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MANY of our readers are in receipt of a circular, bearing date the 8th inst., and issued by the PRO GRAND MASTER to all Provincial and District Grand Masters, and the Masters of all private lodges, on the subject of the proposed celebration of her MAJESTY'S Jubilee, and the course it is in contemplation or suggested that the Masonic body in England shall adopt in connection with that auspicious event. This circular contains, in the first place, the announcement of a scheme, or plan, for Masonically commemorating the Jubilee, which his Royal Highness the GRAND MASTER has sanctioned; and, in the next, a suggestion which has been submitted to, and approved by, his Royal Highness in his lay capacity, and which, if adopted, will enable the Freemasons of England to play their part to an extent worthy of so loyal, so numerous, and so influential a Society, in the grand National Memorial which it has been determined to raise in honour of her Majesty, and which will signalise, through the ages yet to come, the splendour and prosperity of her long and happy reign. The Masonic celebration will include a representative meeting of the brethren in the Royal Albert Hall, or at Olympia, at which the GRAND MASTER will preside in person, and for admission to which a fee of one or two guineas will be charged, the proceeds of the fund thus raised being devoted to our Masonic Institutions. At this meeting an Address of Congratulation to her Majesty will be proposed, and the brethren will thus be enabled to show both their Loyalty to the gracious Sovereign of these realms, and their attachment to the Charitable Institutions of the Order. The GRAND MASTER has further sanctioned the issue of a special Jubilee jewel, to be worn by all Freemasons who are subscribing members of some lodge under the English Constitution on the 20th June, 1887, the day when her MAJESTY will complete the 50th year of her reign. This constitutes the purely Masonic portion of the celebration, which, be it repeated, has been already arranged and received the sanction of the GRAND MASTER. As regards the remaining part of the proposal, namely, the suggestion submitted to the lodges by the PRO GRAND MASTER, with the sanction and approval of the GRAND MASTER, it is to the effect that a subscription consisting of contributions not exceeding one guinea per member shall be raised by the Masonic Fraternity towards the erection of the Imperial Institute for the United Kingdom, the Colonies, and India, which the Prince of WALES has proposed, and the Country has resolved to adopt as the national memorial of the Jubilee. This will afford the brethren the opportunity of playing their part in the approaching celebration as members of the body politic, and of showing they are as fully prepared as the rest of their fellow subjects to do honour to a Sovereign, who is so universally beloved and respected, and so entirely worthy of the highest and most enduring honours that can be paid to her. Here then we have the official proposal for commemorating the 50th anniversary of the QUEEN'S accession to the throne. In so far as it arranges for a representative gathering of Masons, the issue of a Jubilee medal or jewel, and above all, for the raising of a fund which shall benefit our Masonic Charitable Institutions, it necessarily commands our instant and hearty approval, for are not these—in substance, if not in detail—the proposals we have ourselves shadowed forth already? As regards the extra-Masonic portion of the scheme for assisting by individual subscriptions in the establishment of the Imperial Institute, we trust this also will find favour with the brethren generally, and that a goodly sum will be raised for the project. Had the idea stood forth alone, we should have felt constrained to oppose it; had it been flung into our midst precipitately, as the rough proposal of Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D., was the other day, we should have met it in precisely the same way as we did that brother's resolution. But it comes before us as an addendum—for the brethren to receive favourably or unfavourably as they may be disposed—to a scheme which is already sanctioned, and which nearly everyone who had given the matter a thought had marked out for himself as being the most suitable for the purpose. It is naturally approved by the

Prince of WALES, as author of the plan for establishing an Imperial Institute, and we trust the brethren at large will loyally assist his Royal Highness in his endeavours to carry to a successful issue a project which can hardly prove otherwise than beneficial to the whole British Empire. We will even go further, and say that those brethren who may not think highly of the proposed Institute will be paying a graceful compliment to a GRAND MASTER who has presided over them so ably, if they second his efforts in its behalf.

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Our Last Volume. WE shall hope to be forgiven if, with the Index to our Volume XIX. before us, we indulge a little in what is commonly known as blowing one's own trumpet. As a rule people do not regard

an Index as very awe-inspiring. Many look upon it merely as an indispensable nuisance. When conspicuous by its absence, it is roundly abused, and still more roundly, if being present it is found to have omitted, rightly or wrongly, the particular reference which a casual reader may be anxious about. Yet Indexes mostly have a tale of their own to tell, and though we have no intention of inflicting on our readers an elaborate analysis of the one we presented them with last week, we propose utilising it as a peg on which to hang a few convenient remarks, just to satisfy our friends that the thanks we have tendered them for their continued support is something more than a verbal compliment, and that our claims to have extended the sphere of our labours during the past twelve months are amply justified by the circumstances. We do not lay so much stress on the difference in bulk between our Volume XIX. and its immediate predecessors, though an enlargement to the extent of 100 pages is a considerable one. We know also the information which all our Volumes contain is about the same in character, one year's history, whether of greater or less moment, being pretty much like another year's history. But during the past twelve months we find we have been able to furnish reports of proceedings relating to a largely increased number of lodges as compared with previous periods. In 1884 we gave reports of 388 Craft lodges, 37 Mark lodges, and 74 Royal Arch chapters; in 1885, of 473 Craft lodges, 45 Mark lodges, and 90 Royal Arch chapters; and in 1886, of 520 Craft lodges, 62 Mark lodges, and 91 Royal Arch chapters, the Provincial Grand Lodges and Chapters, though varying in detail, being about as numerous in all three years. Many will suggest, perhaps, that this is too trivial to be noticed. A few more lodge reports, they will say, and, as a consequence, a greater bulk of unreadable matter. We certainly should not recommend a course of lodge report reading to a brother suffering from dyspepsia or the blues, any more than we should think of proposing the study of our Indexes as a recreation. Yet it must be remembered that our reports of proceedings are the sinews of Masonic history. Indeed, many a lodge that has been warranted since 1834 might have its history compiled with a tolerable approach to accuracy and completeness from the *Freemason* and other periodicals which have been published in different forms and under different names, but continuously, since that year. The more attractive articles and correspondence, which constitute generally the readable portion of our periodicals, are valuable, in so far as they reflect public opinion at the time they are written, or when they indicate its tendencies in favour of this or that school of thought. But at best they give us only the opinions, while the reports contain the facts. Hence the stress we lay on the increased and increasing number of lodges and chapters, which from time to time favour us with particulars of their meetings, as being the true test of our increasing usefulness, as well as of our greater popularity with the Craft. This and the evidence it furnishes that in other departments of news, both home and foreign, we have either maintained our ground, or enlarged and improved our annual bill of fare, is the chief consolation we derive from a glance at the Index to our latest Volume; and our great hope is that when the current year is ended, we may feel as justified as we consider we are now in indulging in a little vainglory.

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The recent Death from Starvation.

"A WANDERER," who has lately written to a non-Masonic contemporary on the subject of the recent death from starvation of a member of the Union Waterloo Lodge, No. 13, Woolwich, and who describes himself in his letter as "An Old Mason," would have done better had he observed the virtue of silence. He cannot add anything to our knowledge of the circumstances of poor HUTTON'S death. Indeed, he does not appear to have troubled himself to read the evidence that was given at the inquest. But he contrasts the record of Masonic Benevolence in 1886, as published by our contemporary, with the account of the brother's lamentable death, and then calmly states from his own knowledge

that relief goes by favour, the inference we are left to draw from his allegation being that had the deceased been in favour with the officers of his lodge, he would have obtained the required relief, and so might have been alive at this moment. "It seems to me," he writes, "that unless a Mason has tremendous influence at his back it is of no use for him to apply for assistance," and he adds, "I can cite more than one case where assistance has been sought for, and refused in consequence of the poor applicant not being in favour with the officers of his lodge." We dare say that, on investigation, this charge would turn out all moonshine; but, moonshine or not, it is most unjust, under the circumstances, towards the officers of the lodge of which the deceased brother was or had been a member. HUTTON'S brother stated in his evidence before the Coroner that he (the deceased) had latterly been in poor circumstances, and had kept his friends in ignorance of his whereabouts for some weeks previous to his death. How, in the face of this statement, the lodge could have known anything about his being in a state of utter destitution passes all comprehension. As far as we have been able to gather, the lodge knew nothing of HUTTON'S state till after his death, and could not, therefore, have had an opportunity of either affording or refusing him help. Moreover, it seems to have escaped "A WANDERER'S" notice that a man who has "tremendous influence at his back" is not likely to want for long the bare necessities of life. As for the funds of our Society being "very often misapplied," it is evident "A WANDERER" knows nothing about the matter, or he would not have ventured upon a statement so disingenuous, while his suggestion that if the Prince of WALES, as Grand Master, and Colonel CLERKE, as Grand Secretary, "had these cases properly represented to them, we should not hear of such deaths from exposure," &c., is nonsense. The Board of Benevolence administers the G. L. Fund of Benevolence, and that it does not dispense relief with a niggardly hand is shown by its having since March, 1882, not only spent its yearly income, but drawn upon its capital to the extent of £9000. But no Board of Benevolence, no Charity Committee, no lodge can relieve a brother of whose dire necessities they know nothing until he is past all relief; and neither "A WANDERER" nor any one else has shown that his lodge, his brethren, or his family and friends knew anything about the late Bro. HUTTON'S deplorable state until the circumstances of his death were made known by the press. We trust "A WANDERER" will have the manliness to submit the cases of which he speaks of brethren having been refused help because they were not in favour with their lodge officers, and his views on the maladministration of our benevolent funds generally, to the notice of the authorities. This will be a more honourable course than to endeavour to bring into public contempt a Society which admittedly does a large amount of good, and of which he alleges he is an "old" member.

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THE celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of the sovereignty and independence of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has been taken in hand by the subordinate lodges, as well as by the Grand Master and Grand Officers, the result being a series of celebrations from time to time, of which one of the most interesting was that by the Melita Lodge, No. 295, Philadelphia, on October 27th, 1886. The Grand Master and other Masonic dignitaries were present, the chief address being delivered by Bro. C. E. MEYER, one of the senior Past Masters of the lodge. A full report has been printed of the proceedings, with the addresses and other particulars, making a very readable pamphlet of some 45 pages.

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WE anticipate that the claim made by Bro. MEYER respecting the "premier Masonic city" of America will not be generally received either in that country or with us, for we are not aware that "it is now established beyond doubt that DANIEL COXE authorised the establishment of a lodge in Philadelphia." The evidence is not quite satisfactory, depending as it does on the "BELL Letter," which has not been accepted yet as reliable. Unfortunately, this letter has been lost, and cannot now be produced as a witness. We have no reason to doubt the genuineness of the epistle; but the accuracy of BELL'S assertion may fairly be questioned, when there is not a scrap of information in existence respecting COXE'S connection with the old St. John's Lodge referred to. We know that Bro. HUGHAN has done his best to clear up the difficulty, and so have other well-known students of the Craft; but we entirely share Bro. GOULD'S view of the subject, so far as respects the present indefinite character of the evidence submitted, and, whilst cheerfully acknowledging that the noted No. 79 (English Register) may have been chartered for Philadelphia, though never used, we are not in a position just now to decide the matter authoritatively one way or the other.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held last Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. H. Brooks Marshall, P. G. Treas., in the chair. There were also present Bros. J. L. Mather, J. H. Matthews, Peter de Lande Long, C. F. Matier, W. Dodd, Neville Green, H. Massey, C. H. Webb, Geo. Coop, George Prestige, and F. R. W. Hedges, Sec.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, the following letter from Mrs. Joshua Nunn, in answer to the letter from the Secretary forwarding the resolution of condolence with her and family in their bereavement by the death of Bro. Joshua Nunn, was read: "Mrs. Joshua Nunn and members of her family wish to thank the brethren and all connected with the Institution most sincerely for the very kind feeling they evinced for her late dear husband at their meeting on Saturday last, also for the remembrance and sympathy for her in her heavy bereavement.—Bocking Hall, near Braintree, Oct. 14th, 1886."

On motion duly made and seconded, it was ordered that this letter be entered on the minutes.

Bro. J. H. MATTHEWS then moved the following recommendation of the General Committee:—

That in consequence of three of the girls elected in October last being below the age for admission in January next, the three highest unsuccessful candidates on the poll at the above election be admitted by the Quarterly General Court, in accordance with the recent addition to Law 60.

He also moved that the three highest unsuccessful girls at the October Election—Clark, Steng, and Goodchild—be admitted, adding that if this resolution was not passed, there would be three empty beds in the Institution in July next, which, he was sure, was quite contrary to the wish of the brethren.

Bro. J. L. MATHEWS seconded the resolution, which was put and carried.

The brethren then declared 29 candidates for the election in April, and 24 vacancies. There are now 244 girls receiving the benefits of the Institution, as compared with 100 in December, 1872, or an increase of 144 in 14 years.

Bro. HEDGES (Secretary) read a letter from Bro. H. W. Hemsworth, P. M. 190, which he had received just before the meeting assembled, in which Bro. Hemsworth, after some preliminary observations, said, with reference to the meeting: "In case any reference should be made to the Jubilee year, as her Majesty the Queen is Grand Patroness of the Institution, I think something ought to be done. I should not object to subscribe any sum not exceeding 100 guineas. I leave you to propose to the General Committee what you may deem suitable for the occasion, and if you prefer any active member of the Committee to bring it forward, I would suggest the name of Bro. Raynham Stewart."

Bro. J. H. MATTHEWS said the question of the Jubilee had been taken into consideration by Grand Lodge, and a circular was shortly to be issued by the Grand Secretary on the subject. He thought that until that circular had been sent out, and the propositions in it were known, any prior suggestions had better stand over.

Bro. HORACE B. MARSHALL thought it would be better that Bro. Hemsworth's letter should be acknowledged by the Secretary, and referred to the General Committee for consideration, and he moved accordingly.

Bro. J. H. MATTHEWS seconded the motion, which was then put, and carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of Subscribers to this Institution was held on Monday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. W. Roebuck, G. Swd. Br., in the chair. There were also present Bros. G. J. Dunkley, C. F. Hogard, W. H. Saunders, Rev. Dr. Morris (Head Master), Raynham W. Stewart, Wm. Masters, G. King, C. H. Webb, W. Purnell, A. E. Gladwell, T. Cubitt, R. Eve, and F. Binckes (Secretary).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes,

Bro. R. W. STEWART, P. G. D., proposed, and Bro. C. F. HOGARD seconded, a motion to amend Law 29, so as to read—"Quarterly General Courts shall be held on the Monday immediately following the second Saturday in January, April—except when in the latter month that day shall fall on Easter Monday, then on the next following Monday," &c.

The motion was carried.

Bro. R. W. STEWART, P. G. D., moved, on behalf of Bro. James Moon, Vice-Patron—"That Law 37 be amended, so as to read in future: 'That the meeting of the House Committee be held on the "third Friday," in lieu of the "last Friday but one," in every month.'

Bro. A. E. GLADWELL, P. M. 172, seconded the motion, which was carried.

Bro. C. F. HOGARD, Vice-President, moved—"To add to Law 28 the following clause: 'Voting papers duly issued for all elections of boys, after being properly signed, shall continue valid for the current election, notwithstanding that the voter may have died between the time of signing the proxy and the day of election.' " He added that in the Girls' School the voting papers were available for the whole year.

Bro. A. E. GLADWELL, P. M. 172, seconded the motion, and thought that it was in harmony with that of the Girls' School. He thought the votes should be available for the whole year. ("No, no.")

The motion was carried.

Bro. R. W. STEWART, P. G. D., moved to adopt a recommendation from the General Committee that—"25 boys be elected at the Quarterly General Court, to be held on Monday, 18th April, 1887, from an approved list of 45 candidates," thus increasing the number of boys educated, clothed, and maintained to 258.

Bro. C. F. HOGARD seconded the motion.

Bro. C. H. WEBB moved that it be 27 instead of 25, so as to make the number 260.

Bro. F. BINCKES said he should like it to be 27; but he could not get it at the Committee, though he tried. The Quarterly Court had no power to increase the number recommended, although they could reduce it.

The original motion was carried.

Bro. W. H. SAUNDERS moved that a vote of congratulation be sent to the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G. M., on his daughter's wedding, which had taken place that afternoon. He thought it would be a graceful act, as it would show his lordship that he was remembered by his brethren.

Several brethren said that such a subject was not within the business of a Quarterly Court.

The motion was not seconded, and therefore the matter dropped.

A cordial vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

NEW YEAR'S ENTERTAINMENT AT THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The annual entertainment, usually given as a Twelfth Night treat to the children who remain in the School of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, at Battersea Rise, took place on Monday evening. About 30 of the pupils had spent the Christmas holidays there; but, by their appearance, they were none the worse for not having had a change outside the walls of the building. When the visitors began to assemble, at 5 p. m., they were met by the girls with happy, light faces, and by the servants of the Institution with beaming smiles and the kindest attention. Tea was shortly afterwards partaken of, and this being dispatched, all the inmates of the house, including the domestics, were treated to some capital juggling by a professor, after which there was dancing, followed by the most amusing performances of marionettes, and then further refreshments and more dancing.

Messrs. Whiteley, the universal providers, supplied the juggling, the marionettes, and the lady who presided at the pianoforte during the evening, to the great satisfaction of everybody. Bro. G. S. Graham created a sensation, when unexpectedly called upon to give a song, by his whistling, or organophonic performance of the "Miserere" from "Il Trovatore," his singing of "Old Mr. Somebody swallowed a fly," and his laughing song;

Rounds of applause followed the execution of these selections. The company separated about half-past ten.

Among those present were:

Bros. James Moon, J. H. Matthews, M. W. Allison, Charles Frederick Hogard, Robert Grey, R. L. Buck, Mrs. K. Chapman, Mrs. Dicketts, Miss A. S. Dicketts, Mr. E. E. Dicketts, Bro. G. S. Peachey, Mr. S. F. Dicketts, Mr. R. T. Dicketts, W. Toone, Miss Alice Fabelle Pratt, Mrs. G. Pratt, Bro. John L. Mather, Bro. H. Massey, Bro. George S. Graham, Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, P.G. Treas.; Mr. Walter F. Morgan, Miss Massey, Miss A. Massey, Miss Ellen Massey, Mr. F. Gates, Bro. G. Faulkner, Bro. E. Letchworth, and F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary).

BRO. LANE'S "MASONIC RECORDS."

THIRD AND FINAL NOTICE.

In criticising a work of this kind it is impossible to give more than a general idea of its contents. Any attempt to follow Bro. Lane through the whole of his long catalogue or register of lodges would involve the necessity of writing a work almost as elaborate as his. Every lodge warranted by one of our Grand Lodges has a separate notice of its own, amounting in very many cases to a complete skeleton of its history, in which are noted the changes that may have taken place in its number, name, and quarters, and any special rights or privileges pertaining to it. Thus, every one of the 3000 lodges and upwards which Bro. Lane has traced from its creation to its ultimate destiny is a study by itself, and in order to test the accuracy of each sketch it would be necessary to examine the whole of the Records to which he has had access. We can, however, describe with a certain amount of detail what, by dint of so much labour, he has brought together, and this task we purpose attempting in the present article.

Parts I. and II., the former dealing with the Grand Lodge of All England at York, and the latter with the Grand Lodge of England South of the Trent, will not detain us long. The York Grand Lodge, with its impressive title and chequered career, appears to have had a more numerous offspring than has previously been ascribed to it, but even Bro. Lane with all his industry and indomitable energy of research, appears to have been able to discover little more about its daughter lodges than the dates of their warrants and their places of meeting, while, as regards the Grand Lodge South of the Trent, neither it nor the trumpety squabble which led to its establishment would ever have made their mark in our history, had not Preston had a chief hand in the business. It warranted two lodges whose names and places of meeting are duly recorded in Part II.

Part III, which includes the lodges warranted by the regular Grand Lodge of England of 1717, the schismatic or "Ancient" Grand Lodge of 1751, and the United Grand Lodge of 1813, necessarily forms the bulk of the volume. By comparison with this Parts I. and II. with their meagreness of detail—for which, of course, Bro. Lane is not responsible—and the very limited amount of interest they are likely to arouse, stand a very fair chance of being overlooked. The Part begins with some early lodge lists, namely, the oldest, of 1723 date, followed by two of the year 1725 and the three hitherto unpublished lists of the Atholl Lodges. Of the earlier three the 1723 list and one of the 1725 have already appeared in Gould's "Four Old Lodges," the second 1725 list being from a fac-simile belonging, we believe, to Bro. Hughan, of an engraved list in the possession of Bro. Albert Pike, of Washington, U.S.A. The three Atholl lists are from "Morgan's Register," our remarks as to the discovery of which appear to have given rise to a certain amount of misapprehension. In ascribing to Bro. Lane the merit of having discovered these lists, which are by themselves at the end of the Register, and separated from the earlier contents by a long interval of blank pages, we never had it in mind to suggest that he discovered the Register itself. We believe it was Bro. Sadler who brought the book to light, and there is published evidence that the Grand Lodge authorities had themselves turned its earlier information to account in determining the dates of constitution of the first five Atholl Lodges. But in looking over the pages of the Register in search of further light, Bro. Lane, just as Bro. Abbott did a few months later, and quite independently, came upon these important lists and at once recognised their value. We have no desire to qualify our former remarks as to the credit justly ascribed to Bro. Lane for discovering the lists, but the book itself had of necessity been previously ousted from its hiding place and the earlier contents had become known to the Grand Lodge staff. This explanation will, no doubt, make clear the intention of our former remarks.

But to resume. The six lists we have named precede the Roll of Lodges, 1717-1886, which is thenceforward dealt with regularly and minutely, within the limits prescribed by the author, and lodge by lodge, each one being, as we have remarked already, a separate and distinct study, and requiring, therefore, a separate and distinct examination. The method that has been adopted is uniform, and the information brought together into so manageable a compass has been derived from Grand Lodge lists, the minutes and proceedings of the rival and United Grand Lodges, and lodge minute books and registers, where possible. Indeed, wherever the author thought he was likely to find information, he has gone in quest of it, and the result is a compilation of matter which may be accepted almost without question as being accurate. Where there is a missing link, the shortcoming is traceable to absence or the non-supply of the requisite information, not to any omission or oversight on the part of the author. In short, though, as we carry our examination of the Roll further, we may meet with cases in which we may be inclined to differ with Bro. Lane as to his opinions, we feel that, so far as his investigations have proceeded, he has succeeded in obtaining and setting forth with a tolerably close approximation to accuracy the facts. By way of better illustrating our meaning we will take the case of the Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, which is referred to by Bro. Lane in his Preface, and which has also been referred to in a former article. He gives, in the column provided for the purpose, the date of the lodge warrant—13th August, 1759. But in another column he ascribes to it an earlier date of existence, viz., 1756, and he has done this on the strength of a mention in the minutes of the Atholl Grand Lodge of that year of certain brethren of a No. 1 having been present at one of its meetings. Now, apart from the fact that nothing is to be gained by an attempt to antedate the constitution of a lodge, the brethren thus described as of No. 1 in this, and a minute of the following year, are the Grand Officers, which inclines us to agree with Bro. Gould that at first the Grand Lodge was looked upon as No. 1. Here we have the fact of the warrant of subordinate lodge No. 1 being dated 13th August, 1759, which there is no gainsaying; and the opinion that a subordinate No. 1 existed in 1756, which is very much open to question, of which, indeed, there is no evidence beyond the aforesaid description, in two minutes, of the Grand Officers as being of "No. 1."

Of the advantages of having such a work as this for a guide in tracing older lodges, and consequentially of the service which Bro. Lane has

rendered by compiling it, we have an instance in the Witham Lodge, "Modern," founded as No. 530 in 1793, but now, by successive changes, No. 297. Had the late Dr. Oliver had these "Masonic Records" before him when compiling his history of this lodge, he would not have fallen into the error of writing: "The precise date of its establishment is not known; but the oldest minute book contained in the archives of the lodge, commences with Dec. the 5th, 1732," &c., &c., &c. He would have found at page 27 that the lodge at the Saracen's Head, Lincoln, which was warranted 7th September, 1730, was "erased 17th November, 1760, but kept on lists till 1762," and he would have recognised at once that there was nothing more in common between this Saracen's Head Lodge and the Witham, whose history he was writing, than the fact of their having been held in the same city, but with an interval of more than thirty years between the erasure of the elder, and the Constitution of the younger lodge.

Yet another advantage is the knowledge we obtain from this work of the fate of the many lodges which were at different times borne on our Grand Lodge Registers, but which on the establishment of separate Masonic Jurisdictions in the countries or British Colonies in which they existed transferred their allegiance from England to the new supreme authority. As a case in point we may cite the Atholl Lodge, No. 169, warranted at Boston, Massachusetts, on the 13th July, 1771, which subsequently had a hand in founding the Grand Lodge of New York, and after remaining on the roll of that Grand Lodge for many years surrendered its warrant in 1827. A better case still is that of our lapsed No. 17, known as the Albion Lodge from 1832, which remained on our Register till 1870, and is now in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

But it is not necessary we should prolong these remarks. We have hinted already at the impossibility of following Bro. Lane throughout his series of investigations, or rather, their results as set forth in these records. We have enlarged on the authentic character of the sources whence he has obtained his information, and the admirable manner in which he has arranged his work; and we have selected a few cases at random for the purpose of illustrating either some of the special advantages to be derived from his compilation or the point of certain of our criticisms. We might very easily multiply these illustrations as regards Bro. Lane's merits as a capable, painstaking, and conscientious recorder, but we fail to see what benefit would ensue if we did so. Nothing, therefore, now remains for us to say except that there is an Index, which constitutes Part IV., and which will be found invaluable in facilitating the researches of the student. And having said this, we take leave in our capacity of critic of a work, which we are probably not singular in believing will do more to promote an accurate knowledge of the establishment and spread of English Freemasonry than any work that has hitherto been published.

FREEMASONRY IN IRELAND.

The publication of the "Irish Freemasons' Calendar and Directory" for 1887 appears an appropriate time for saying a few words about the Fraternity in that country, for, as a rule, we hear but little of its doings, and only know of its condition generally through the annual issue of this useful Calendar.

The handy little volume is dedicated to his Grace the (2nd) Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master. (As Marquis of Hamilton, his lordship was S.G.W. of England in 1875.)

There are but few changes in the *personnel* of the officers, and these are not so many, as, according to our English Masonic views, we should consider desirable. We entirely disagree with the policy of simply moving brethren up one stage, instead of appointing new brethren to office. The Grand Wardens and Chaplains remain the same, as do also the Grand Treasurer and Secretary. These two, being purely honorary, might surely be changed every three years at least, and if oftener, so much the better. Then, the two Deacons, G.D.C., Grand Steward, and G.S.B., are simply composed of brethren advanced from lower positions in the previous year, the only really new appointments being Bros. W. Spence, C.E., Grand Supt. of Works; Dr. Marks, Grand Organist; and Dr. Pim, Grand Inner Guard. Of course, if the Irish brethren are satisfied with such a result it is not for us to complain, but it presents a considerable contrast to the system pursued by our Royal Grand Master and his advisers.

There are 380 lodges on the roll, numbered from one to 1014 (excepting the Grand Masters' Lodge at the head, without any number). So far as we can trace the Register they are thus distributed—37 lodges in the Dublin District, 273 in the Home Provinces, 54 in the Colonies, &c., and 7 in Regiments.* The largest province is *Antrim*, with 87 lodges, presided over by Sir Charles Lanyon; the next in size being *Down*, which musters 46, Lord Arthur W. Hill, M.P. (J.G.W. of the Grand Lodge), having its oversight. The third is *Londonderry and Donegal*, with 26 lodges, the R.W. W. E. Scott, Prov. G.M. The remainder in Ireland range from 23 to 5, the average lodges in the thirteen divisions being 21 to each province.

The Province of Victoria has 16 lodges, New Zealand, 14, Queensland, 13, Tasmania, 7, and Ceylon, 4. The remaining 10 are thus scattered: two lodges in St. George's, Bermuda, and one each in Canada, Constantinople, Isle of Man, Port Louis (Mauritius), New South Wales, Gibraltar, South Australia, and Malta. The method of conferring high or old numbers on new lodges, simply because they happen to be vacant, has long prevailed in Ireland, the result being a numerical list without any regard being paid to chronology. No. 7, Belfast, was warranted in 1875, whereas No. 1014, Belfast, was chartered in 1814; No. 1, Cork, dates from 1731, No. 3, from 1808, and No. 71, from 1771 (of the same city).

We are not aware of any other Grand Lodge following such an extraordinary numerical arrangement, the plan, we understand, being continued in part because of the attachment of brethren to the numbers of their lodges, some having no other designations or titles.

After the roll of lodges comes the names of the Past Grand Officers, these numbering exactly 21 in all!

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To Correspondents.

Several communications stand over.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Citizen," Sunday Times (New York), "Die Bauhütte," "El Taller," "Freimaurer Zeitung," "Minutes of the Proceedings of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab, September 20th, 1886," "Hull and East Yorkshire Times," "Masonic Journal," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales," "Keystone," "New Zealand Freemason," "Freemasons' Repository," "Jewish Chronicle," "Newcastle Daily Journal," "Lancaster Daily Examiner," "New York Dispatch," "Sunday Times" (New York), "Centennial Anniversary of the Melita Lodge," "Cassell's National Library," "El Pentalpa," and "New Zealand Mail."



SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 1887.

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.]

"MASONIC RECORDS."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you allow me to emphasise the hope expressed in the concluding paragraph of Bro. Gould's "Observations on Bro. Lane's 'Masonic Records,'" in your issue of the 8th inst., viz., "that brethren may be found in Scotland, Ireland, and continental Europe who will continue and carry on the work so ably done by Bro. Lane for England?" Bro. Lane's work will be the means of clearing the ground for planting the seed of Masonic literature that in due time will bear abundant fruit, and the Craft cannot be sufficiently grateful to him for all the time, trouble, and expense he has been at in producing such a monument of research. I trust that some brother as competent as Bro. Lane will be induced to undertake the preparation of a "Gazetteer" of the Scotch, Irish, and continental lodges on the same lines as his. If it is not unbecoming in me to suggest one or two names, who is so competent as Bro. J. G. Findel, of Leipzig, or Bro. G. W. Speth, of Margate, for a German or continental work; Bro. Murray Lyon, for Scotland; and Bro. J. H. Neilson, for Ireland? All those brethren have at command a mass of information which would render such a task a comparatively easy one to them, and, in order to avoid any pecuniary loss, the works should be issued in limited editions to subscribers only, at such a price as would pay for the time and labour involved. The continental work would be of inestimable value to all Masonic students, bibliophiles, archaeologists, and numismatists, and lighten the labours of many seekers after Masonic truths.—Yours fraternally,

GEO. L. SHACKLES.

7, Land of Green Ginger, Hull,
January 8th.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Kindly allow me to express my appreciation of the review of my "Masonic Records" which is appearing in the *Freemason*, and the hope that the Craft may find it as useful as the reviewer anticipates. At all events, I have done my utmost to make it as accurate as possible, considering the difficulties that have attended my investigations. It is also very gratifying to have such a favourable notice from the renowned Masonic historian, Bro. R. F. Gould. I shall gladly welcome all communications which may enable me to add to the numerous details, as well as any corrections or additions that may be reliable and authentic.

I should also state that whilst it is true, as Bro. Hughan intimates, that I detected the valuable contents of the volume known as "Morgan's Register," the reference to it in the *Freemason* of December 18th is apparently written under a misapprehension of the facts. The book in question, which appears to have been unknown to Bros. Gould and Hughan, was, with the other registers, minute books, &c., &c., handed to me by Bro. Sadler, from whom I

received every kindness and assistance in my protracted researches. The discoveries I made in that volume were those to which I referred in my letters to the *Freemason* of 24th October and 28th November, 1885, viz., the very important declaration, agreement or regulation of the 14th September, 1752, which undoubtedly furnishes the date of origin of the Athol Grand Lodge, on 17th July, 1751; together with the three lists of Athol Lodges, 1751-2, 1752-4, and 1755-7, which are now printed in "Masonic Records."

In a work of such a character, with so many thousands of figures, one could scarcely hope for absolute freedom from inaccuracy, typographical or otherwise. I shall be obliged by you allowing me to point out to such of your readers as possess the work, that the date set opposite No. 79a on page 27, should have been in brackets indicating that such date [1731] does not appear in the Dublin List of 1735.—Yours fraternally,
Torquay, January 8th.

JNO. LANE.

BURNS AS POET LAUREATE OF No. 2.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The correct wording of the paragraph in the minute of Burns' affiliation to Canongate Kilwinning, No. 2, is as follows—to indicate the words written on the erasures they are printed in italics:—"The Right Worshipful Master having observed that Brother Burns was at present in the Lodge—who is well known as a great Poetic Writer, and for a late publication of his Works, which have been universally commended—and submitted that he should be assumed a member of this Lodge, which was unanimously agreed to, and he was assumed accordingly."

When the subscriptions were being collected in aid of the fund for the masoleum, it is worthy of remark that the membership included such distinguished men as the Hon. Henry Erskine (Past Master), Lord Brougham, Professor Douglas Stewart, Professor Jas. Gregory, Mackenzie, author of the "Man of Feeling;" Louis Cauvin, Burns' French teacher; and many others. In 1845, the resolution as to Bro. Stewart Watson's celebrated painting was seconded by Bro. W. Campbell, W.S., who stated that he had travelled in company of Burns, "and spent two of the most happy days with him at Anchtortyre Castle."—Yours fraternally,

A. McK., R.W.M. No. 2.

Edinburgh, January 4th.

WESTMINSTER AND KEYSTONE LODGE, No. 10.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

If Bro. Abbott, or any other brother will carefully examine the available records as I have done he will, I think, come to the conclusion that the reference which appears in the preface to the list of members of No. 10 is incorrect, and that the lodge never met at the "Griffin, in Newgate-street." Unfortunately this is not an isolated instance of history being compiled without due regard to facts.

Where, may I ask, could the compiler of the brief historical summary get the information that in 1721 the lodge "was then called No. 7?" Is it not notorious that the earliest known lists of lodges of 1723 and 1725 are not numbered at all, and that the first known list of lodges with numbers is that of 1729?—Yours fraternally,
Torquay, January 8th.

JNO. LANE.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have been much interested in this discussion, the point being one to which I have given some little consideration.

Where there is so "much to be said on both sides" the question cannot be settled offhand by a hasty reference to one Article of the Constitutions, or even to two or three; and I should much like, when I can find a little time, to examine the matter, with your kind permission, at some little length.

For the present I will only quote Bro. Kelly ("Freemasons' Pocket Companion," p. 50), whose remarks are, I think, well worthy of consideration: "The minutes . . . should be read for confirmation or otherwise. The word confirmation has a two-fold meaning. In the first place, it refers to the accuracy of the record; and, in the next, to make legal some transaction which requires confirmation in order to perfect it. As the rights of the brethren with regard to confirmation or non-confirmation are not always clearly understood, it is right to point out that, although in certain matters confirmation is necessary, according to the constitutions or by-laws, yet there are some votes which do not require confirmation, unless so specified in the by-laws. Such, for instance, as votes to Charity, &c. At the same time, it is difficult to place a limit on the power of non-confirmation. If the minutes contain a correct record of the lodge transactions, they must be confirmed; but any act recorded in the minutes that may require to be confirmed as a condition precedent to its becoming legal, may be non-confirmed by a vote to that effect."—Yours fraternally,

LEX SCRIPTA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Perhaps the opinion of the late Bro. Dr. George Oliver on this question may have some weight with your readers. I believe it is the fashion to regard him as a mere Masonic enthusiast, and I am ready to allow that he is not a safe guide in matters historical; but he had a large and varied experience of lodge economy, both from within as a member and many times W.M., and from without as having been for many years the D.P.G.M. of Lincolnshire. Indeed, the fact of his having been invited to write a work on Masonic jurisprudence proves, I think, incontrovertibly that he was well qualified to offer advice on all matters of lodge usage and discipline. As he himself writes in the Preface to his Jurisprudence—"Eleven times elected to the chair of a lodge, and never negligent of its duties, added to ten years incumbency of the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master in an extensive Province, all actively employed, here afforded me not only considerable experience, but also innumerable opportunities of collecting facts and opinions, cases and evidences, of which I did not neglect to avail myself."

Writing at pp. 203, 204, on the "Confirmation of Minutes," Dr. Oliver says: "After reading and due confirmation of the minutes, it is the practice of many lodges for the Worshipful Master to direct the Secretary to read also a statement of the receipts, disbursements, and balances, if there be any, that they may be put for confirmation; for no resolution of a lodge, or any other business, how unanimously so ever it may have been agreed to in the first instance, becomes binding, and no action can be taken upon it till it has been confirmed by open voting at a subsequent regular meeting, with, at least, five Master Masons and members of the lodge present; for as no business can be transacted at a lodge of emergency, except what is named in the summons, it would be improper at such a casual meeting of the brethren to read any minutes except those which distinctly refer to the matter for which the special lodge has been convened. So stands the law—and a very judicious law it is; for it prevents all factious intriguing, which could scarcely fail to be occasionally successful if a resolution or law established by a majority of votes at one lodge were irreversible at another."

I think the opinion of the author of our only work on "Masonic Jurisprudence" is entitled to a respectful hearing in the present controversy, and the more so, as it appears to be supported by the views to which you have given expression, as well as by the practice of Grand Lodge, which, in the case of Bro. James Stevens's motion on uniformity, as I happen at the moment to remember, reversed at one meeting the resolution it had adopted at the previous meeting.—Faithfully and fraternally yours,
Q.

MASONIC EXHIBITION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Many studious brethren must have gazed with longing eyes at the announcements of Masonic Exhibitions which have from time to time appeared in your columns, have perused the catalogue of "Exhibits," and felt what golden opportunities for Masonic research were drifting out of reach on account of utter inability to attend the places where invaluable collections were brought together. Edified and delighted must have been the favoured ones whose time and circumstances permitted a journey to York, Shanklin, or Worcester, and doubtless inestimable benefit has accrued by awakening a new or more fervid interest in the higher and advanced branches of Masonic knowledge. But the success of these Exhibitions, I venture to say, would be surpassed if one could be held in the great Masonic and business centre of the empire, London. Within ten miles alone of Freemasons' Hall must be an army of brethren who would gladly avail themselves of the opportunity of viewing, at their own doors, those treasures and relics of the past which have been to them thus far unknown ground. To these may be added an innumerable stream of visitors, on business or pleasure bent, to whom the capital brings attractions which no other city ever can.

I trust I am not too sanguine in believing that a Masonic Exhibition in London would be a great success from every point of view.

Leaving the suggestion to the consideration of your readers, the Metropolitan brethren, and the Craft at large.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

WILLIAM WATSON, P.M.

Leeds, January 10th.

MUSIC IN LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I quite agree with your correspondent, Bro. Whitley, as to the introduction of vocal music into our ceremonies. I feel sure that such would add to the beauty and attractiveness of our lodge working, and induce many brethren to be present who now drop in for the social board, but before such can be done it will be necessary to ascertain the present opinion of the "ruling spirits" in Grand Lodge. I remember a short time since they most emphatically set their faces against the introduction of vocal music, although they admitted that a performance by a fourth-rate amateur on a wheezy harmonium was in accordance with the ancient usages of the Craft.

I wonder how our ancient brethren managed before the harmonium was invented; perhaps a fiddle or a Jew's harp was requisitioned to perform the musical portion of the ceremony. If the ancient usages are to be so strictly followed, those old-fashioned instruments ought to be used now. Just fancy one of our late and popular Grand Organists appearing as *Jew's harpist* in a lodge! Still, I firmly believe that he would produce as good music in that capacity as one sometimes hears ground out of the small harmoniums used in some of the lodges.—I am, yours fraternally,

P.M.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The letter of Bro. Ed. Forbes Whitley respecting "Music in Lodge," in your last issue, is one which calls for some remarks from myself, in defence of the "Freemasons' Liber Musicus," upon which I spent so many years of laborious research, and which, with little exception, really contains everything that is required for the various ceremonies and festival celebrations connected with Masonry.

Bro. Whitley mentions only four pieces that he has found useful as being composed for male voices. Surely he can only have obtained the first part of my work, as all the latter portion is filled with simple, suitable music, amounting very nearly to ten times "four" selections. There is no end of suitable instrumental pieces, and certainly there need be no difficulty in making a choice for any purpose required.

The fault is not with this or any other music for the lodge, but lies in the fact that you cannot—as they do in foreign lodges—get the musical brethren together to practise, and arrange before the meeting what should be done and how to do it. Press of engagements will not permit me to add more at present than to ask you to be good enough to allow me to quote, for Bro. Whitley's careful perusal, an extract from the preface to my small, cheap edition of the "Liber Musicus," published in 1883:—

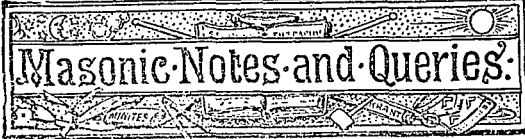
"I am fully sensible of the defects in the book—especially the arrangement of certain pieces in the earlier portions for mixed—and not male voices. Not only, however, can these be effectively used (where there are not too many hypercritical musicians), but there are plenty of

alternative pieces suitable for all the various and different Degrees, towards the end of the volume, composed expressly for male voices, and which are not so often used as I think they might be. I will mention only one, 'Hail, Masonry Sublime;' the first setting of these well-known lines for the Installation of the Most Noble the Marquis of Ripon as P.G.M. of West Yorkshire is intended for extra special occasions, and the second setting for tenors and basses may be sung at any time where there may be a few brethren possessed of ordinary voices; and I venture to say that this would be far better than the frequently lugubrious way in which our National Anthem is sung to the words 'Hail, Masonry,' so often used in procession at the installation of W.M.'s, &c. When every music-loving brother shall possess a small copy of this work—and I venture to think that will be ultimately the case—there will be no difficulty in using it as a hand-book on any and every necessary occasion.

"I should like to have made some alterations here and there both in the words and in the music in this New Edition, but if I did, there would be disagreement between the two books (folio and small), and this, of course, would cause at times undesirable discord."

WILLIAM SPARK, P.P.G.O. P.M., 289.

Newton Park, Leeds, Jan. 12th.



702] OLD MASONIC STAR.

My best thanks are due to the brethren who have written to you and to me on this subject. Sir Knight H. Burgess, of Norwich, has most kindly and courteously sent me two old Masonic Stars for inspection, which he inherited from a deceased relative. The one is an exact reproduction of my own, errors included, save that it has a pin-fastening, whereas mine is perforated at the end of each tag to enable it to be sewn into the coat or sash. The other one bears what is, no doubt, the correct inscription, viz., RO. HRDM. KDSH. KTP. HPR. LXXXI. Bro. John Yarker, of Withington, Manchester, wrote to me at once to say this should be the inscription on my star, and rendered it—"Religious Order of Herodim Kadosh, Knight Templar Priests, Hospitallers of Palestine and Rhodes, St." He says "the St is the symbolic age of KDSH. and KTP., and, as the Knights of St. John were still at Malta, that title was not then used. This particular form came into use about 1791; under Thomas Dunckerley. There were then two systems, slightly differing—the 7° (Degrees) of York—and the 7° of St. George of Observance, London. Dunckerley was G.M. of both, and here combines the HRDM—KDSH. of London, with KTP. KH. of P. and R. of York." It is most interesting to find the same mistakes (Q. for O., and I. for L.) in two distinct specimens. The lettering is most clearly cut, and the chasing of the rays beautifully done.

OSWALD M. HOLDEN.



Craft Masonry.

JOPPA LODGE (No. 188).—The installation meeting of this old lodge was held at Freemasons' Tavern, on the 3rd inst., Bro. J. W. Dewsnap, W.M., presiding. Among other brethren present were Bros. P.M.'s: L. Alexander, M. Alexander, A. Dodson, S. Hickman, A. Martin, O. Roberts, L. Myers, and M. Spiegel. Visitors: S. M. Lazarus, P.M. 188; S. Jacobs, P.M. 1327; D. McNish, 1962; H. Massey, 619, 1928; W. Murlis, P.M. 1642; J. Pardoe, P.M. 1585; A. Henochsberg, W.M. 205; D. Davis, 1017; J. Emanuel, 1503; W. Lyon, 185; H. Martin, 1622; W. Ivey, 1141; W. Morgan, 211; J. Ridley, 219; W. Rosman, 820; E. Liebman, S.W. 820; R. Kingsbury, W.M. 1668; F. Eastwood, 1237; J. Plumm, 1592; and Matthias Levy, Sec. 1017.

The W.M. raised Bro. McDuell, and initiated Mr. Isaac Mitchell, afterwards he installed Bro. L. Wall, S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. J. W. Dewsnap was invested as I.P.M., and the following brethren were made officers of the lodge: Bros. G. Lion, S.W.; I. Botibol, J.W.; J. S. Lyon, Treas.; Lewis Lazarus, P.M., Sec.; G. Gardner, S.D.; M. Lenzberg, J.D.; A. Dodson, P.M., D.C.; A. Coombe, I.G.; Harry Lazarus, and A. Jonas, Stwds.; F. Isaacson, Asst. D.C.; and Rev. S. Roco, Chaplain.

Before the proceedings of the lodge were concluded a testimonial was presented to Bro. Lyon, the Treasurer of the lodge. It consisted of a vellum, framed and glazed, bearing, in beautifully illuminated writing, the following inscription descriptive of the object of the presentation: "Lodge of Joppa, No. 188. This testimonial is presented to Bro. James S. Lyon, as a token of esteem and high appreciation of his valued services as Treasurer during the years from 1879 to 1886. Signed on behalf of the lodge, J. W. Dewsnap, W.M., Lewis Lazarus, P.M., P.Z., Hon. Secretary. January 3rd, 1887." In making the presentation the new W.M. stated to the brethren that they were much indebted to Bro. Lyon for his indefatigable exertions on their behalf, and that the lodge must ever remember his name with affection and gratitude.

Bro. Lyon, in his acknowledgment of the presentation, assured the brethren that what he had done was done sincerely, and that it was a very great pride to him to be honoured with the confidence of the brethren, which he hoped long to enjoy. [It may here be mentioned that Bro. Lyon is the youngest brother of the late Bro. Lyon, of Holborn, who was honoured by the congregation of the synagogue in Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, in being deputed by them to present personally an address of congratulation to the Queen on her marriage in 1840.]

The work of the lodge having been completed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The usual toasts followed.

The Worshipful Master, in giving "Success to the Joppa Benevolent Fund," said this was a fund of which the

Joppa Lodge had reason to be proud. An old friend of his, Bro. L. Alexander, a Past Master of the lodge and a Vice-President of the Fund, would, in reply to the toast, give such a much better history of it than he could that he would leave anything further that was to be said of it to him.

Bro. L. Alexander, P.M., replying to the toast, said he had only to add to the observations of the W.M. that the Fund was started by a Past Master of the lodge, and that as Vice-President he thanked the brethren, on behalf of the Committee and in his own name. They had now a fund in hand of about £750.

(Donations were then made to the Fund to the amount of £11 os. 6d.)

Bro. Dewsnap, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," to whose presidency the brethren all looked forward with hope and confidence. He knew his duties well, and had attained his present high position by honest hard work and great ability. Bro. Wall would prove by the excellent way in which he did his work the soundness of the choice the brethren had made.

The Worshipful Master, in the course of his reply, said he trusted he should do everything to the satisfaction of the brethren. He would do his work to the best of his ability, and would not omit to study the comfort of the brethren at the banquet table.

Bro. I. Mitchell, responding to the toast of "The Initiates," said he should do all in his power to become a good Mason.

Bro. A. J. Henochsberg, W.M. 205, replying to the toast of "The Visitors" said he felt it such a high honour to be invited to the Joppa Lodge, that he had foregone a most important engagement out of London to accept the invitation. The custom of inviting the Masters of the sister lodges was a grand one, though it was not carried out to so great an extent as it should be. It was a great pleasure for lodges to visit each other. The brethren had had a great treat that night, not only inside the lodge by the rendering of the ceremonies by Bro. Dewsnap in a masterly way, but by the hospitable reception at the banquet table. He had received an excellent lesson, which he hoped to profit by when, in three weeks' time, he went out of the chair of the Lodge of Israel.

Bro. Davis, W.M. 1017, also replied, and after expressing the same sentiments as Bro. Henochsberg, stated they looked with satisfaction on the beneficial and broadening effects of visits to sister lodges, not only because the system brought the members of lodges together in closer communion, but because it gave them the idea that though the working was not always altogether the same, it compelled each lodge to emulate the working of other lodges than their own, and so tended to improve them all.

Bro. Matthias, Sec. 1017, said: I fully appreciate the honour of being specially selected, in connection with other brethren, to respond to this toast. Following the beaten track, I cordially congratulate the W.M. on the way he initiated the candidate into Freemasonry. Deviating from the well-trodden path, I would congratulate the W.M. on the way he initiated Freemasonry into the candidate. The fact that Freemasonry is founded on the Volume of the Sacred Law may be specially noted to-night in this lodge, for the two have much in common. Within the four corners of the Bible there is room for all religions; within the four walls of Freemasonry there is room for all creeds. No book has been more severely criticised than the Bible; no Institution has been more sharply attacked than Freemasonry, and of both it may be truly said that those who criticise them most understand them least. I cannot refrain from making these observations, because, not only do we know in the Joppa Lodge, but in the sister lodges, and in all lodges, there is a universal brotherhood which should govern all mankind, and therefore it is that in instituting this resemblance between the Sacred Volume and the lodge I thought I would diverge from the somewhat ordinary rule which visitors observe in returning thanks.

Bro. Lyon also responded, and acknowledged with pride the great kindness the brethren had displayed in presenting a testimonial to his father.

In proposing "The I.P.M." the W.M. presented in the name of the lodge a handsome P.M.'s jewel to Bro. J. W. Dewsnap.

Bro. Dewsnap, I.P.M., in responding, said that he should to the end of his days look upon the jewel as one of the brightest which could adorn him. The lodge was his mother lodge, and it was therefore a greater pride to him to be the recipient of a Past Master's jewel from it. For himself and the other P.M.'s he could assure the brethren that they would pay that attention on every occasion and to every W.M. which would conduce to the prosperity, harmony, and unity of the lodge.

Bro. Lewis Lazarus, responding, as Secretary of the lodge, to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," was pleased that everything had passed off comfortably, and that every one was satisfied. The total sum invested for the Benevolent Fund was £682 4s. 6d.

Bro. James S. Lyon, Treas., said he had done all he could to give satisfaction to the brethren, and he should continue to do so as long as the brethren honoured him by re-electing him, and he hoped and trusted that that would meet with the approval of the lodge.

After the toasts of "The Officers" had been honoured and acknowledged, the Tyler's toast was given and the brethren separated.

During the evening the toasts were interspersed with some beautiful singing by Miss Eva Norini, Miss Maude Hare, Bro. Arthur Thomas, and Mr. Lovett King, under the direction of Bro. Van Norden, the Organist of the lodge.

LODGE LA TOLERANCE (No. 538).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 6th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Thomas Smale, W.M., presiding. Among the brethren present were Past Masters C. Burmeister, James Kench, Treasurer; James B. Sly, Secretary; T. W. Cooper, John Skinner, Edwin Child, E. Humphrey, L. E. Langdon, J. W. Elvin, and the following visitors: Bros. J. Steel, P.M. 1982, P. Prov. G. Std. Br. Surrey; J. Lonsdale, P.M. 382, P.P.G.A. D.C. Middx.; S. Shorter, W.M. 92; E. Farwig, P.M. 180; O. Latreille, P.M. 1260; A. Böehr, P.M. 1535; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; Dr. Nicholls, J.W. 403; J. Paul, 1287; G. Ridout, 1287; J. Uristbridge, 1425; S. Barrow, 1425; C. Parsons, J.W. 1637; R. E. Bennett, 1637; G. H. Williams, 1658; W. E. Greaves, 1744; E. Quitmann, J.W. 1969; Turle Lee, 1922; F. Clive, 1319; Harper Kearton, S.W. 446; and W. Gunnell, 1441.

The W.M. passed Bros. R. E. and C. W. Bennett, 1637, and afterwards installed Bro. Charles Burt, S.W., as W.M. of the lodge. The brethren appointed to office were Bros. T. Bicknell, S.W.; W. G. Fenn, J.W.; T. W. Smale, I.P.M.; J. Kench, P.M. P.G.P., Treasurer; J. B. Sly, P.M., Hon. Secretary; A. Smith, S.D.; J. W. Andrews, J.D.; May Clear, I.G.; J. W. Elvin, P.M., D.C.; E. Child, P.M., and W. Webb, Stwds.; and Walkey, Tyler. Bro. Elvin, P.M., delivered the addresses. The new W.M. immediately afterwards initiated his brother, Mr. Arthur George Burt, and Dr. John Wallis Watson, with all the fluency of an experienced Master.

The brethren subsequently partook of a splendid banquet at Freemasons' Tavern. The usual toasts followed, and a beautiful programme of music was performed by Bros. G. L. Lyons, Harper Kearton, F. Clive, W. E. Wilby, and G. Williams, Bro. Turle Lee presiding at the pianoforte.

The Worshipful Master, in giving the first toast, said the brethren ought to drink it with even more loyalty than usual, as this was their first meeting in the Jubilee year of the Queen.

Bro. James Kench, P.G.P., Treasurer of the lodge, responded to the toast which embraces "The Grand Officers," and, as Treasurer, said he was very glad when the W.M. invested him, because it showed he had given them satisfaction. This was the 20th anniversary of his initiation in that lodge, and the brethren should never have cause to be ashamed of him. He was the senior P.M. of the lodge, which he considered a great honour. He congratulated Bro. Burt on attaining the Mastership of the lodge, and wished him health and prosperity during his year of office. The Masters of Lodge La Tolerance might always rely on the assistance of the P.M.'s.

Bro. Smale, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," said Bro. Burt had for some years been working up to himself (Bro. Smale) for the chair. They had been companions together, and the W.M. was his senior in Masonry, although he (Bro. Smale) got into the chair the first. It was the more to his credit that he had got to the chair so soon. No one took more interest in Masonry, whether in or out of the lodge, than Bro. Burt, and whenever he could do anything for it he did it with strength and zeal.

The Worshipful Master, responding, said that not only the ceremony of his installation but the heartiness of the reception of that toast had affected him very deeply. He had Freemasonry at heart, and more especially the welfare and interest of La Tolerance Lodge, which was his mother lodge. He trusted he had evinced this feeling by introducing his own brother. During his year of office he hoped the fame of the lodge would not decrease. He proposed to give a ladies' banquet, and he hoped the brethren would support him, for this would make his year a success.

In giving the toast of "The Initiates," the W.M. said it was not usual in this lodge for the incoming Master to perform any of the ceremonies in taking a degree, but Bro. Smale had kindly consented to allow him to initiate his (Bro. Burt's) own brother, who was now his brother by another tie than that of blood. He had also initiated Dr. Watson, who he hoped would be as good a Mason as Bro. Burt and all the members of this lodge. The ceremony of initiation he had always considered the most impressive in Freemasonry, and he hoped he had performed it so as to give the initiates a feeling of pleasure and pride in Freemasonry. If they followed out the teachings of that evening they would be good Masons and good and worthy men, useful to the State if called upon, and men whom other people who were not Masons would look up to and say that Masonry was not only a name.

Bro. A. G. Burt said he felt highly gratified at what he had just heard and seen. The ceremony of initiation was most impressive, and he trusted he should become a true Mason, and not unworthy of the lodge. He was the youngest member of a family of Masons, and he was sure he could not do better than follow in their footsteps.

Bro. Watson also replied.

The Worshipful Master, in giving "The Visitors," said he was glad to see so many visitors present to witness his installation, and he hoped what they had seen would induce them to come again during his year of office. It appeared to him that when a lodge met without visitors the ceremonies or the banquet were such that brethren did not care to come. But when there was a good list of visitors it was a sign they liked the working of the lodge. La Tolerance always tried to make visitors comfortable, and to give them a pleasant evening.

Bros. Shorter, Steel, Lonsdale, Farwig, Massey, Dr. Nichols, and J. Paul replied, all of them expressing the greatest gratification with their reception.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The I.P.M., Bro. Smale," who had done the work of the lodge for the past 12 months as well as it could possibly be done. Of course, some Masters did the work well, some worse; but every one did his best, and by so doing they showed they had the welfare of Freemasonry at heart, and it was their intention to adorn Freemasonry as Master of the lodge. The Master of the lodge held no sinecure. He must be himself well up in Freemasonry; but for all that he was new to the duties of Master, and had to look to the I.P.M. to help him in any little difficulties. In the present instance he had a most pleasing duty to perform in the presentation to Bro. Smale of a P.M.'s jewel, and the brethren would agree that it had been fairly earned. The brethren might say it was conferred as a matter of form; but still it was voted by the unanimous opinion of the lodge, and therefore they might take it that Bro. Smale had fairly earned the jewel. He hoped he would live long to wear it, and to be a member of the lodge.

Bro. Smale said when he was made Master of the lodge he took the office with very great diffidence. It came upon him more suddenly than he expected. He was a young Mason even now. With the assistance of very good officers, like the present W.M., they could not say he had not a good assistant in his senior officer, and he was only thankful to them for the success of the year during which he held office. The W.M. had said he had a great number of visitors; but if he would only carry out his duties as he had carried them out that night, he would have a much greater number. He should look upon the jewel with pride as long as he lived, and anything he could do for La Tolerance Lodge, in or out of the lodge, during his year as I.P.M. he should do. But, from the way in which he had carried out his duties that night, the brethren would say he would not want any assistance. If, however, he did require it, it would be given him heartily.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Past Masters," said he had to speak now of Bro. Sly, the Secretary. No one who might have undertaken the duties of Hon. Secretary could have fulfilled them in a more able and satisfactory way than Bro. Sly, who had been a member of the lodge a considerable number of years, and a P.M. For him to take upon himself the duties of Secretary was a sufficient recommendation that he had the interests of Freemasonry at heart. The Secretarial duties were not light in that lodge. There was no instance of any of the summonses being delayed. That evening he had to present Bro. Sly with a testimonial from the lodge. It had taken the form of a clock, on which there was the following inscription: "Jubilee year, January, 1887. Presented to Bro. James Bannister Sly by the brethren of Lodge La Tolerance, No. 538, as a token of their esteem and appreciation of his indefatigable services in promoting the prosperity of the lodge and the welfare of its members." He could only say that it thoroughly represented the feelings of the lodge. The presentation was got up entirely without the knowledge of Bro. Sly, and those who got it up did it with heartfelt feelings of gratitude and thankfulness to Bro. Sly for the able manner in which he had performed his duties as Secretary. Not one of them could call to mind an instance of a summons being delayed, and altogether Bro. Sly was a most exemplary Secretary.

Bro. Sly in acknowledgement said the presentation came upon him as a thunderclap on a calm and serene day in summer. However, he congratulated the brethren on the way in which they had done it. In such a lodge he should not have thought they could have done it without his knowing it. Apart from that he did not think he deserved it. What he did was simply an act of duty to the lodge. He took upon himself to perform the duty: he tried to do his best and to the utmost of his power conscientiously, and so as to please those with whom he was associated. He thought they had gone a little out of their way, but he only hoped he might prove worthy of their kindness. He felt deeply grateful to all the brethren of the lodge, for he supposed they all had a hand in the pie. He congratulated the W.M. on the position he had attained, and also as one of the P.M.'s of the lodge to accord to the W.M. his approbation of the superior manner in which he had performed his duties.

Bros. Humphreys, Cooper, Child, and Elvin Skinner responded to the toast of "The P.M.'s," and the Senior and Junior Wardens responded to the toast of "The Officers." The Tyler's toast closed a charming evening.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).

A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Saturday, the 8th inst., when there were present Bros. F. W. Potter, W.M.; R. Fendick, I.P.M.; H. J. Bertram, S.W.; Robt. Greening, J.W.; H. B. Headon, P.M., Treas.; Wm. Baber, P.M., Sec.; Wm. Cook, P.M., S.D.; W. F. Bertram, D.C.; E. Wesley, Org.; H. J. Frost, I.G.; W. B. Mozley and T. Keene, Stwds.; R. Potter, P.M., Tyler; F. T. C. Keeble, P.M.; Jas. Stevens, P.M.; G. W. Blackie, P.M.; W. F. Kibble, P.M.; J. Seex, P.M.; G. M. Fraser, J. K. Gwyn, A. J. Coleman, R. Brookman, J. Cooper, F. Bailey, G. Jenkins, Julian Hartley, J. K. Hooper, G. W. Robson, H. Dottridge, J. Greebe, J. R. Hartley, O. Bowen, B. C. W. Peterson, G. W. Hatcher, F. J. Biggs, J. W. Colmer; and the following visitors: Bros. C. N. McSutrie North, 1559; J. C. Main, Sec. 1531; T. W. Wilcox, 1314; E. Wendover, P.M. 171; E. J. Goodale, P.M. 1531; C. Grassi, S.W. 1559; and W. Wilkinson, P.M. 167.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting having been approved and confirmed, Bro. J. Greebe was raised to the Degree of M.M. Ballots were taken for Messrs. G. W. Hatcher and B. C. W. Petersen, which proving unanimous in their favour, they were severally introduced and initiated into the Order. The whole of the ceremonial work of the Degrees was performed with that care and perfection which has characterised the officers of this lodge since its institution, and which always finds much encouragement from those members of other lodges who have the opportunity for visiting The Great City.

After the lodge had been closed, the brethren dined together in the Pillar Hall. The customary toasts were duly honoured, and the responses were brief and earnest. The W.M. having expressed his intention of attending the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, in June next, as Steward, received many subscriptions to his list, and there is no doubt that his efforts on behalf of that Charity will result in a substantial addition to its funds. An appeal on behalf of a candidate for admission to the School at the ensuing election—a son of the late lamented Bro. George Gwyn Parker—was made by Bro. N. B. Headon, P.M., and many promises of assistance were given. A very pleasant evening was spent in harmony, Bro. E. Wesley, the Organist of the lodge, presiding at the piano-forte, and amongst the several brethren whose instrumental and vocal efforts greatly added to the general enjoyment may be mentioned Bros. J. Greebe, musical director of the Brighton Aquarium; H. J. Bertram, H. J. Frost, W. B. Mozley, James Stevens, P.M.; W. F. Kibble, P.M.; and C. Grassi (a visitor).

The party broke up about half-past ten, much pleased with the entire evening's proceedings, and with interchange of seasonable compliments.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).

The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Monday, the 10th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, when there was a numerous attendance of members and visitors. The chair was taken by Bro. George Gardner, W.M., and amongst the members present were Bros. R. Harvey, S.W.; J. Gomm, J.W.; W. R. Dowling, S.D.; J. Brown, J.D.; R. H. Wimpey, I.G.; C. Riechelmann, Org.; G. Everett, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.M.; Dr. F. Lawrence, Treasurer; and Lord George Hamilton. Visitors: Bros. R. Feuillade, S.W. 1381; G. W. Ruffe, D.C. 1381; H. Salter, D.C. 780; A. Freeman, 1614; St. J. Stollery, W.M. 209; K. Montgomery, P.S.G.W. Middx.; W. Causton, P.M. 162; D. Plenderleith, 177; C. Ellis, S.W. 1044; B. Lemere, P.M. 193; J. Barnett, 177; W. W. Morgan, P.M. 211; H. Purdoe, P.M. 834; J. H. Lansdown, 1541; R. Pringle, S.W. 92; G. Wright, S.W. 1612; E. Coleman, 145; W. H. Hooker, I.G. 1670; C. Shannaw, 857; and J. Bieling, I.P.M. 534.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the Auditors' report, which showed a substantial balance, was

received and adopted. Bro. W. Thornton was impressively raised to the Degree of M.M. by the W.M., after which Bro. Richard Harvey, W.M. elect, was presented for installation, and duly installed into the chair by Bro. George Everett, P.M. Bro. Harvey, W.M., appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Gomm, S.W.; W. R. Dowling, J.W.; Dr. F. Lawrence, Treas.; F. Walden, Secretary; J. Brown, S.D.; R. H. Wimpey, J.D.; Packer, I.G.; and Row, Tyler. The usual addresses were then delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. George Everett, P.M. Bro. Harvey, W.M., presented Bro. George Gardner, I.P.M., with the Past Master's jewel voted by the lodge, and remarked that the brethren were well aware of the valuable services rendered by the I.P.M., and they one and all hoped he would be spared for many years to wear it, and continue his assistance. Bro. George Gardner, I.P.M., briefly returned thanks, and assured the members that he would continue to work in the future as he had in the past, for the benefit and progress of the lodge. The W.M. then performed another very pleasing task, which was to present Bro. Gardner, I.P.M., with an address illuminated on vellum, expressing the appreciation of the members at the invaluable services he had rendered the lodge, and as a mark of their affection and esteem. The address stated that Bro. Gardner had served a Stewardship for each of the three Masonic Institutions during the past three years, and had collected the substantial amount of £475. Bro. R. Harvey, W.M., said that such a record showed the energy displayed by their I.P.M. in the cause of Charity, and not only reflected credit on himself but also on their lodge. Bro. Geo. Gardner, I.P.M., said that it was difficult for him to find words to adequately express his thanks for this recognition of his services. Since his initiation he had striven to conscientiously carry out his duty as a Mason, and he urged the younger brethren of the lodge to consider that their work was not completed simply by attending the meetings and working through the various offices, but by carrying out the tenets of the Order in their every day life and by practising those two grand principles of loyalty and Charity. The sum of ten guineas was voted from the lodge funds to be placed on Bro. Dr. Lawrence's list for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Bro. Dr. Lawrence, Treas., then asked the lodge to accept from him an album, and expressed the hope that members and visitors would contribute their photographs.

This kind gift was received with thanks, and the lodge was closed, and an adjournment made to the banquet table.

The usual toasts were afterwards given and received in the customary hearty manner, including "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and "The Grand Officers."

Bro. George Gardner, I.P.M., in giving the next toast, said that he was about to resume the gavel after a brief rest, and as the brethren were aware it was for the purpose of proposing "The Health of their W.M." He was sorry that Bro. Harvey had had no work to do that evening, as the candidate for initiation was prevented from attending, but what he had done, he had done well. Had the opportunity offered he was sure the W.M. would have performed the work to their satisfaction, but the brethren would have the pleasure on a future occasion. Bro. Harvey's heart and soul was in that lodge, and he would not let the lustre of it diminish if the satisfactory performance of his duties would prevent it. It afforded him (the I.P.M.) very much pleasure to ask them to drink to the health of their W.M.

Bro. R. Harvey, W.M., thanked Bro. Gardner for the kind manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for their cordial reception of it. He regretted that he had not the opportunity that evening of performing one of the ceremonies, but assured them that he should always have the interest of the Chiswick Lodge at heart, and would endeavour to uphold the position it had attained.

"The Visitors" was next proposed by the Worshipful Master, who offered the visiting brethren a hearty welcome.

Bro. St. J. Stollery, W.M. 209, in response, tendered his sincere thanks for the way in which the toast had been given and received. It was not the first time that he had been present at their lodge; but he had always been impressed with the working and with the brethren he had come into contact with. As he had installed his successor in his own lodge as recently as the previous Saturday, it afforded him additional pleasure to witness the ceremony of installation that evening. As a young Mason and a young Master, he loved Masonry for Masonry's sake, for it promoted those feelings of love and good fellowship that were essential to happiness in this world.

Bro. K. Montgomery, Prov. S.G.W. Middlesex, after thanking the W.M. for coupling his name with the toast, said that since he had been a Prov. Grand Officer it had never been his lot to be better treated, for the profuse hospitality shown the visitors was a credit to the lodge. He had to install his successor on the next evening, and he had no doubt that the excellent way in which it had been rendered that evening would materially assist him on the morrow.

Bros. W. Causton, P.M. 162, and B. Lemere, P.M. 193, also responded.

Bro. Harvey, W.M., introduced the toast of "The Installing Master," and said that no words coming from him were needed to tell the brethren of the interest taken by Bro. G. Everett, P.M., in Masonry generally, and in their lodge in particular. All those present had seen what that brother could do, and the more often they heard him, the better they liked him.

Bro. G. Everett, P.M., responded, and said that some of the visitors had been good enough to say that the ceremony of installation had been well worked; but he was conscious that he had not performed it in his usual manner. There was some little excuse for him, for there were several reasons that had contributed to this, and he was too old in Freemasonry not to know that he had not carried out the ceremony as well as usual. He was very glad to see the lodge going on so successfully, and the progress it had made was greater than he had ever known in so young a lodge, Bro. Gardner, who had just left the chair, being the third W.M. As the father of the Chiswick Lodge, he was naturally proud of his child; but there was no credit attached to him for forming it, for that was entirely due to Bro. Gardner. Although he (Bro. Everett) had made up his mind never to do any more active work in Masonry, he was induced in an unguarded moment to apply for a warrant; but he made it a stipulation that he should bring some trusty lieutenants with him who would assist him, and do

credit to the new undertaking. Amongst those were Bros. Harry Price and Sadler Wood, and he mentioned that fact to show that he did not make a bad selection. During the first year he had no less than eight meetings, and the strength of the lodge at the end of that period was 34. They had heard the vote of thanks accorded to Bro. Gardner, and he challenged any lodge to show a brother who had done as much in three years, and he thought it was a matter that any father might be proud of. He thanked the brethren for their reception of the toast, and for the consideration they had shown him.

Bro. Harvey, W.M., proposed "The P.M.'s;" but there was only one present—Bro. Gardner—with whom it would rest for a reply. He could not tell them more about that brother than they knew, for all were aware that he would always have the best interests of the lodge at heart.

Bro. G. Gardner, I.P.M., said that, as the I.P.M., he rose to respond for that toast. With respect to the P.M.'s, there was very little to say, as they were very few, owing to the lodge being but in its third year; but if the members thought they had done well, they were satisfied. He thanked them for the kind sentiments expressed in the splendid vote of thanks presented to him. He did not take all the credit to himself for what had been done, for he had only followed the precepts of the brother who brought him into Freemasonry—Bro. Geo. Everett. With regard to the P.M.'s, they would try to sustain the lustre of the lodge, and, as far as he was personally concerned, although he had departed from the seat of honour, he would strive to support the W.M. while he had health and strength, and give assistance to any brother in need of it. In conclusion, after thanking the brethren for their kindness, he urged them, as he had previously done in the lodge, to adhere to the principles of loyalty and Charity.

In reply for "The Treasurer and Secretary," Bro. Dr. Lawrence, Treasurer, after assuring the brethren of his continued exertions on behalf of the lodge, asked them for their substantial support at the next Festival of the Girls' School, at which he was, as they were aware, to represent them as Steward.

"The Officers" having been given, the Tyler's toast brought a very successful and pleasant meeting to a close. The musical programme was supplied by Miss Spencer Jones and Mr. Stanley Owens, and added to the enjoyment of the brethren.

LODGE OF KING SOLOMON (No. 2029).

The annual installation meeting took place on Saturday, the 8th inst., at 8A, Red Lion-square, when there was a large attendance of brethren to see Bro. St. Leonard Chubb installed as W.M. This lodge was founded three years on teetotal principles, and the progress it has made has far exceeded the most ardent expectations of the founders. The chair was occupied by Bro. Harrison Branthwaite, W.M., and amongst the members present were Bros. W. St. Leonard Chubb, S.W.; W. M. Williams, J.W.; Harry Tipper, W.M. 2090, Sec.; T. W. Richardson, S.D.; H. Wright, P.M. 1827, J.D.; J. Fisher, D.C.; and Horace Brookes Marshall, P.G. Treas. Visitors: Bros. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; Ewd. Terry, W.M. 29, P.G. Stwd.; R. Eve, P.P.S.G.W. Hants; R. Jackson, P.P.G. Chap. North Wales and Salop; S. Copping, 169; J. Smith, P.M. 1257; J. H. Lewis, 834; H. H. Barclay, 2090; J. G. Turin, S.W. 1306; R. J. Nutting, 231; C. Butler, 2098; F. A. Hazzledine, 2098; T. Parker Dixon, 231; B. D. Barnett, P.M. 1668; A. J. Ellis, S.W. 1361; and J. H. Paul, M.D., 231, P.G.D. of C.

The lodge having been formally opened, and the minutes of the previous regular and emergency meetings having been confirmed, Messrs. Jonathan and James King were initiated by Bro. Harrison Branthwaite, W.M.

The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with. The W.M. requested Bro. Henry Wright, I.P.M. 1827, to assume the chair. The latter then proceeded with the ceremony, and duly placed Bro. P. St. Leonards Chubb in the chair. Bro. Wright rendered the work in an impressive style without hesitation.

The following brethren were invested by the W.M. as the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. W. M. Williams, S.W.; T. W. Richardson, J.W.; Harry Tipper, W.M. 2090, Sec.; H. Wright, P.M. 1827, S.D.; J. Fisher, J.D.; W. Matthews, I.G.; S. Arnold Wilkins, D.C.; C. W. Fletcher, and Dr. H. W. Williams, Stwds. Bro. Sir Philip Cunliffe Owen, K.C.B., who was re-elected Treasurer at the last meeting, was unavoidably absent, being in the South of France, but sent a message of regret. The usual addresses were delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. H. Wright, P.M. 1827. The W.M. then initiated Mr. F. Freke Palmer in an impressive manner that augured well for the lodge working during the forthcoming year. The sum of ten guineas was voted from the lodge funds to be placed on Bro. Tipper's list for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

There being no further Masonic business for transaction, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where a splendid banquet was served, the absence of stimulants in no way interfering with the enjoyment and conviviality of those present.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were subsequently duly honoured, "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," being both heartily received.

In proposing "The Grand Officers," the Worshipful Master said they were fortunate in having a number of Grand Officers present that evening, and he had received letters from several others expressing their regret at their inability to attend. The Grand Officers were a valuable and efficient body, and he cordially welcomed those present, coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.

Bro. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., in response, expressed the pleasure it afforded him to return thanks for the Grand Officers. He received an intimation from Bro. Marshall, P.G. Treas., who was an excellent example of a Grand Officer, that he would have to leave it to him to reply. It had been his duty often in the course of a very long experience, extending over almost a quarter of a century, to respond to this toast, so that he could not plead that he was unused to the task. On behalf of the Grand Officers he would say that they faithfully endeavoured to do their duty and to fulfil the offices imposed upon them. The Pro Grand Master, as they were all aware, was a very worthy example of a good Mason, who had won the esteem of the Craft.

He thanked them heartily for the hospitality shown the Grand Officers, and he hoped he would be permitted to say that he had been very gratified and had been made very happy at seeing how successful the lodge had become. It was feared that the attempt to form a temperance lodge would be unsuccessful, and Bro. Richardson, he believed, was one of those who expressed such doubts. He was happy to see that it was in a prosperous condition, and was pleased to see so many brethren present, for it was cheering to observe that Masons would join together for brotherly love, relief, and truth, without partaking of strong drinks. He felt that it ought to be encouraged, for the more it was supported the better it would be for themselves and the advancement in civilization. He had that evening witnessed the installation of the W.M. by the J.D., which was an interesting event that he had never seen before, and he had never seen the ceremony better performed. He had been for many years acquainted with the wonderful memory of Bro. Wright, and many of the brethren would be surprised to hear that that brother was able to go through the psalms without the aid of a book. He was indebted to Bro. Wright for the pleasure of being present, and he had been pleased to see Bro. Chubb installed into the chair, the father of that brother having been an old friend of his, and he assured the brethren that they had a worthy son of a worthy Mason to preside over them. In conclusion he thanked them on behalf of the Grand Officers, and expressed the hope that it would not be his last visit to their lodge.

Bro. Chubb, W.M., then said that there was a distinguished brother present whose health he wished to propose. He referred to Bro. Jackson, P.P.G. Chap. N. Wales and Salop, to whom he offered a sincere welcome.

Bro. Jackson having briefly replied, Bro. Harrison Branthwaite, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and said that he should follow the example of that brother by being brief in his remarks, for the toast needed but few words from him to ensure for it a hearty reception. Bro. Chubb had performed the initiation ceremony that evening in an able manner that was an evidence of the way in which he would carry out the working of the lodge. He asked the brethren to drink to the health of the Worshipful Master and wish him a happy and prosperous year.

Bro. W. St. Leonard Chubb, W.M., said he could not sufficiently thank them for the way in which they had received the toast which had been so kindly proposed by Bro. Branthwaite. He sincerely hoped that at the end of the year the brethren would say he had done his best to deserve the kind words used by the I.P.M., and that he had been a worthy successor of those who had preceded him. Before he sat down he wished to propose the next toast, which was "The Installing Master." Bro. Wright was a great friend of his, and he was therefore pleased to hear the remarks that had fallen from Bro. Jabez Hogg respecting the admirable manner in which the installation ceremony had been performed. The pleasure of being in the position of W.M. had been considerably enhanced by being installed by Bro. Wright.

Bro. H. Wright, P.M. 1827, after thanking the brethren for the cordial reception given the toast, said that since he had been a member of the lodge it had afforded him considerable gratification to assist in the working. It gave him considerable pleasure to instal Bro. Branthwaite last year, and he considered it an honour to be asked to instal their present W.M., Bro. Chubb, on this occasion. The lodge had conferred one great kindness on him by enabling him to make the acquaintance of Bro. Chubb, for there now existed a close friendship between them which he hoped would continue for many years to come. He was glad to see so many distinguished brethren present, and especially Bro. Eve, P.P.S.G.W. Hants, whom they were aware was a candidate for the office of G. Treas., and he hoped that all present would support his candidature.

"The Initiates" was next given, and suitably responded to by Bros. Sheffield and Palmer, after which the W. Master proposed "The Visitors," observing that they were honoured that evening with the presence of a number of distinguished brethren, most of whom were well known to the Masonic world. He offered them, one and all, a cordial welcome, and coupled with the toast the name of a brother of whom they had heard—Bro. Eve, P.P.S.G.W. Hants.

Bro. R. Eve, P.P.S.G.W. Hants, said a heavy duty had devolved upon him to respond for the visiting brethren, and on their behalf he tendered his sincere thanks for the hospitality they had received. He was sure that all present would agree with him that Masonry was not a drinking institution, for they had succeeded in spending a very pleasant evening without any intoxicants. He had never visited a teetotal lodge before, but was pleased to be present, and also to see the prosperous condition of the Lodge of King Solomon. The visitors had been treated with a substantial repast, but they had also been regaled with good Masonic food in the lodge. Their W.M. was a young man, and was also young in Masonry, but he had that evening gone through the initiation ceremony in a manner that would have done credit to Masons of considerable experience. He had met with a hearty reception on the present occasion, for which he was much indebted to them, but if they would add to that kindness and vote for him at the election of Grand Treasurer, he would be still more indebted to them.

Bro. Chubb, W.M., then gave "The I.P.M.," and said he had a pleasant duty to perform, which was to present Bro. Branthwaite with the jewel voted to him by the lodge for his services during the past year. That jewel had been well deserved, and he hoped he would live for many years to wear it.

Bro. Harrison Branthwaite, I.P.M., said he was obliged to the brethren for the manner in which they had received the toast of his health. He assured the W.M. that if ever he found himself on a lee shore he would always find a sheet anchor in Bro. Wright, to whom he (the I.P.M.) was indebted for his valuable assistance during the past year. He heartily thanked them for the Past Master's jewel that had been presented to him, and which he should value.

"The Officers" having been given, and responded to by Bro. Williams, S.W., the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

During the evening the enjoyment of the brethren was considerably enhanced by some excellent music, rendered in an able manner by the Royal Criterion Glee Singers, under the direction of the indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Harry Tipper.

CAMBRIDGE.—Scientific Lodge (No. 88).—

The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Lion Hotel, on Monday, the 10th inst., when there was a large attendance of brethren to witness the installation of Bro. William Ingram Pashler, P.J.G.D., into the chair of K.S. for the current year. The visitors included Bros. A. Gamble, I.P.M. 362; S. H. Sharman, W.M. 441; L. Hampson, W.M. 809; C. Geldard, W.M. 859; Rev. T. B. Nichols, P.M. 685; R. H. Pearson, P.M. 1196; C. H. Vincent, P.M. 1823; E. H. Jennings, P.M. 441; J. S. Youngman, P.M. 441; E. Armitage, P.M. 1074; H. Kempton, 442; C. A. C. Jones, 1492; J. Ringe, 441; F. Deighton, 859; R. W. Humphreys, 192; B. Doig, 1539; E. Oliver, 1435; H. W. Vorté, 195; G. R. Barnes, 441; and J. E. L. Whithead, 441.

The duties of Installing Master were most impressively and efficiently performed by Bro. Thomas Nichols, I.P.M. The W.M. afterwards invested his officers as follows: Bros. T. Nichols, P.P.G. Treas., I.P.M.; O. Papworth, P.P.G.D.C., S.W.; W. Purchas, P.P.G. Org., J.W.; Rev. J. C. Saunders, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; T. Honeybun, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treasurer; G. McCallum, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Secretary; Frank Piggott, P.P.G. S.B., S.D.; W. P. Spalding, P.G. Supt. of Wks., J.D.; E. Hills, P.M., P.P.G.R., D.C.; J. R. Ling, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Org.; W. B. Redfarn, I.G.; A. Thompson, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., Stwd.; and C. H. Ellis, Tyler.

The Deputy P.G.M., Bro. A. H. Moyes, in presenting a P.M. jewel to Bro. Thomas Nichols on retiring from the chair, said it was most gratifying as being the unanimous wish of the lodge, and he thought the visiting brethren would agree with the vote of the lodge from having witnessed the impressive manner in which Bro. Nicholls had done the work of the Installing Master. He could further say that Bro. Nichols's work throughout his year of office was equally good. They not only wished to acknowledge his work as W.M. of No. 88, but also his services as Secretary to the lodge for the long period of 15 years, and as successively Secretary and Treasurer to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cambridgeshire for nearly 20 years. The D.P.G.M. said he had been desired by Bro. the Earl of Hardwicke, P.G.M., to express to Bro. Nichols his sincere congratulations on the honour unanimously conferred upon him. In attaching the jewel, Bro. Moyes added that the gift came with the greater distinction from the fact that it was the first record of a P.M. jewel being presented in that lodge. And that the Great Architect of the Universe would grant the recipient health and happiness and spare him for many years to assist in the rule and government of the Scientific Lodge was, he felt sure, the earnest wish of every member. Bro. Thos. Nichols made a very feeling response. His gratitude, he said, must not be measured by the fewness of his words. The gratitude he briefly spoke he felt from the bottom of his heart. The gift would always be held in veneration by him as long as he lived. He had two sons then present in the lodge, and he felt sure that when he was gone they would regard it in the same high esteem as himself, and he hoped hand it down to generations of Masons bearing their name.

About 70 brethren subsequently sat down to banquet, under the genial presidency of Bro. Pashler, W.M.

After the "The Queen and the Craft" and the other customary toasts had been given from the chair, the W.M. gave "The Health of the R.W. the Prov. G. Master, his Deputy, and the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past," to which Bro. A. H. Moyes, D.P.G.M., suitably responded.

The Deputy Prov. G.M. then gave "The Health of the W.M.," and alluded to the fact that he passed Bro. Pashler through the three Degrees seven years ago. He wished the new W.M. a happy and prosperous year of office.

Bro. Pashler, in responding, said he was fully sensible of the great honour which had been conferred upon so young a Mason as himself. He should strive to follow the example of those who had passed the chair, and particularly the striking example of his I.P.M.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Health of the Installing Master," who by his work that evening had crowned with success all his previous efforts. Everybody must have been deeply impressed. In Bro. T. Nichols they had an eminent Mason, and they all wished him health and happiness for many years.

Bro. Thos. Nichols replied that it always gave him the greatest pleasure to do anything for his mother lodge. That had been his feeling for 20 years, and he had ever been more than rewarded for the labour of love which he had undertaken. The more he studied Masonry the more delighted he became. Its sentiments were so grand that the man must be pitted who did not see good and beauty in them. He was pleased that his work that day had given satisfaction.

The Worshipful Master gave "The Past Masters," for whom Bro. Ewd. Hills responded.

The toast of "The Visiting brethren" was first acknowledged by Bro. Gamble, who took occasion to congratulate the I.P.M. upon the eloquent and easy manner in which he discharged his duties as Installing Master. He also expressed his great pleasure at seeing his old personal friend, Bro. Pashler, installed.

Bros. Sharman, Hampson, Geldard, T. B. Nichols, and Pearson also responded.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master proposed "Prosperity to the Masonic Charities," and expressed a strong hope that during this jubilee year a special effort would be made among Masons to help and relieve the poor and the needy, especially the aged.

The Worshipful Master gave "The Officers of the Lodge," and coupled therewith the name of the I.G., the Mayor of the Borough.

Bro. W. B. Redfarn responded in a neat and happy speech, giving promise of future usefulness to the Order. The Tyler's toast terminated a most pleasant gathering.

BRIDGWATER.—Perpetual Friendship Lodge

(No. 135).—The annual festival in connection with this lodge took place at the Royal Clarence Hotel, on Monday, the 3rd inst., when Bro. W. S. Porritt, the S.W., was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony was ably performed by Bro. R. C. Else, the V.W. D.P.G.M. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. B. Laffan, S.W.; J. M. Davies, J.W.; Rev. C. P. Winter, Chap.; J. B. Soper, P.M., Treasurer; F. Sheppard, Secretary; R. W. Buffett, S.D.; D. Burston, J.D.; J. C. Hunt, P.M., D.C.; W.

T. Baker, Org.; R. Garten, I.G.; and John McGowan, Tyler.

The customary banquet followed, the guests including several visiting brethren from the Rural Philanthropic Lodge, Highbridge, Taunton, Wellington, &c.

TAVISTOCK.—Bedford Lodge (No. 282).—

This lodge celebrated the annual festival of St. John on Wednesday, the 5th inst. The W.M. elect, Bro. Isaac Roskelly, was presented for installation by Bro. Chapman, P.P.G. D.C. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. B. Woolcocks, I.P.M.; R. W. Uren, S.W.; T. Kerslake, J.W.; G. Merrifield, Treas., and Representative of Committee of Petitions; J. Drew, Sec.; J. Squire, S.D.; R. R. Alford, J.D.; J. W. Nelligan, Chap.; W. Reynolds, D.C.; B. B. Richards, Org.; W. Benalick and A. R. Steele, Stwds.; W. T. Gill, I.G.; and E. Handy, Tyler.

The lodge was then closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the Bedford Hotel, where they partook of the banquet laid out for them by Bro. Northway. The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given and suitably acknowledged.

SELBY.—St. Germain's Lodge (No. 566).—

The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on Friday evening, the 7th inst., when the W.M., Bro. the Rev. H. Greeves, presided. Bros. T. M. Weddall, P.M.; J. Atkinson, P.M.; and many other members were present. The election of Master took place, when Bro. Cheeseman, S.W., received the unanimous vote of the brethren. Bro. Hudson was re-elected Treasurer. Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., was present, and gave an address on "Freemasonry in its Archaeological Aspects," in which he pointed out the various ways in which the study of Masonic knowledge might be usefully prosecuted.

NEWBURY.—Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope

(No. 574).—One of the most successful gatherings ever held in this town in connection with Masonry took place on Friday, the 7th inst., when Bro. H. S. Hanington was installed W.M. of the above lodge, the ceremony being performed in an able and impressive manner by Bro. Stephen Knight, P.M., at the Temperance Hall. The officers of the lodge for the ensuing year were appointed and invested by the W.M. as follows: Bros. M. Palmer, I.P.M.; Nundy, S.W.; Hawkins, J.W.; Rev. J. Atkins, Chap.; Belcher, Treas.; S. Knight, Sec.; Newbery, S.D.; Maples, J.D.; W. Knight, D.C.; Harrold, I.G.; Canning and Neate, Stewards; and Legg, Tyler.

The Worshipful Master, on behalf of the officers and brethren, presented a handsome P.M.'s jewel to Bro. M. Palmer, who suitably acknowledged the presentation. Mr. G. Cottrell was initiated, and at the close of the lodge business the brethren adjourned to the Council Chamber, which had been most tastefully and effectively decorated. A sumptuous banquet was admirably served by Bro. Hamlen. A choice array of plants and flowers were also arranged.

The W.M. presided, supported by Bros. W. G. Mount, M.P.; C. T. Murdoch, M.P.; Rev. J. Atkins, Rev. A. H. Eddy, R. Bradley, Prov. G. Sec.; M. Palmer, P.M.; J. Bance, P.M.; F. G. Hall, P.M.; G. Boyer, P.M.; R. Ravenor, P.M.; W. H. Belcher, P.M.; G. M. Knight, P.M.; W. T. Toms, P.M.; Plenty, P.M.; S. Knight, P.M.; Nundy, Hawkins, Newbery, Cosburn, Neate, Kidd, Cottrell, W. Knight, B. Pinniger, Capt. Ricardo, W. Graham, Judd, Harrold, Astley, E. Head, G. S. Graham, W. Flanagan, Ravenscroft, Blackwell, Greenfield, Belcher, Wheeler, Hill, H. E. Jackson, J. B. Ingram, Parfitt, Fowler, Stradling, J. H. Wilson, S. Elliott, and others.

Grace before banquet was said by Bro. Rev. A. H. Eddy, and afterwards by Bro. Rev. J. Atkins, Provincial Grand Chaplain.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing the first toast—"The Queen and the Craft"—said that was a toast which was always received by Masons with enthusiasm, inasmuch as her Majesty took the greatest interest in Masonry, and was a patroness of their Institution. They were also aware that this was the jubilee year of her Majesty's reign, and while very few Sovereigns of England had reigned so long as Queen Victoria, none had exemplified so fully the truly Christian and Masonic virtues of sympathy for suffering, and generous help for those who needed it. He had not heard whether there was to be any Masonic celebration in that province in connection with the jubilee, but he was quite sure the brethren of the Lodge of Hope would do everything they could to show their loyalty to the Queen and throne.

In proposing the next toast, that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W.G.M.; the M.W. the Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon; the R.W. the Deputy G.M., and Grand Officers of Grand Lodge of England," the W.M. said they all knew the great interest which his Royal Highness the Grand Master took in the Order, and that he devoted himself in every way he could to uphold Masonry and advance its interests. Not only so, but the good example set by his Royal Highness was followed by the other members of his family, for Prince Albert Victor was a member of the Order, and one of the principal Masonic events of last year was the installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught as Prov. Grand Master of Sussex. He felt quite sure there were few Masons living who had done more for the Craft, and none whom Grand Lodge would more readily apply to for help than the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom. He would not take up their time any longer, but simply conclude in the words of an old song—

"Long may he reign,
The cause maintain;
And lodges flourish thro' the land."

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The R.W. the Provincial Grand Master of Berks and Bucks, Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart.; the V.W. the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.C.; and Grand Officers of the Province, Past and Present," remarking that he thought from the report of the meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge the province was in a very prosperous state, and he believed that was due in a very great measure, not only to the fact that the Prov. G. Master and the Deputy Prov. G. Master were held in high esteem, but also to the circumstance that they had been very fortunate in the selection of the brother who held the important position of Prov. Grand Secretary. He referred, of course, to Bro. Bradley, who, he felt pleased to say, had honoured

them with his presence that evening, and he felt much pleasure in coupling Bro. Bradley's name with the toast.

The Prov. G. Secretary said that on the part of the Prov. Grand Officers he thanked the brethren most heartily for the kind way in which the toast had been proposed and received. He wished the Provincial Grand Master could have been present, but, unfortunately, the state of his health prevented him visiting the different lodges so frequently as he might desire. They all knew that the Deputy Prov. Grand Master was a most enthusiastic Mason, and it was from no lack of will that he was not with them that evening. He thanked the W.M. for the flattering terms in which he had alluded to him personally. He always met with a hearty welcome in Newbury, and was glad to visit that lodge whenever he possibly could. He was indeed pleased with the work he had seen in the lodge. The ceremonies of initiation and installation were both admirably worked. He felt that the Lodge of Hope might congratulate itself on the W.M. who now presided over it. He had had considerable communication with Bro. Hanington in past years, when he acted as Secretary to the lodge, and was forcibly impressed with the excellent way in which he always performed the duties of that office, which was a good augury that he would render valuable service to the lodge in the capacity of W.M. With regard to the Queen's Jubilee, nothing had been decided as yet in connection with that province, but he had not the slightest doubt that something more than usual would be done at the next Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, which would be held at about the time fixed for the Jubilee celebration, and it would take place in the Royal Borough of Windsor. He hoped something would be arranged to bring together a large body of Masons on that occasion, and perhaps one of the Royal Princes would be induced to take part in the proceedings. He had no doubt the Lodge of Hope would be well represented on the occasion. Bro. Bradley went on to speak of the organisation for supporting the Masonic Charities, which had existed for some years in the province, and which had been found to work well in conserving the votes of the lodge, and also those of the individual brethren, and, in conclusion, he wished prosperity to the Lodge of Hope and a successful year to the newly-installed W.M.

Bro. Montagu Palmer, the I.P.M., then proposed in complimentary language "The Health of the W.M.," and alluded to the energetic services Bro. Hanington had rendered to the Volunteer Fire Brigade, and also to the able manner in which he had filled the various offices in the Lodge of Hope. He heartily congratulated the W.M. on the high position to which he had now attained, and wished him a happy and successful year, and long life and prosperity.

The Worshipful Master, who was much applauded, expressed his warmest thanks for the kind words with which Bro. Palmer had proposed his health, and also for the cordial manner in which the toast had been received. He assured the brethren he should do his best to perform the work of the lodge in a satisfactory manner, and he hoped that at the end of his year of office no regret would be felt that they had elected him to such a distinguished position.

Bro. Murdoch, M.P., who was much cheered, eloquently proposed the toast of "The Masonic Charities," remarking that those Charities included institutions that enabled those who, through no fault of their own, but through some misadventure in life, had fallen into reduced circumstances, to come for assistance to their wealthier brethren. There were three great Institutions connected with Masonry which specially commended themselves to the sympathy and support of all true Masons—namely, the Benevolent Fund for aged and infirm Masons and their widows; next, the Girls' School, and third, the Boys' School, one and all being most deserving of support. Although at first sight it might seem that the amount collected year by year for those three Institutions was very large—and he understood from Bro. Bradley it averaged £50,000—yet the necessitous cases were ever increasing, and the funds raised, although large, never seemed sufficient to adequately meet the many calls made upon them. The coming year was one that should indeed stir them to the exercise of benevolence. It was a year that, however long they might live, they would ever remember as a year that came to the lives of very few indeed. It was a year to remember, inasmuch as they would celebrate the Jubilee of perhaps the best Sovereign that had ever occupied the throne of England, and should not that be a reason why the Masonic brethren should bestir themselves to make the Masonic year a memorable one by the amount contributed to the Charitable Institutions of the Order? He earnestly appealed to them not to forget, while celebrating the Queen's Jubilee, the special claims which the Masonic Charities had upon their generosity. Charity was one of the first things they were taught as Masons. They were taught many things. They were taught to be loyal and honest and true, and they were also exhorted not to forget their poorer and weaker brethren. Masonry was ever growing, and he felt thankful it was so. He was a full believer in the benefits of the Institution, and he had no doubt that as the world went on Masonry would continue to extend and increase, and he trusted that each year would prove to the outside world that Masons did not forget their poorer brethren, but that in times of joy and prosperity they had endeavoured to help those who, as fellow Craftsmen, were deserving of help and charity. He thanked the Newbury brethren for having bidden him to this gathering, and he felt that he was singularly fortunate in having the privilege of being present. The brethren could, however, make the occasion doubly happy to him if they would strive to do their utmost for the Masonic Charities.

Past Master Bance, whose name was coupled with the toast, suitably responded.

Past Master Belcher appropriately gave the toast of "The Visitors," associating with it the name of Bro. Mount, M.P.

Bro. Mount, M.P., who was greeted with enthusiastic applause, expressed his most sincere thanks for the kind and gratifying manner in which the last toast had been proposed and received. If he might for a moment allude to himself he would say this, that he hardly felt comfortable on being called a visitor in the good town of Newbury. He was always taught, and the longer he lived the more he appreciated the truth of what he was taught, that he was to look upon Newbury as part of his home, and particularly must that be the case in a gathering presided over by one whom he had the pleasure of knowing for many years, and whose family had long been known in Newbury and

deservingly held in high esteem, and surrounded as he was by so many whom he could call his friends. He felt that he was only a drone in the great Masonic hive, but he occupied that position not from any want of sympathy with the Craft or the objects of Masonry, because he agreed with all that had been said as to the great benefits associated with the Masonic Order, but rather from his inability to carry out more work than he had already on his hands. He fully recognised the Craft as a great Brotherhood which was seeking to carry out principles of Charity and good-fellowship. In conclusion, Bro. Mount expressed the gratification which the visitors felt in being present, and wished success to the Worshipful Master, and the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope.

Bro. Stradling proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Stephen Knight, P.M.," of whose able and devoted services to the lodge he spoke in befitting terms.

Bro. Stephen Knight, P.M., feelingly responded, and, in alluding to the W.M., said he had been intimately associated with him in connection with various institutions in the town, and could say that never in the whole course of his life had he known a more upright and straightforward man than Bro. Hanington, and he heartily wished him a happy and prosperous year of office.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Health of the Initiate, Bro. Cottrell," who returned thanks.

Bro. the Rev. A. H. Etty gave "The Health of the I.P.M. and other P.M.'s of the Lodge," for whom Bro. Toms, P.M., replied.

Bro. Ravenor, P.M., proposed "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary."

Bro. Belcher, P.M., in responding, gave a satisfactory account of the lodge funds.

Bro. Stephen Knight, P.M., Sec., also replied.

The Worshipful Master gave "The Health of the Wardens and Officers of the Lodge."

Bro. Nundy, Hawkins, and Newbery acknowledged the toast.

Bro. Ravenor, P.M., proposed the toast of "The Press," coupled with the name of Bro. Cosburn, who responded.

"The Health of the Host and Hostess, Bro. and Mrs. Hamlen," was proposed by Bro. Wm. Knight, and duly acknowledged.

The Tyler's toast—given by Bro. Legg—concluded the list, and the brethren separated.

The pleasure of the company was greatly enhanced by the clever musical performances of Bro. G. S. Graham, the popular tenor and buffo vocalist, which elicited much applause. Excellent songs were also well rendered by Bros. Belcher, Hawkins, Atkins, Legg, and others, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

LOSTWITHIEL.—Restormel Lodge (No. 856).

—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., in the old Duchy Palace, when Bro. T. W. Perry, W.M. elect, was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being impressively carried out by Bro. J. H. Hoit, I.P.M., assisted by a board of Installed Masters. After the installation the W.M. appointed the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. H. Hoit, I.P.M.; W. R. Toms, S.W.; H. Rowse, J.W.; J. Hugill, P.P.G.D.C.; Treas.; J. Bassett, P.G.S. of Wks., Sec.; W. W. Beckerleg, S.D.; J. H. Collins, J.D.; A. H. Cossentine, I.G.; T. H. Gibbons, P.P.G.S., Org.; T. Willcock and H. Blewett, Stwds.; and C. E. Brown, P.P.G.T., Tyler. The banquet was held at the Royal Talbot Hotel. The W.M. presided.

SOUTHEND.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).

—On Thursday, the 6th inst., the installation and annual festival of this lodge was held at the Middleton Hotel. The chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. G. R. Dawson, Prov. G.S., and the attendance book was signed by the following brethren: Bros. J. F. Harrington, S.W.; C. Floyd, J.W.; F. Wood, Treas.; A. Lucking, G.P., Sec.; L. Warren, jun., S.D.; F. Woosnam, J.D.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, I.G.; A. Martin, Tyler; G. Berry, P.M.; A. Vandervord, W. M. Peacey, B. Thomas, G. J. Glasscock, W. Gregson, J. Hutchons, T. Hood, W. M. Burton, R. Dempster, and J. Taylor, jun., P.M. 1817, P.P.G.S.B. Visitors: Bros. W. Roebuck, G.S.B., &c.; B. Brown, P.M. 1, P.G.S.; C. C. Potter, W.M. 1343; F. R. Hales, P.M. 650; W. J. Light, P.M. 299; W. H. Butt, 511; G. J. E. Marsh, I.P.M. 1586; A. J. Dudgeon, I.P.M. 2006, P.S.G.D.; A. J. Arthy, A. L. Harrington, A. Gordon, W. Bishop, F. Partridge, and T. Walker, all of 160.

Lodge having been opened in due form, the report of the Audit Committee, which showed the lodge to be in a sound financial position, was received and adopted, upon the motion of the Treasurer, Bro. F. Wood, and the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. J. F. Harrington, P.M. 160. P.P.G.P., was then proceeded with, the ceremony being perfectly performed by Bro. A. Lucking, G.P., Prov. G.D. of C., who was subsequently accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his services. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. Floyd, P.M. 1817, P.P.A.G.P.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, P.M. 160, P.P.G. Chap., J.W.; F. Wood, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; A. Lucking, P.M., G.P., Prov. G.D. of C., Sec.; G. J. Glasscock, W.M. 1817, P.P.G. Swd. Br., S.D.; W. E. Bridgeland, P.M. 933, J.D.; R. G. Dempster, I.G.; T. F. Barrett, P.M., P.P.G.R., D. of C.; T. Hood, Org.; B. Thomas and A. Vandervord, Stwds.; and A. W. Martin, Tyler.

The Worshipful Master proposed, Bro. C. Floyd seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to re-elect Bro. F. Wood as the lodge's representative on the Provincial Charity Committee. Some time ago the lodge voted 25 guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons; and Bro. A. Lucking, P.M., Sec., now moved that, to commemorate the Jubilee of her Most Gracious Majesty's reign, 75 guineas be voted out of the funds of the lodge, that amount being the balance required to constitute the lodge a Vice-President of the Institution. Bro. F. Wood, Treas., seconded the motion. Bro. W. Gregson, whilst not opposing the resolution, reminded the brethren that there was to be a local memorial of her Majesty's Jubilee, and asked whether this—a local lodge—would be in a position to contribute to the local memorial after voting this large sum? Bro. Lucking and Bro. F. Wood having replied in the affirmative, the resolution was carried unanimously amidst applause; and it was also agreed to place the amount on the list of Bro. W. D. Merritt, P.P.A.G.D.C., who will represent the lodge as Steward at the forthcoming festival. Votes of thank

having been passed to the Auditors, Bros. Hood and Cooke, several candidates were proposed for initiation, and "Hearty good wishes" having been tendered to the W.M., the lodge was closed in due form.

After the conclusion of the lodge business, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where, under the genial presidency of the W.M., the annual banquet was excellently served by the new host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard.

The Worshipful Master, who was cordially received, subsequently proposed, in fitting terms, the usual loyal and Masonic toast, which were drunk with the customary fire.

Bro. Roebuck, G. Swd. Br. of England, in responding for "The Grand Officers," said they were ever ready and willing to perform their duties, and they needed no other instance of that than that which was afforded by Bro. Lucking, the Grand Pursuivant, who was always willing to do whatever he could for the prosperity of that lodge or any other lodge in the province.

Bro. G. F. Jones, on behalf of "The Prov. G. Officers," thanked the brethren for the cordiality with which they had drunk their healths; and as the W.M. had alluded to the frequency with which those officers attended lodge, he urged the younger Masons to follow that example.

Bro. G. R. Dawson, I.P.M., in giving the toast of "The W.M.," said they could not have a more efficient W.M. than Bro. John Harrington, who had passed the chair at Rochford, and whom they knew to be a zealous and expert Craftsman.

The W.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him, and asked them to support him with their attendance. He then proposed "The I.P.M.," whose work, he said, had been done exceptionally well; and, as a mark of the respect in which he was held by the brethren, he, in the name of the lodge, presented Bro. Dawson with a handsome Past Master's jewel.

Bro. G. R. Dawson, in acknowledging the presentation, said he felt very proud at having gone through his year of office with such success. He loved Freemasonry, and his heart was in the work, and he hoped his successor would have as good a year as he had had.

Bro. Bradshaw Brown, whose name was coupled with the toast of "The Visitors," said the Tilbury Lodge intended to invite Provincial Grand Lodge to Tilbury in 1888. In responding for the visitors, he could not help referring with emphasis to the prosperity of the Priory Lodge. It was only in 1864 that the lodge was established, but that afternoon the members had done that which he believed to be unique in the annals of the Craft—voted 75 guineas in a lump sum to the Benevolent Institution. That, he believed, would be accepted by older lodges as a good example for the Jubilee year, and would probably be the means of adding not only 75, but 75,000 guineas to the Masonic Charities. It showed, too, that in Masonry there was something more than sentiment. With that handsome donation, and the general prosperity of the lodge in view, the visitors must congratulate the members of the Priory upon their most successful position with respect to those tenets which they, as Masons, believed to be for the benefit of their fellow creatures, and which they sought to promulgate and substantiate around the social board.

Bro. G. Berry having responded for "The Past Masters,"

Bro. F. Wood proposed "The Charities," and, in making an appeal for donations towards the £40,000 annually required to maintain the Institutions, as "the father of the lodge," he urged the brethren to be just to their families, and then generous to the Masonic Charities.

Bro. Roebuck (who is a Vice-President of the Boys' and Girls' Schools and a member of the Board of Benevolence) said there were now 250 boys and about the same number of girls in the Masonic Schools. Last year the incomes of the three Institutions were between £6000 and £7000 less than in the previous year. Taking the commercial depression into consideration, he thought they were well supported, but, of course, they were anxious to keep up the subscriptions.

Bro. Barrett said that, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Merritt through domestic affliction, he had been deputed by Bro. Merritt—who would represent the lodge at the Benevolent Institution's Festival—to solicit donations for his list. Bro. Merritt had headed it with 10 guineas, and Mrs. Merritt had followed with five guineas. [In answer to this appeal, Bro. Barrett announced later in the evening that he had received contributions, paid or promised, which would bring up the amount to £25 8s.]

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Treasurer and Secretary," said it was impossible to find two more hard-working officers than Bros. Wood and Lucking.

Bro. Bradshaw Brown incidentally remarked that the late Treasurer of the Grand Master's Lodge, of which he is a Past Master, had been a member of that lodge for 61 years, and for 55 years he had the collar put round his neck as Treasurer.

Bro. Wood said he could not boast of such a record as that, but he was proud to say that he had been the Treasurer of the Priory Lodge for 22 years. Many thousands of pounds had been sent up by the Priory to the Masonic Institutions, and he believed it contributed more than any other lodge in Essex.

Bro. Albert Lucking said the cordial reception given the toast showed that the efforts of himself and Bro. Wood were appreciated. The lodge's receipts last year were something like £70 more than in the previous year, and whereas five years' ago they had a debit of £32 they now had £130 in hand. That showed that they could afford to contribute 75 guineas to the Benevolent Institution, and, if their prosperity continued, in two years' time they would have recouped that amount. The only regret he had experienced in his connection with Freemasonry was that he had been called upon to perform the ceremony of installation about 30 times. He should like to see outgoing Masters instal their successors in the chair. In conclusion he assured the brethren that under the able guidance of the present Masters the work of the Secretary became a pleasure.

Bro. C. Floyd responded for "The Officers" in a neatly-turned speech, and

Bro. G. F. Jones then announced that Bro. Thomas Hood had just handed him a cheque for £10 10s. towards the Southend General Hospital, and Bro. Bradshaw Brown had promised him a cheque for a like amount.

The Tyler's toast having been drunk with the customary formalities, the interesting proceedings were brought to a close by a vote of thanks being passed to Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard for the admirable manner in which the banquet had been served.

COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—The members of this lodge held their annual meeting on Thursday, the 6th inst., for the purpose of installing Bro. J. Fidler as W.M. for the ensuing year. As usual, the muster was large, there being over 20 P.M.'s present. Bro. C. Morton, P.P.S.G.W., and senior P.M. of the lodge, assumed the chair, and discharged the duty of installing the Master in his usual able manner, assisted by Bro. G. Dalrymple, P.M. 872 and 1660, P.P.J.G.W. The newly-installed Master appointed the following as his officers: Bros. A. Cooper, S.W.; F. Smith, J.W.; T. Mason, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; T. C. Burn, Sec.; A. Williams, S.D.; T. Atkinson, J.D.; R. C. Shawyer, I.G.; A. Entwistle and J. G. Jennings, Stwds.; and J. Hewson, P.P.G.T., Tyler.

The following members and visitors were also present: Bros. J. Black, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M., P.P.G.O.; H. Peacock, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; H. Simpson, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; A. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; T. Atkinson, A. Williams, T. C. Burn, D. Forsyth, J. Kerr, J. Iowers, R. Harrison, A. Cooper, S. Bettoney, W. P. Moordaff, J. Gardiner, P.M. 371, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Dickinson, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. Martin, W.M. 327; R. S. Marsh, J. Paterson, P.M. 962, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; J. Wood, P.M. 962, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; J. Thompson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. C. Thompson, P.M., P.G. Reg.; J. Lewthwaite, W.M. 962, P.G. Swd.; C. Gowan, P.M. 1989, P.G. Swd. Br.; J. J. Coverdale, P.M., P.P.G.O.; T. Brakenridge, W.M. elect 872; A. Little, W.M. 1400; J. Rubery, A. Ashmore, J. Eden, S.W. 962; G. Rayson, 160 (S.C.); and others.

Several letters of apology were read from absentees, conveying best wishes to the W.M. We were sorry to learn that the highly esteemed Bro. Col. Sewell, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., was indisposed, and regretted not being able to be present. A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to Bros. Morton and Dalrymple for their services; and with other routine business, and a round of "Hearty good wishes" from Lodges 119, 310, 327, 371, 872, 962, 1002, 1400, 1660, 1989, and 160 (S.C.), the lodge was closed with the usual formalities, and the W.M. invited all present to accompany him to the Globe Hotel, where about fifty sat down to an excellent spread, which Skiddaw is proverbial for when catered for by the host and hostess of the Globe.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and heartily responded to, and with songs and recitations a most enjoyable evening was spent, closing with the Tyler's toast.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE.—St. Kew Lodge (No. 1222).—At the annual meeting of the members of this lodge, held on Friday, 7th inst., Bro. G. E. Alford, S.W., was formally installed into the chair of W.M., the ceremony having been undertaken and efficiently performed by Bro. R. C. Else, D.P.G.M. of Somerset. There was a large attendance of members, augmented by several visitors, the visiting lodges represented including Rural Philanthropic Lodge, and Lodge of Agriculture. The W.M. elect subsequently distributed collars of office for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. Geo. S. Perrett, S.W.; H. B. Farrington, J.W.; F. Thomas, Treas.; S. Lewis, Sec.; F. W. S. Wicksteed, Chap.; W. M. Forty, D.C.; Dr. E. S. Nunn, S.D.; W. E. Perrett, sen., J.D.; S. Sellick, I.G.; J. Lovell, Org.; F. Blackmore, and T. Cogle, Stwds.; W. Cousins, Tyler. The labours of the lodge concluded, the brethren adjourned, and partook of a sumptuous banquet.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—The regular meeting was held on Monday, the 10th inst. Bro. W. Brown, W.M., was in the chair, and there were also present Bros. T. B. Whythead, P.M.; G. Simpson, P.M.; C. G. Padel, P.M.; J. T. Sellar, P.M.; John Blenkin, P.M.; G. Balmford, P.M. and Treas.; W. B. Dyson, S.W.; S. J. Dalton, J.W.; Jas. Kay, Sec.; W. Lackenby, S.D.; Geo. Lamb, J.D.; J. H. Shonksmith, Steward; Wm. Storey, I.G.; P. Pearson, W. Blenkin, E. Wilkinson, F. W. Halliwell, W. H. A. Coates, R. Ware, W. Ream, J. Mennell, J. Smith, and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. H. Allison, 1001; W. A. Todd Naylor, 1168; M. Bryson, 236; Major McGachen, 236; and others.

The business consisted of a passing to the Second Degree, after which the W.M. presented, on behalf of Bro. Goldthorpe, to the lodge library a copy of that brother's history of the St. George's Lodge. Bro. Whythead presented a framed symbolical engraving of 1790, and Bro. Halliwell gave a set of electro-plated sugar-crushers. After the close of the lodge, the brethren spent a pleasant evening in love and harmony.

EAST MOLESEY.—Arnold Lodge (No. 1981).—The celebration of the annual festival of this lodge took place on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Bell Hotel. The lodge was well attended, considering the inclemency of the weather, for it snowed heavily the greater part of the morning. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. S. P. Catterson, P.P.G.S.B., who is on a tour in Australia, the lodge was opened by his son, Bro. W. P. Catterson, P.P.G.P., supported by the following officers: Bros. J. Youldon, S.W., W.M. elect; G. Moorman, J.W.; W. Youldon, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treasurer; J. W. Moorman, P.G.A. D.C., Secretary; F. Croaker, P.M., S.D.; H. J. Shelley, J.D.; F. W. Hullett, I.G.; G. A. Ball, Stwd.; and a goodly list of members of the lodge. The visitors were Bros. H. E. Francis, P.M. 1779, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Pain, P.M. 1339; A. Holmes, P.M. 548; J. J. West, P.M. 548; H. Wheatley, S.W. 1512; J. R. Ormer, S.D. 1259; H. Gower, 1339; H. T. Stubbs, 1339; J. Bolton, jun., 1155; and F. R. Barns, 1793. Bro. F. West, Dep. P.G.M., and several other distinguished brethren sent telegrams expressing disappointment at not being present owing to the weather.

After the formal business, Bro. Catterson vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Youldon, whose son was the W.M. elect. There being a candidate for initiation, Mr. A. Miller, he was first inducted into the mysteries and privileges of the Order, after which the ceremony of installation was proceeded with, and Bro. John Youldon was duly installed into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom by his father, whose connection with the Order is the term of 21 years.

The newly-elected W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. W. P. Catterson, I.P.M. (pro tem.); G.

Moorman, S.W.; F. Croaker, P.M., J.W.; W. Youldon, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; J. W. Moorman, P.M., Prov. A.G.D.C., Sec.; H. J. Shelley, S.D.; F. W. Hullett, J.D.; G. A. Ball, I.G.; G. Leaver, D.C.; and J. J. Wright, Stwd. Expressions of deep feelings of sympathy was expressed by all in the loss (since the previous meeting of the lodge), by death, of the D.P.G.M., Bro. C. Greenwood, P.G.S.B. Eng. A cordial vote of thanks was recorded to Bro. W. Youldon for the able manner in which he had carried out the duties of Installing Master; also expressions of good wishes and a safe return was conveyed to Bro. S. P. Catterson, the retiring W.M., who is now in Australia, and to whom a handsome P.M.'s jewel awaits him on his return. Bros. F. West, D.P.G.M.; C. Greenwood, P.G. Sec.; H. E. Francis, P.P.S.G.D.; and T. Elsam, P.P.G.R., were all unanimously elected honorary members.

The lodge being closed, a banquet took place, and the evening was spent most pleasantly.

INSTRUCTION.

FIDELITY LODGE (No. 3).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at the Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury. Bro. R. W. Fraser, I.G. 1507, occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. Boyden, Surridge, Hanson, Gregory, Ament, Dimsdale, Secretary, and others.

After preliminaries, the ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bros. Gregory and Ament acting as candidates. Lodge was then opened to the Third Degree, and closed down. Bro. Boyden having been duly elected W.M. for the next meeting, the lodge was closed.

The first meeting of "The Fidelity Charity Society" was afterwards held, at which a large number of brethren entered themselves as members. The Secretary will be glad to receive the names of any brethren who would like to join this society and who may not have been communicated with by post. Its object is to enable members to become Life Subscribers and Governors of the Masonic Institutions by payments of one shilling weekly, and it is open toadies, gentlemen who are not Mas-ns, as well as to brethren.

EUPHRATES LODGE (No. 212).—This lodge held its usual weekly meeting at the Red Cap, Camden-town, on Monday, the 10th inst., when there were present Bros. Lawrence, W.M.; Casely, S.W.; Robinson, J.W.; Marcus, S.D.; Smales, J.D.; C. J. Ifter, I.G.; Dean, acting Sec.; Mulvey, Preceptor; W. C. Smith, W. Jackins, A. Clark, J. Blackstone, H. Becknell, C. A. Ifter, H. F. Bangs, H. Halsey, and H. Slyman.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Preceptor worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Clark having offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. Lodge called off and on. Lodge closed in the Third and Second Degrees. On rising for the second time, Bro. Mulvey proposed that Bro. Casely, S.W., be W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W. The W.M. was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. During the evening eight new members were unanimously elected. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, 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 11th inst., when there were present Bros. Gray, W.M.; W. W. Block, S.W.; Wright, J.W.; Chapman, S.D.; Steng, J.D.; Ellis, I.G.; Walter Wingham, Preceptor; F. H. Williams, Hon. Sec.; Hattersley, Bellchamber, J. W. Block, and Arrowsmith.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Horton candidate. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections were worked by Bro. Belchamber. The W.M. rose for the first time. Bros. Horton and Wright were elected members, and they returned thanks. The dues were then collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, when it was proposed by Bro. Wingham, Preceptor, that the S.W. be W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The S.W. returned thanks, and appointed his officers. The W.M. rose for the third time, and it was proposed by Bro. Wingham, Preceptor, and seconded by Bro. Chapman, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Gray, for his able working as W.M. for the first time in this lodge of instruction—carried unanimously. Bro. Gray returned thanks, and the lodge was closed.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—At the meeting of this lodge of instruction held at Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, Coleman-street, E.C., on Thursday, the 6th inst., the ceremony of installation of W.M., with ceremonial of constituting a Board of Installed Masters, was rehearsed by the Preceptor, Bro. James Stevens, in the presence of a numerous gathering of members and visitors from other lodges, a fair proportion of whom were acting or Past Masters in the Craft. The respective openings and closing of the lodge in the several Degrees were performed in accordance with the Preceptor's views in regard to the original working in the early part of the present century; and afforded opportunity for noting several of the more important innovations and divergencies which have affected the ritual as at present elsewhere rendered. Whether or not a perfect agreement with the endeavour this lodge of instruction is making to restore the purity of ritual and ceremonial can be accorded generally, it cannot fail to be of great interest to all studious and earnest members of the Craft desirous of instruction and information on doubtful or debatable points. On the above occasion a ready acknowledgment of services rendered was accorded to the Preceptor, who undertook to repeat the same ceremony in February next. The lodge meets, as above, every Thursday at 6.30 p.m.

Amongst the brethren present were Bros. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., Preceptor; J. Leach Barrett, S.D. 1201; George Mass, P.M. 1201; A. Foreman, J.W. 1201; W. H. Munday, S.W. and W.M. elect 1201; James Amsden, W.M. 1201; F. C. Rush, S.W. and W.M. elect 1851; W. Parker, P.M. 1851; W. Berry, A. Milwells, T. Fred. Smith, A. Jardine, 2029; B. Williams, J. K. Pitt, Charles Daniel, 65; Fred. Woodin, J. S. Lavington, P.M. 857; J. W. Johnson, P.M. 1320; A. C. Ansbacher, W.M. 73; W. Klenganstein, P.M. 73; R. Poore, W.M. 1949; and W. H. Paddle, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.S.B. and P.G.D.C. Surrey.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 6th inst., when there were present Bros. H. Kedgley, W.M. 1614, W.M.; T. A. Dickson, S.W. 1614, S.W.; B. Solomon, J.W. 1614, J.W.; W. F. Thorpe, J.D. 1614, S.D.; W. Richards, W.M. 1853, J.D.; E. J. D. Bromley, 179, I.G.; W. C. Smith, W.M. 1503, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, S.D. 1614, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, 1093, 1210, Tyler; F. W. Cash, J.W. 1559; W. Hancock, 1050; G. Coop, W.M. 141; J. H. Stock, P.M. 1286; W. F. B. McQueen, S.D. 11; E. Chamberlain, J.D. 87; M. W. Halliday, W.M. 1305; G. S. Recknell, P.M. 1728; J. T. Worthy, 669 (S.C.), 1681; J. H. McQueen, P.M., W.M. 11; B. Honeyman, 73; F. Kedgley, 749; W. Kedgley, 749; H. Sammons, 1541; C. J. Ifter, 217; C. A. Ifter, 1897; A. Clark, P.M. 1897; R. Blum, P.M. 511; E. Nice, 1624; W. Brindley, P.M. 1604; E. C. Mulvey, S.D. 179, 788; J. B. Grieve, P.M. 1531; T. Adams, S.W. 181; J. Coltart, P.M. 749; H. Matthews, 1321; L. Gunzell, 2221; C. Grassi, W.M. elect 1589; J. D. Graham, S.D. 1559; W. Bellamy, J.D. 1627; W. Ham, 858; J. Woodward, 1614; C. Howard, 1559; R. Kirk, 1581; C. Corby, W.M. 957; F. M. Noakes, 2148; E. Jacobs, P.M. 1614; J. Jacobs, P.M. 1614; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the Second Degree, Bro. E. Jacobs, acting as W.M. elect, was duly obligated.

Lodge opened in the Third Degree. Bro. T. A. Dickson, the W.M. elect, was placed in the chair. Lodge resumed to the Second and then the First Degrees. The W.M., Bro. T. A. Dickson, then appointed and invested his officers, Bro. H. Kedgley delivering the charges to the officers and brethren. Bro. H. Kedgley, as Installing Master, performed the whole of the ceremonies in a very clear and distinct manner. On rising for the first time, Bro. G. Reynolds proposed that Bro. J. H. McQueen, P.M., W.M. 11, be a joining member of this lodge of instruction—seconded by Bro. E. Jacobs, P.M. Bro. W. Brindley, P.M. 1604, proposed that Bro. T. Adams, S.W. 181, also be a joining member—seconded by Bro. W. C. Smith. Both brethren were unanimously elected. On rising for the second time, Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec., reminded the lodge that Bro. F. Kedgley was elected W.M. for the ensuing week on the 30th December last, and had appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of this lodge of instruction to Bro. H. Kedgley, W.M. of the mother lodge, for the careful and clear manner in which he had rehearsed the ceremony of installation that evening. His working was a great credit to him, and Bro. W. C. Smith said he himself had had a great treat, and he felt sure all those present had enjoyed it too. Seconded by the J.W. Bro. H. Kedgley made a suitable reply. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed and adjourned.

The brethren, on parting, expressed themselves much pleased with the working of this lodge of instruction, and were unanimous in their opinion of the able manner in which Bro. H. Kedgley had delivered the charges.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on the 11th inst., at the Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W. Present: Bros. Wood, W.M.; Davies, S.W.; Aslett, J.W.; Hubbard, Sec.; Keene, S.D.; Neville, J.D.; Price, I.G.; Cochrane, P.M., acting Preceptor; R. H. Williams, Sims, Walker, Wilton, and Stroud.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. R. H. Williams having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed; the traditional history was given by the W.M. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. Davies was elected W.M. for next meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 7th inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Coleman, W.M.; Glover, S.W.; Wade, P.M., J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Brindley, P.M., S.D.; Green, P.M., J.D.; Arnold, I.G.; Bromwell, Gilbert, F. Purnell, Dottrell, Hill, Chilcott, Waterhouse, Christian, Mason, Roberts, Wombell, Green, jun., W. C. Smith, Clarkson, Edwards, Harvey, Jones, and McCafferty.

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. Jones being the candidate. Bro. Roberts, 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. Roberts being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Brindley, assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st and Bro. W. C. Smith the 3rd Sections of this Lecture. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bros. Dottrell, 1604; Hill, 1563; McCafferty, 1789; and Jones, 145, were unanimously elected joining members. The W.M. rose for the second time, Bro. Glover 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 6th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. Altman, W.M.; Craggs, S.W.; P. J. Davies, J.W.; Austin, Treas.; Chalford, P.M. Sec.; Lindfield, S.D.; Purdie, P.M., J.D.; Cavers, I.G.; J. Davies, P.M., Preceptor; Speigel, P.M.; Sims, P.M.; Jennings, Whittle, Cross, Wood, Cockrell, Cochrane, Chauffourier, Marsh, Ridgley, Love, Bonham, Head, and Klein.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cross being candidate. The W.M. announced his intention to rehearse the ceremony of passing; Bro. Chauffourier, as candidate, answered the usual questions. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The 4th Section of this Lecture was then worked by Bro. Davies, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was closed to the First Degree. Bro. Craggs was elected W.M. for next meeting. Bro. J. Klein, S.D., was elected a joining member, and the lodge was closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, 10th inst., at the Baron's Court Hotel, Kensington, W., when there were present Bros. Conway, W.M.; S. Cochrane, S.W.; Scarr, J.W.; J. Collings, Preceptor; Harris, Treas.; Craggs, acting Sec.; W. C. Williams, S.D.; P. J. Davies, J.D.; C. Woods, I.G.; Sims, P.M. 834; Buxton, G. Rogers, John Davies, and Miller.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Davies being candidate. Bro. Buxton offered himself as a candidate for passing, and having answered the usual questions in a satisfactory manner, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, when it was proposed by the Preceptor, and seconded by the J.W., that the S.W., Bro. Cochrane, be W.M. for the next meeting. The S.W. thanked the brethren for this mark of their favour, and was pleased to appoint the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time. A letter was read from the Secretary, Bro. Morley, expressing his regret at being still unable to attend the lodge. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 8th inst. Present: Bros. J. Brown, W.M.; D. S. Long, S.W.; P. J. Davies, J.W.; E. Ayling, Preceptor; A. Williams, Sec.; E. Aslete, S.D.; W. G. Coat, J.D.; J. Sims, I.G.; W. W. Williams, Stwd.; Hopkins, Wood, Walden, Stroud, and Steers.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Hopkins offering himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed that ceremony in a very accurate and unassuming manner. Bro. Stroud offering himself as a candidate for passing to the Second Degree, was examined, and entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the passing ceremony rehearsed, Bro. Stroud being the candidate. Lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, when Bro. D. S. Long was unanimously elected W.M. for next meeting, and Bro. S. Page, 1326, was unanimously elected a member. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

A meeting of the Benevolent Association was afterwards held, and a ballot took place, which resulted in favour of Bro. Wilson.

Bro. Jas. Beaumont Garland was installed W.M. of the Newcastle-on-Tyne Lodge, No. 24, on Thursday, the 6th inst., in the presence of a numerous concourse of brethren, the banquet being subsequently held at the Crown and Mitre Hotel.

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

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INSTRUCTION.

NORTH LONDON CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 1471).—A convocation was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Alwyn Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury. Present: Comps. Wm. Radcliffe, M.E.Z.; H. Jenkins, H.; S. Barnett, J.; J. E. Sheffield, S.E.; F. Hallows, S.N.; and J. Strugnell, P.S.
The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Alfred Le Grand acting as candidate. The ritual was rehearsed in an able and impressive manner. On the whole, a very instructive evening was spent.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. Bro. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., occupied the chair, and among those present were Bros. James Brett, P.G.P.; C. A. Cotter-brune, P.G.P.; Samuel Brooks, John Bulmer, C. H. Driver, W. B. Daniell, W. Belchamber, Hugh Cotter, Alex. Forsyth, Frederic Davison, P.G.D.; Joseph Freeman, Albert Fish, Wm. Hilton, Charles Lacey, Charles Belton, Louis Stean, A. H. Tattershall, W. Vaughan Morgan, W. M. Bywater, H. J. Strong, C. J. Perceval, J. A. Farnfield, W. J. Murlis, T. Cubitt, P.G.P.; C. G. Hill, C. F. Hogard, John E. Dawson, J. L. Mather, S. B. Wilson, and James Terry (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the deaths of four annuitants (two male and two female), and of a male candidate. The Warden's report having been read and accepted, and that of the Finance Committee adopted and ordered to be entered on the minutes, an application by the widow of a deceased annuitant for the half of her husband's annuity was granted. A female candidate's name was withdrawn from the list.

The petitions of 25 candidates (14 men and 11 widows) was then considered, all with one exception (male) being accepted, and the names ordered to be placed on the respective lists for the May election.

The customary vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

TWELFTH NIGHT FESTIVITY AT DRURY LANE.

The usual Twelfth Night festival in connection with the Baddeley bequest took place at Drury Lane Theatre on the 6th inst., the celebration being on Bro. Augustus Harris's grandest scale, and well kept up till an early hour the next morning. There was, as may be supposed, a large gathering, theatrical worthies being largely in the majority, but law and physic, the military and civil services, literature, art, and diplomacy were numerous and efficiently represented, among the many guests of the evening being Bros. Herbert Campbell, Edward Terry, Charles Warner, John Douglass, Earl of Onslow, Sir John Gorst, O.C., M.P., W. T. Marriott, O.C., M.P., G. A. Sala, A. M. Broadley, A. Meadows, Lionel Brough, and others. The guests having arrived, and Mr. Telbin's Jubilee scene having been converted for the nonce into a banqueting room, Mr. James Fernandez advanced to the footlights and delivered an eloquent oration to the memory of the departed Baddeley and his many virtues, as well as to the generous hospitality of the present lessee of Old Drury, the latter part of his speech being heartily applauded by those present. The curtain then arose on the Jubilee scene with its heavily laden supper tables and its trophy of "G. H. Mumms' 1880" Champagne at the foot of the Queen's statue; and Messrs. Spiers and Pond having purveyed a magnificent supper, the guests disposed themselves with hearty goodwill to discussing its varied merits.

Supper over, and the tables having been removed, Mr. Wallerstein's band struck up a waltz, and Bro. Harris opened the ball, which was kept up with admirable spirit and unflagging vigour till past 4 a.m., when a dispersal of the guests homewards took place, and the 92nd celebration of the Baddeley Bequest, with all its agreeable associations, took rank with its ninety-one predecessors.

Obituary.

R.W. BRO. COL. A. STEWART, D.G.M. BENGAL.

Bro. Colonel Anthony Stewart, of the Bengal Staff Corps, who died on the 13th December last, was initiated in Lodge Hope and Perseverance, No. 782, Lahore, Punjab, in May, 1862, and was W.M. in the years 1865, 1867, and 1874, as well as of Lodge Mayo, No. 1430, Rawal Pindi, in the year 1878. He was appointed Deputy District Grand Master of the Punjab in the years 1869 and 1881, and in 1882 succeeded Bro. Colonel Marmaduke Ramsay as District Grand Master. He was also at the time of his death the District Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masonry in the Punjab, and the Immediate Past Prov. Grand Mark Master of Bengal. He was a Knight Templar and had held high office in that Order; the Intendant General of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine in Bengal; a member of the Allied and Cryptic Degrees, and held the 32° in the Ancient and Accepted Rite. Lastly, he was also a Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Charities, and was well known for his public and private Charities throughout the provinces. Thus in all respects his loss will be a severe one, and there is hardly a branch of Masonry or an Institution connected with the Fraternity which will not have good cause to lament his death.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Easy Digestion.—These admirable Pills cannot be too highly appreciated for the wholesome power they exert over all disorders of the stomach, liver, bowels, and kidneys. They instantaneously relieve and steadily work out a thorough cure, and in its course dispel headache, biliousness, flatulence, and depression of spirits. It is wonderful to watch the daily improvement of the complexion, as Holloway's Pills purify the blood and restore plumpness to the face which had lost both flesh and colour. These Pills combine every excellence desirable in a domestic remedy. The most certain and beneficial results flow from the occasional use of this regulating medicine; even persons in health, or when following sedentary occupation, will find it an invaluable aperient.—[ADVT.]



The last nights of "The Mikado," the most popular of all the popular operas of Gilbert and Sullivan, are announced. We are sure our readers will make the most of their opportunities to see for the last time this pretty piece.

Bro. Edward Terry writes that he, some three years ago, obtained the signatures of nearly all the leading managers and actors to a petition to Bro. J. P. Knight, the late manager of the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway, and that the new manager, Mr. Sarle, has acted upon their request and put on a train to Brighton on Saturdays after the London theatres are over, giving the jaded actor a chance of two days' sea air.

On Monday and Tuesday two new plays are to be produced at the Haymarket and Globe respectively—Mr. Jones's "Hard Hit" at the former house, and an adaptation from the French called "The Lodgers," at the latter. For Mr. H. A. Jones's piece a powerful company has been arranged, including Messrs. Beerbohm Tree, Arthur Dacre, and E. Maurice; Misses Marion Terry and Mary Rorke will also appear. Rumour says it is a strong play. At the Globe Messrs. C. H. Hawtreay, W. J. Hill, and W. S. Penley, and Miss Vane Featherstone will appear.

When a theatre is taken for a short time, as the Opera Comique seemingly is, for Miss Vaughan becomes the lessee next month, it is the custom to look upon the play put up for that time as not worth a visit. We were agreeably surprised at the acting of the company engaged in "A Night Off," which is just now being played. To those who have not seen the Daly company this farcical comedy will afford an immense amount of amusement, and those who, like ourselves, have witnessed it at the hands of the clever Daly troupe, can still laugh at and enjoy "A Night Off." We do not for a moment say it is played at the Opera Comique on an equality with the American company. It is not. The ladies are specially weak; but Bro. Beveridge, as Snap, is quite as good as the original Mr. Leclercq, and we hope, now Bro. Beveridge has thrown up the part of the gentleman villain, he will stick to such characters as he is playing in this piece. Mr. Kaye, as the Professor, dresses, talks, and looks like Mr. James Lewis. Altogether a very pleasant evening can be spent when one has "A Night Off."

The last weeks of "The Beggar Student" at the Comedy are announced, for on St. Valentine's Day Miss Melnotte produces Mr. Harry Paulton's and Mr. Mostyn Tedde's new and original comic opera, "Mynheer Jan." The cast will include the lessee, Misses Camille D'Arville, Kate Munroe, and Madame Amadi (Mrs. G. Loveday), Messrs. Harry Paulton, Sydney Harcourt, De Lange, F. Wyatt, and Mons. Marius. In the meanwhile "The Beggar Student," from Manchester, occupies the boards, and is sustained by a very efficient and good all-round cast. This opera was given at the Alhambra some few years ago; but not nearly so well performed. Miss Ada Lincoln, Bro. Henry Bracy, Mr. Fred Mervin, and Mr. John Child are all of them singers of the first order. The first and last named are new to us, and we welcome them as acquisitions to the lyric stage. Mr. Child cannot act, or, at least, with any ease; but he sings with accuracy and precision, and has a lovely tenor voice, which he knows well how to use. Mr. F. Mervin has never had a character (his original) which suits him better. The opera is tastefully mounted, and the music is bright and tuneful.

Mr. Edward Compton has changed his programme and given the public an opportunity of seeing Goldsmith's ever popular comedy, "She Stoops to Conquer." We have seen this immortal play, as most of the old English comedies, many times, but we enjoyed it at the Strand as much as the first night of a new piece. It is presented by the Compton Comedy Company with care and completeness, as the other classical plays which they have given from their stock have been. Mr. Compton has changed from the character of Tony Lumpkin to that of young Marlow, and plays it in a highly polished style, though he seems to be never quite at ease, but appears to have some self-consciousness. Mr. Valentine now appears as Tony Lumpkin, and to him much credit is due, this being his first time in the character. He gives a delightful rendering of the Squire's son; though different from what we have seen before, none the less acceptable, and carefully avoids the usual tomfoolery and vulgar character Tony is too often depicted to be. Mr. Sydney Valentine has had a chance, and has embraced it. Mr. Lewis Ball, it was anticipated, would give a highly finished rendering of Mr. Hardcastle. He is an actor of the old school, one who never takes liberties with a part to get a passing applause. Mr. Ball's old English gentlemen are always refined, and his pleasant voice makes him still more agreeable. Mr. Dadsforth, as Diggory, has struck out a new line, and his playing evidently pleases the audience, though we can scarcely think it possible for a man-servant, even in the days the comedy was written, to be quite so ignorant as to his duties, position, and manners. Miss Virginia Bateman—Mrs. Compton—is a pleasing Miss Hardcastle, but plays too much after her husband's style, she might, with advantage, be a little brighter, and make the piece go quicker. Mr. Percy Marshall, who is a valuable member of the company, is the Hastings. Miss Dora Vivian is not quite at home as Miss Neville, but Mrs. Aickin as Mrs. Hardcastle plays the part as everyone would wish it played, she makes the usual mistakes in her speeches, and causes much laughter, but never descends to vulgarity. Altogether the repertoire of the Compton Comedy Company has been very successful. Each piece they produce they play better than the previous one. They are, from subordinate to principal part, perfect. Intending audiences should go in time to see "Blue Devils," which is given with great spirit by Messrs. Valentine, Marshall, and Miss Margaret Terry. The latter plays with much grace and winningness, and deserves what she gets, the applause of the audience, and besides, is possessed of a pretty face.



Bro. J. Knaption Abel has been unanimously elected Master of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company in succession to Bro. Major Joseph, C.C.

Mr. Walter Meredith Thomas, son of Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, F.S.A., P.A.G.D.C., has lately been gazetted to the 1st battalion Devonshire Regiment, formerly the 11th foot, now quartered at Cork.

Comp. Marmaduke Tennant, who holds the position of D.P.G.M. in Craft Masonry of the Eastern Division of South Wales, has been appointed P.G. Supt. of Royal Arch Masons, an office which has been vacant for some time past.

Bro. James Bridge was installed W.M. of the Red Rose of Lancaster Lodge, No. 1504, Padiham, on Thursday, the 6th inst., the usual banquet being afterwards held and a very enjoyable evening spent.

The installation meeting of the Windrush Lodge, No. 1703, Oxford, was held on Wednesday, the 5th inst., and the installation banquet took place in the evening, Bro. Nelms, of the Marlborough Hotel, being the caterer.

At a meeting of the University of London Lodge, No. 2033, held on Thursday evening, Baron Herschell, late Lord Chancellor of Great Britain, was unanimously elected W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year, and will be regularly installed at the next ordinary meeting in May.

The brethren of Dewsbury gave their annual ball on Friday, the 7th inst., under the auspices of the Lodge of the Three Grand Principles, No. 208, Bro. C. E. Rhodes, W.M., acting as M.C. There was a large and fashionable party present.

Our readers will be pleased to hear of the marriage this week of the lady Winifred Herbert, daughter of the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, and Prov. Grand Master of Somersetshire. There was a large gathering at the marriage ceremony, and the bridal pair afterwards left to pass the honeymoon at the Earl's seat, Highclere castle.

The ceremony of installation will be performed at the United Strength Lodge of Instruction, No. 228, which is held at the Hope Tavern, Stanhope-street, Hampstead-road, on Wednesday, the 19th inst., by Bro. Ellwood, W.M. Manchester Lodge, No. 179. All brethren are cordially invited to this lodge of instruction, of which Bro. Kew, P.M., is the Preceptor, and Bro. H. Palmer, Hon. Sec.

A grand Masonic ball was held in the Town Hall, Bournemouth, on Wednesday, the 5th inst., under the auspices of the Hengist Lodge, No. 195, the chief patrons being Bros. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Hants and the Isle of Wight; Montague Guest, P.G.M. Dorsetshire; and J. E. Le Feuvre, G.J.D., D.P.G.M. Hants and the Isle of Wight. There was a very efficient body of Stewards, and everything passed off most successfully, quite a hundred guests being present.

The Prince of Wales presided at a meeting held in the banqueting hall of St. James's Palace, on Wednesday, in support of the proposal to establish an Imperial Institute for the United Kingdom, the Colonies, and India, there being present, among others, Bros. Prince Albert Victor of Wales, Lord Herschell, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Lord Mayor, Alderman Sir John Staples, K.C.M.G., the Duke of St. Albans, the Earl of Cork, Earl Granville, Lord Kensington, and Lord Wantage.

The Lodge of Joppa has fallen into the fashion prevailing amongst lodges at this season, and will hold their first ball, under the patronage, and it is hoped the presence, of the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, at Willis's Rooms, on Monday, the 14th February. The I.P.M., Bro. Dewsnap, and the W.M., Bro. Lewis Wall, are the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, respectively, with Bro. J. S. Lyon as Treasurer, and Bro. H. Lazarus as Hon. Secretary. We have no doubt it will be a thorough success.

On Thursday evening, the 6th inst., a meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Working-street, Cardiff, under the presidency of the W.M. of the Bute Lodge, Bro. John Munday, to consider the desirability of promoting a Masonic ball in Cardiff to commemorate the Royal Jubilee year. Several brethren from the local lodges were present, and a resolution was passed deciding to hold a ball on February 14th (Valentine's Day), and that communications to that effect be sent to the lodges of the district, asking their co-operation. Bro. T. Mathews, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., was appointed Secretary.

A Special Grand Lodge of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight will assemble, by command of the R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., at the Guildhall, Winchester, on Monday, the 31st inst., at 1.15 p.m., and to be close tyed at 1.30 p.m., when it is to be proposed that the sum of 100 guineas be given to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and to consider any suggestions which may be made as to the manner of commemorating the Jubilee year of her Majesty by the Freemasons of that province. A banquet will afterwards be held at the Masonic Hall.

It will be seen from our advertisement columns that the Royal Jubilee Lodge Ball, which proved so eminently successful some 12 months since, is about to be repeated. We note that the Committee have wisely anticipated the increased numbers who are sure to take advantage of their excellent programme and arrangements generally, by having on this occasion engaged the Freemasons' Tavern, and thus assuring ample accommodation for the comfort of their patrons. The Committee and Stewards remain almost unaltered, with the exception that the recently installed W.M., Bro. C. R. Williams, is President, and Bro. T. Dunn, P.M., Vice-President. While as on the last occasion Bro. N. Turner acts as Treasurer to the Ball Fund; Bro. A. Darch, P.M., Sec.; Bros. W. Lloyd, P. Meekham, G. Horton and F. H. Williams, M.C.'s. Thus a gathering worthy the Royal Jubilee year is assured beforehand.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.
For the week ending Saturday, January 22, 1887.

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15.

- Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon-st. Hot.
1329, Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
1364, Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
1767, Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-rd., Notting Hill.
1897, Citadel, Railway Hot., Harrow Station.
2147, Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent.
Chap. 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
1556, Addiscombe, M.H., Croydon.
1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
Mark 251, Tenterden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
A.M.D. Metropolitan, 8A, Red Lion-sq., W.C.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 17.

- Lodge 1, Grand Masters, Freemasons' Tav.
21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
862, Whittington, Freemasons' Hall.
901, City of London, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
907, Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall.
1517, St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly.
2060, La France, Café Royal, Regent-st.
Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
1593, Trafalgar, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
Mark 361, Onslow, 8A, Red Lion-sq., W.C.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook, at 8.
Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hot., Page Green, Tottenham, at 8.
Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, 8.
Hyde Park, Porchester Hot., Leinster-place, Cleveland-sq., Porchester-terr., Paddington, at 8.
Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Loughborough, Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W. 7.30.
Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hot., Victoria-park-rd., E.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.
Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, 7.
Queen's Westminster, The Criterion, Piccadilly, W., 7.45.
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hot., Putney, 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 JANUARY 18.

- Board of General Purposes at 4 o'clock.
Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
162, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall
194, St. Paul's, Cannon-st. Hot.
435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.
704, Camden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
857, St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
1420, Earl Spencer, Craven Hot., Lavender-hill, S.W.
2021, Queen's Westminster, 8A, Red Lion-sq., W.C.
2022, Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing.
Chap. 26, Castle Chapter of Harmony, 8, Air-st., Regent-street.
829, High Cross, Bull Hot., Dartford.
890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Mark 238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

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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 Bdg., at 7.
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.
Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 7.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
Duke of Albany, Rock Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8.
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 6.30.
Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
Kennington, Giraffe Tav., Newington Crescent, Newington Butts, S.E., at 7.30.
Kensington, Courtfield Hot., Earl's Court Station, at 8.
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.
Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, 6.30.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19.

- Board of Benevolence, at 6 o'clock.
General Committee Grand Chapter, at 4 o'clock.
Lodge Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall
140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot. Greenwich
174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall
619, Beadon, Greyhound Hot., Dulwich
700, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich
696, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot., Lincolns Inn Fields
1044, Wandsworth, Town Hall, Wandsworth
1278, Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park
1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
1673, Langton, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
1677, Crusaders, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct
Chap. 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
Mark 181, Sir Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham
199, Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch

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- Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7.
Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Gray, 8.
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.
Hammersmith, Board Room, Baths' Co., Bridge-rd., Hammersmith, 7.30.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Gt. Portland-st., W., at 8.
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High-st., Boro'. 7.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8.
Robert Burns, Portland Arms, Great Portland-st., W.
Royal Jubilee, Haunch of Venison, 1, Bell-yd., Fleet-st., at 8.
Stockwell, Masons' Hall Tav., Masons'-avenue, E.C., 6.
Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, 7.30.
United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.
United Strength, Hope Tav., Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.
Vitruvian, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge, at 8.
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st. S.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Domestic Chapter, Union Tav., Air-st., W., at 8.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20.

- House Committee Girls' School, at 4 o'clock
Lodge 23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall
55, Constitutional, Cannon-st. Hot.
63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall
109, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford
181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall
813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall
1321, Emblematic, Bridge House Hot., London Bdg.
1365, Clapton, 191, Bishopgate-st., E.C.
1512, Hemming, Red Lion Hot., Hampton
1613, Cripplegate, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
1623, West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall
1728, Temple Bar, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
1901, Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich
1963, Duke of Albany, Albert Palace, Battersea Pk.
Chap. 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
834, Andrew, Bell & Anchor Hot., Hammersmith
913, Pattison, Assembly Rooms, High School for Boys, Brook-hill, Plumstead.

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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, Wheatshaf 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.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Highgate-road, N., at 8.
High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, 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-road, Chelsea, at 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tav., Liverpool-rd., 8.
Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-rd., 8.
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington.
The Great City, M.H., Mason's-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, JANUARY 21.

- House Committee Boys' School, at 4 o'clock.
Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-street.
201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.
1118, University, Freemasons' Hall.
1704, Anchor, Cannon-st. Hot.
1962, London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-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. 7.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
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, JANUARY 22.

- Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
1679, Henry Muggeridge, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
Chap. 1329, Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
Red Cross 6, Roman Eagle, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

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