.S. Middx., P.Z.; W. P. Webb, P.Z.; C. H. Köhler, P.Z.; Salter, Sims, and others. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. J. J. C. Gorham, 382, &c., who had been previously balloted for, was impressively exalted to the Degree of a R. A. Mason by Ex. Comp. W. P. Webb, ably assisted by E. Comps. Ayling and Lardner, and Comp. Westley, acting P.S. The Chapter was then duly closed and the companions adjourned to banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts followed.

PLYMOUTH.—St. John's Chapter (No. 70).—The members held their annual convocation on Thursday, the 25th ult., at the Huyshe Temple, when Comps. E. Tout, F. B. Westlake, and G. H. Selleck were installed as Z., H., and J. respectively, the Installing Officers being Comps. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 189, P.G.J.; J. R. Lord, P.Z. 70; and James Gidley, P.Z. 1255. At the close of the ceremony, three candidates were exalted, and the following companions invested as officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Comps. J. K. Bond, I.P.Z.; J. R. Lord, S.E.; J. Maton, S.N.; J. Kinton Bond, Treas.; A. J. Ryder, P.S.; G. Sercombe, 1st A.S.; W. T. Hocking, 2nd A.S.; and W. H. Phillips, Janitor. Previous to the election of the Treasurer, a vote of condolence was passed with the widow and relatives of the late Comp. Leonard

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D. Westcott, who was for several years Treasurer of the chapter.

At the close of the business, the annual banquet was held at the Temple, a large number of members and visitors being present, and a very enjoyable evening passed.

INSTRUCTION.

HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 890).—A convocation was held on Friday, the 3rd inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W. Present: Comps. Capt. A. Nicols, P.Z. Z. 890, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab, M.E.Z.; E. Child, P.Z. 338, H.; A. Rudall, P.Z. 890, J.; H. Dehane, J. 890, and A.S. 892, S.E.; W. H. Chalfont, 973, S.N.; W. C. Williams, 733, P.S.; W. H. Wadham, 890, 1st A.S.; and E. J. Day, 1329. Visitor: Comp. A. G. Boswell, 1339.

The chapter having been declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation read and confirmed, the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Boswell being the candidate, and he was elected a member. Comps. H. Dehane and J. T. Mickelburgh were unanimously elected S.E. and Treas. for the ensuing twelve months, and Comps. Capt. A. Nicols, Dehane, and W. H. Dean the Committee of Management for the same period. It is hoped that companions will attend and give Comp. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G. Chap. and P.G.P. Soj., a hearty reception. The M.E.Z. rose the usual number of times, and, after "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

Mark Masonry.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 211).—This lodge met at Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, on the 25th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. Skinner, W.M.; J. Taylor, S.W.; Rickwood, J.W.; J. N. Frye, S.O.; F. C. Frye, J.O.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B., &c., P.M., Sec.; Parkhouse, S.D.; Smout, J.D.; French, I.G.; Hurst, D.C.; Monson, W.S.; Dr. Pocock, Lawson, P.G.M.O. Middlesex and Surrey, P.M.; Harris, I.P.M.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the year ensuing then took place, with the following result: Bros. Taylor, W.M.; J. Mason, Treasurer; and Schofield, Tyler. Bros. Dr. Pocock, Wadham, and Mattin were appointed Auditors. A P.M.'s jewel having been voted to the W.M., letters pleading inability to attend were read from Bros. Mason, P.M.; Goodall, P.M.; Cama, P.M.; and others.

The brethren then adjourned to the banquet. The usual toasts followed.

HASTINGS.—East Sussex Lodge (No. 166).—The regular quarterly meeting of this lodge was held at the Castle Hotel, on Tuesday, the 30th ult. The W.M., Bro. Councillor W. H. Russell, Prov. G.M.O., presided, there being also present Bros. Capt. E. W. J. Hennah, R.N., Prov. G.S.W., I.P.M.; T. W. Markwick, Prov. G. Stwd., S.W.; the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, M.A., P.G. Chap. Eng., J.W.; P. M. Skinner, acting M.O.; F. Duke, P.G.S.D., S.O.; J. B. Foord, J.O.; John Bray, Sec.; Henry Kimm, S.D.; C. Haine, I.G.; and Leslie, Tyler.

The minutes of previous meeting having been confirmed and communications read, the candidate for advancement not being in attendance, the W.M., Bro. Russell, proposed, and Bro. the Very Rev. Currie seconded, that a sum of two guineas be voted from the funds of the lodge towards the proposed testimonial to Bro. Binckes. There being no further business, lodge was closed.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Lodge of Industry (No. 293).—The last meeting of this lodge for the present year was held at the Industry Masonic Hall on Monday, the 6th inst., when there was a fair attendance of members and visitors. The W.M., Bro. C. B. Ford, occupied the chair, supported and assisted by Bros. J. G. Smith, I.P.M.; John Wood, P.M., Treasurer; David Sinclair, P.M.; M. Corbitt, P.M.; John Page, S.W.; W. F. Carmon, J.W.; A. Simpson, as M.O.; Robert Whitfield, S.O.; W. Brown, J.O.; W. Stafford, Secretary; H. F. Dryden, S.D.; Thomas Thompson, J.D.; R. Wilson, I.G.; and J. Hedley, Stwd. There were also present Bros. John Usher, W.M. (T.I.) N. and B.; William Coulson, S.W. 362; M. J. Wheatley, 362; M. H. Dodd, S.W. 124; Wm. Richardson, and J. H. Elliottoe.

The ballot was taken for Bro. Edmund Carr, of 43, and proving satisfactory he was duly advanced as a M.M.M. by the W.M., who did his work in an able manner. Bro. John Page, S.W., was elected as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. John Wood was re-elected Treasurer, and Joshua Curry as Tyler. The installation will take place on Monday, the 3rd prox. The lodge was afterwards closed in due form.

Red Cross of Rome & Constantine.

ST. ANDREW'S CONCLAVE (No. 15).—A meeting of this conclave was held at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, on Wednesday, the 24th ult. In the absence of Sir Knt. Alfred Williams, the chair was occupied by Sir Knt. C. F. Matier, Intendant General of Lancashire, and there were present Sir Knts. Baron de Ferrieres, V.E.; W. M. Bywater, J.C.; T. L. Sims, H.P.; C. H. Driver, Treas.; F. Bennett, Perfect; R. Berridge, Std. Br.; C. A. C. Jones, Herald; and E. J. Mills, Sentinel. Visitors: Sir Knts. W. Lake, C. F. Hogard, John W. F. Culseberg (Bombay), and R. P. Casalleri (Rawalpindi).

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and Bros. H. Parnell Hay, W. E. Stewart, and A. R. Carter were balloted for, and admitted as sir knights of the Order. The M.P.S., Sir Knt. Matier, performed the ceremony in that admirable and perfect manner which characterises all his work in Masonry. The ballot for the M.P.S. was then taken, and Sir Knt. Baron de Ferrieres was duly elected to the office.

A banquet afterwards took place at the Holborn Restaurant.

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.]

Cryptic Masonry.

GRAND MASTERS COUNCIL (No. 1).

This old and exceedingly prosperous council met at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, Holborn, on the 26th ult. Among those present were Bros. Capt. J. E. Anderson, T.I.M.; Thomas Poore, P.D.M.; T. Cubitt, D.M.; George Graveley, P.C.W.; T. C. Walls, R.P.D.G.M., P.T.I.M., Recorder; Major Dunbar, C. of C.; R. B. Bryant, 3rd Marshal; E. Storr, J.S.; H. H. Shirley, Sentinel; E. Margrett, Sturtevant, P. L. Smith, T. Clark, F. Graves, J. Harris, J. Jones, T. O. Harding, M.A., W. W. Codd, W. A. Scurrah, William Poore, Nelson Prower, M.A., Mills, Outer Sentinel; and others.

The minutes of the previous council having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bros. J. J. Pakes, R.A. 140, Mark 1; and H. Harris, R.A. 185, and Mark 235, and it proving to be unanimous, they were most impressively greeted, received, and admitted as M.E.M., R.M., S.M., and S.E.M., the four arduous ceremonies being performed by the veteran Bro. T. Poore. Letters pleading inability to attend were read from Bros. Baron de Ferrieres, the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., Alfred Williams, P.T.I.M., &c., Slater, and others.

The council was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant to banquet, under the able presidency of the Thrice Illustrious Master. The usual toasts followed.

Obituary.

BRO. G. H. ATKINSON, S.W. 1622.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. G. H. Atkinson, S.W. of the Rose Lodge, No. 1622, which took place at his residence, 30, Trevelyan-road, St. John's Wood, on Tuesday, the 30th ult., after a few days' illness. Bro. Atkinson was initiated into the Rose Lodge in 1877, and had filled the various offices up to that he held at the time of his death. At the funeral, which took place at Nunhead Cemetery on Saturday, the 4th inst., there were present, in addition to his sorrowing relatives, Bros. F. Hilton, W.M. 1622; J. T. Loader, I.P.M. 1622; D. Rose, P.M. 1622; H. Vickery, P.M. 1622; W. Cowley, P.M. 1559, J.W. 1622; I. Dunn, J.D. 1622; H. G. Martin, Secretary 1622; D. Channon, P.M. 1475; G. Bracegirdle, 1475; and S. Penny, 1679. The brethren of Rose Lodge sent a splendid wreath of flowers as a tribute of respect, and the estimation in which Bro. Atkinson was held in the firm of Messrs. Caldicott and Co., where he had been employed many years, was testified by the presence of nearly 100 gentlemen connected with that establishment. Bro. Atkinson has left a widow and four children to mourn his loss.



Bro. Lennox Browne, one of the founders and during the past year the indefatigable Secretary of the Empire Lodge, No. 2108, has been elected W.M. for the ensuing year in succession to Bro. Sir P. Cunliffe Owen, and will be installed in office at the next regular meeting in January.

The installation meeting of the St. John's Lodge, No. 292, Rotheray, took place on the 29th ult., when Bro. D. C. Murray was duly installed Master for the ensuing year.

Bro. Robert Davison was installed W.M. of the Caledonian Railway Lodge, No. 345, Glasgow, on Wednesday, the 1st inst., the Installing Master being Bro. Finlay, P.M. St. George Lodge, No. 333, Glasgow.

The Dunbar Castle Lodge, No. 75, held their annual ball on Friday, the 26th ult. There was a large attendance, and the arrangements, under Bro. Provost Brand, W.M., who acted as M.C., were very successfully carried out.

On Thursday, the 2nd instant, Bro. W. G. Snaith was installed W.M. of the Tees Lodge, No. 509, Stockton-on-Tees, in succession to Bro. J. R. N. Jordison, the ceremony being very ably performed by Bro. Alex. Iley, P.M.

At the recent monthly meeting of the Tynwald Lodge, No. 1242, Douglas, Isle of Man, Bro. W. Kissick, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. J. A. Brown, P.M., being re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Cowen, Tyler.

Bro. Dr. John Ford is the W.M. for the current year of the Greenock Kilwinning Lodge, No. 12, and Bro. D. J. Dunlop, W.M. of the Doric Kilwinning Lodge, No. 68, the installation in both cases having taken place on Thursday, the 2nd inst.

Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, D.P.G.M. North and East Yorkshire, officially visited the North York Lodge, No. 602, Middlesborough, on the 20th ult., and after greeting the brethren, and congratulating them on the present prosperous condition of Freemasonry in their town, was unanimously elected an honorary member of the lodge.

The new lodge, the Sterndale Bennett, will be consecrated on Friday, the 17th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. Any members of the Craft who are desirous of being present should communicate at once with the Secretary of the lodge at the Hall. The ceremony will be performed by V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S., assisted by Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., and other Grand Officers.

Bros. F. Tayler, C.C., and Philip E. Clunn, the partners of the firm of G. W. Wheatley and Co., entertained their staff and a few friends to dinner at the Holborn Restaurant on Monday evening last, over forty being present. Everything passed off well. The dinner, served under the direction of Bro. Hamp, was excellent, and the speeches short and to the point, while the singing during the intervals was much appreciated. The visitors included Bros. W. Darkin, C.C., H. A. Lovett, Mount Brown, G. H. Baker, and A. Bull.

Bro. T. R. Beaufort Hinks has been elected W.M. of the Stability Lodge, No. 217, for the ensuing year, and will be duly installed in office at the meeting in January.

At the annual meeting of the Palatine Lodge, No. 97, Sunderland, on Thursday afternoon, the 9th inst., Bro. Robert Singleton, S.W., W.M. elect, was duly installed as W.M. of the lodge.

Bro. S. H. Sharman, P.P.G.S.B., was, on Monday, unanimously elected W.M. of the Lodge of Three Grand Principles, No. 441, Cambridge. The installation will take place on January 3rd.

At a meeting of the Royal Savoy Mark Lodge, No. 355, held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., Bro. Wm. Mason Stiles was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. J. Willing, jun., as Treasurer.

Bro. R. P. Duke, P.M., P.P.G.D. Derbyshire, was installed W.M. of the Buxton Lodge, No. 1688, Buxton, at the annual meeting, at the Palace Hotel, on Monday, the 29th ult. The usual banquet followed.

It has been stated that the members of the St. Peter's Lodge, No. 476, Carmarthen, propose holding a concert in the Assembly Rooms of that town on the 25th January prox., in aid of the local Infirmary.

We have been requested to announce that the date on which the Lodge of Merit, No. 466, Stamford, will hold its annual ball, in aid of the Masonic Institutions, has been changed from the 14th January to the 21st January next.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425, as follows: the first lecture on Monday, the 13th inst; and the second and third lectures on Monday, the 20th inst. Brethren are invited to attend.

A concert in aid of the Dublin Masonic Charities was recently held in the Town Hall, Lurgan, under distinguished patronage, and we are glad to hear that, both financially and musically, it proved a great success, the attendance being large, and the applause both frequent and appreciative.

The annual meeting of the King Solomon Lodge, No. 2029, will take place at the Masonic Hall, Sa, Red Lion-square, on the 8th January next, when Bro. W. P. St. Leonards Chubb, S.W., W.M. elect, will be installed in the chair of K.S. Banquet at the Holborn Restaurant at seven p.m.

We announced last week that a chapter is about to be established in connection with the Chiswick Lodge, and we are asked to state that Bro. Gardner will be pleased to hear from any brother in the neighbourhood who desires to co-operate. Bro. Gardner's address is Goldhawk House, William's Terrace, Chiswick, W.

Among the more recent deaths of eminent public men must be mentioned that of Bro. Sir Alexander Malet, formerly her Majesty's Minister Plenipotentiary to the late German diet, who was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, in 1820, and whose son, Sir E. Baldwin Malet, her Majesty's Ambassador at Berlin, is also an initiate of the same distinguished lodge.

We regret to announce that Bro. T. W. C. Bush died on Tuesday. Bro. Bush had played his part in Masonry with considerable success, and had done much valuable service to our Institutions, of all of which he was a Life Governor, and for which he had served sundry Stewardships. We hope to give a full notice of his career next week.

Bro. C. J. Cuthbertson, P.M. 27, by the courtesy of the W.M., Bro. Hales, performed the interesting ceremony of initiating his own brother, Francis Cuthbertson, LL.D., M.A., Mathematical Master of the City of London School, on Thursday, the 2nd inst., a large number of distinguished visitors, and many Past Masters of the lodge, being present.

On Saturday, the 27th ult., the remains of Bro. James Mitchell, for 20 years Treasurer of Lodge Ancient, No. 49, Dundee, were laid in their last resting-place in Rosehill Cemetery with Masonic honours, the brethren attending in full Masonic clothing, and the service being read by Bro. A. Balfour. Bro. Mitchell, who was highly respected, was in his 71st year.

Bro. Col. T. P. Franklyn was installed W.M. of the Douglas Lodge, No. 1725, Maidstone, on Friday, the 26th ult., Bro. Shaw, P.M. Invicta Lodge, No. 709, Ashford, being the Installing Master. There was a numerous attendance of members and visitors, both in lodge and at the subsequent banquet at the Mitre, and in the course of the proceedings Bro. Arkcoll, the retiring W.M., was presented with a handsome P.M.'s jewel in recognition of his services during the past year.

A lodge of instruction has been started in connection with the Hammersmith Lodge, No. 2090, which was consecrated in April, 1885. It meets on Wednesday evenings, at 7.30 p.m., in the Board Room of the Baths' Company, in Black's-road, Bridge-road, Hammersmith. Bro. Howard Room, the first W.M. of the lodge, has accepted the post of Preceptor. The working is that adopted by the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and will be confined entirely to the ceremonies.

At the annual meeting of the Kingston Lodge, No. 1010, Hull, on the 1st inst., Bro. O'Donohue, W.M. Humber Lodge, No. 57, threw out a suggestion in the course of some remarks he had occasion to make as to the advisability of the five Hull lodges securing to their own use one large central building, where they could all hold their meetings, and establish a Masonic Club. As the Kingston Lodge will at a not very remote date have to vacate its present hall, the suggestion is not unlikely to find favour with our Hull brethren.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, December 18, 1886.

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

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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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 13.

Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, F.M.H.
 " 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 136, Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields.
 " 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1571, Leopold, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
 " 1670, Adelphi, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 2030, The Abbey, Town Hall, Westminster.
 Chap. 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 1118, University, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1657, Aldersgate, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 Mark 173, Temple, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 Rose Croix 55, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-sq., W.

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Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snarebrook, 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, 8 till 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 14.

Lodge 96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 228, United Strength, Guildhall-Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 235, Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
 " 255, Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond.
 " 548, Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.
 " 834, Ranelagh, Criterion, Piccadilly.

Lodge 933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 " 1196, Urban, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1503, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
 " 1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1614, Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly.
 " 1805, Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow.
 " 1837, Lullingstone, M.H., Wilmington, Dartford.
 " 1969, Waldelk, Freemasons' Hall.
 Chap. 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 185, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern.
 Mark 223, West Smithfield, Sa, Red Lion-sq., W.C.
 " 236, Clapton, 191, Bishops-gate-st.
 Rose Croix 71, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.

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Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.
 Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
 Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
 Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.
 Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 7.
 Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
 Duke of Albany, Rock Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8.
 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 Edgcombe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.
 New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.
 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.
 Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.
 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 15.

Lodge 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
 " 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall
 " 969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields.
 " 1382, Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt-town, Poplar
 " 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 " 1624, Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly.
 " 1673, Langton, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
 " 1803, Cornhill, London Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 8.

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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.
 Domatic Chapter, Union Tav., Air-st., W., at 8.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16.

Lodge 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
 " 169, Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
 " 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 " 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
 " 1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
 " 1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1320, Blackheath, Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.
 " 1613, Cripple-gate, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
 " 1681, Londesboro', S. Air-st., Regent-st.
 " 1728, Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 " 1901, Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
 Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
 Mark Bon Accord, Sa Red Lion-sq., W.C.
 " 7, Carnarvon, Café Royal, Regent-street.

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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.
 Creaton, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav. (opposite Limehouse Church, E.), at 7.
 Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
 Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton. 8.
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
 Highgate, Bull and Gate, Highgate-rd., N., at 8.
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
 Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
 Langton, White Hart, Cannon-st., at 5.30.
 Leopold, Old White Hart, Borough High-st., at 7.30.
 Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct. road, at 8.
 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.
 Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
 Rose, Sterling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tav., Liverpool-rd., at 8.
 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-rd., at 8.
 Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st. Kennington.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C., 6.30.
 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 17.

Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
 " 2005, Brooke, Forest Hot., Chingford.
 Rose Croix 10, Invicta, 33, Golden-sq., W.
 K.T. 6, St. George's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
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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 18.

Lodge 1364, Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 1641, Crichton, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 Mark 251, Tenterden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

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