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The Festival of Tuesday Next. It will be as well, perhaps, if we take a last look round and note if the prospects of the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which will be held at Freemasons' Tavern on Tuesday next, are as promising as some have reason to expect, or as the circumstances would seem to make imperative. We have pointed out on several previous occasions how serious are the demands now being made on the resources of the Institution. We have shown again and again how few are the actual vacancies which have been declared for the Election in May next, and we mentioned last week that the Committee of Management have wisely resolved on making a considerable addition to the number of annuitants on the Widows' Fund, and electing 25—or with the three deferred—28 females on that Fund, instead of, if they had lacked the courage thus to face so grave an emergency, the three which are available. Such an addition, as we have hinted, places on the brethren the responsibility of providing the additional £700 or £800 which will be required in order to fulfil the design of the Committee, and we are not without hope that the Craft will endorse the boldness and wisdom of the policy propounded. There are grounds for believing that the Board of Stewards will outnumber those of all previous Festivals. There were at the time of our latest inquiries between 350 and 360 brethren on the Board of whom some 190 hail from the Provinces. We are aware that this is not necessarily a criterion of the result that will be announced by Bro. Terry on Tuesday next, but it is encouraging to find that his unwearied exertions to obtain a grand total, and our urgency in impressing on our brethren the importance of raising one have not been without their effects to this extent, and that if these 360 brethren amongst them contribute no more than the ordinary average of £50 per Steward, the sum total of their lists will just exceed the aggregate of the Festival for 1885—the highest ever realised at a Festival of this Institution. These figures augur well for Tuesday next; and, though we are not too sanguine ourselves, and are desirous that our readers should be as cautious, we must confess to being hopeful of a grand return for the Festival of the Jubilee year.

The Chairman and his Province. As regards the Chairman, R.W. Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., and his Province of Hants and the Isle of Wight, we have no misgivings as to their leaving no stone unturned in order to score a signal success. Our experience of them on the two occasions—in 1877, when Bro. BEACH presided at the Boys' School Festival, and in 1883, when he pleaded the cause of the Girls' School, fully justifies us in our anticipations. It is on record what was done at these anniversaries, and the grants already made by the P.G. Lodge and P.G. Chapter towards the funds of this Charity, as well as the number of brethren who have undertaken to represent the lodges in the Province, are tolerably strong indications that the amounts contributed by Hants and the Isle of Wight on the occasions in question, will certainly be equalled, and in all probability, exceeded. And as we are persuaded that Bro. BEACH's efforts will be both loyally and generously seconded by a majority of the Provinces, and by a strong contingent of representatives from the Metropolitan lodges, we think it not unlikely the record of past anniversaries will be beaten. However, as we have said before, we are hopeful without being unduly sanguine. The prospects are favourable, and a few days hence we shall know if the realisation of those prospects is commensurately satisfactory.

The Leeds Lodges and the Queen's Jubilee. OUR Leeds brethren have arranged their plans for celebrating the QUEEN'S Jubilee. A meeting (of which a report will be found elsewhere) was held at their Masonic Hall on the 9th inst., when a series of resolutions was adopted to meet the requirements of the occasion. By the first of them the W.M.'s, P.M.'s, and Wardens pledged themselves to recommend their several lodges to contribute a modest sum per member towards the establishment of the Imperial Institute. The second arranged for a tea being given to 800 men and women born before 1820, the brethren to be present in Masonic clothing and attend to the wants of their guests, and their lady friends to provide for, and preside at, the

tables. A third resolution provided for a supper to be held by the brethren, at which non-subscribing Masons should be invited to be present as guests, and it was also announced in a communication from the Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire that a Masonic Festival for the brethren of the Northern Counties would take place at York in the month of July. This is in all respects an excellent programme. While the character of the festivity is chiefly Masonic, the brethren show they are not unmindful of the GRAND MASTER'S wishes in respect of the Imperial Institute, and are likewise anxious to contribute towards the enjoyment of their poorer non-Masonic neighbours. We trust the scheme will be carried out in its entirety, and with all the success it deserves.

A New Rose Croix Chapter. THE Ancient and Accepted Rite pursues the even tenour of its way very successfully, and the intelligence that a new body under its rule has been constituted is always most welcome.

Such an event happened on Friday, the 11th instant, when a Chapter of Rose Croix, bearing the style and title of the Adoniram Chapter, No. 101, was consecrated, with Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., as its first M.W.S., by Bro. HUGH D. SANDEMAN, 33°, Past District Grand Master of Bengal, Grand Secretary General to the Supreme Council. There was a full gathering of members of the Rite, prominent among them being Captain N. G. PHILIPS, 33°; Major-General CLERK, 33°; Colonel ADAIR, 33°; Colonel SHADWELL H. CLERKE, 33°; Lieutenant-Colonel SOMERVILLE BURNEY, 33°; General BROWNRIGG, 33°; Major GEORGE LAMBERT, P.G.S.B.—whom we congratulate on his recent appointment to the 33°; and Bro. C. F. MATIER, 31°, the Recorder of the new body, on whom devolved most of the hard work in connection with the meeting, and who merits a due share of praise accordingly. We trust the new chapter may have before it a long and prosperous career.

Quebec's Divarication. We are very pleased to see a very thoughtful article given the place of honour in the "Voice" (Chicago), written by the Past Grand Master BROMWELL, and entitled "Quebec's Divarication." The writer alludes to the decree of non-intercourse with the three English Lodges in Montreal, promulgated by the Grand Lodge of Illinois (to which Bro. BROMWELL belongs). It seems that there is no quarrel between the Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of Illinois—the Illinois action was entirely in accordance with the law on the subject, and was only against the three lodges. At least this is the plea urged by those who support the aforesaid action. Bro. BROMWELL points out the fact that such a resolution, must of necessity, and logically include the Grand Lodge itself, as to exclude any subordinates, whether few or many, should be rightly accepted as directed against the supreme authority as well. The article is an able defence of the Editor of the "Voice of Masonry," who, throughout, has sided with England, and has proved one of the most efficient champions of the rights of minorities. Bro. BROMWELL asks "what American jurisdiction ever demanded the surrender of lodge charters older than itself, and its claim was allowed by general voice of the Grand Lodges of the world?" He considers that Quebec, and those who have supported its action, are out of court as respects any common Masonic law to justify them, and tells those who have so opposed the Grand Lodge of England to "take courage from the assurance of the venerable coloured apostle to his parishioners—that in the worst condition 'dere is always one place whar we kin find consolation for shuah, and that is in *de dictionary*.'" We have no desire to "keep on keeping-on" about this matter in dispute between the Grand Lodges of England and Quebec. We only do so now to emphasize the fact that in the United States there is not that universal support of the Quebec action as some suppose; but that two of the leading Masonic organs—the *Voice of Masonry* and the *Keystone*—and some Grand Lodges refuse to agree to any resolution which seeks to compel the three lodges in Quebec to leave their Mother Grand Lodge.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

On Monday, the 31st ult., a special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and Isle of Wight was held at the Guildhall, Winchester, under the presidency of the R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., and there were present—

Bros. J. E. Le Feuvre, D.P.G.M.; G. Dunlop, P.S.G.W.; G. Felton Lancaster, P.G. Reg.; R. J. Rastrick, P.G. Treasurer; E. Goble, P.G. Secretary; H. E. Loader, P.S.G.D.; H. Lashmore, P.S.G.D.; J. Brickwood, P.J.G.D.; J. Lowe, P.J.G.D.; F. Powell, P.G.D.C.; H. Kimber, P.G. Swd. Br.; W. J. Pix, P.G. Swd. Br.; J. Jackson, P.G. Purst.; J. T. Burchett, P.P.A.G. Purst.; H. Pigeon, jun., P.G. Org.; E. Burlage, F. Sanders, J. Palmer, W. H. Jacobs, and J. Doswell, P.G. Stwds.; J. Exell and R. Eames, P.G. Tylers; J. N. Palmer, G. Chap. of Eng.; L. Orley, P.M. 1341, P.G.D. Swd. Br. Hong Kong and South China; T. W. Faulkner, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; G. A. Mursell, P.M., S.D.; A. Barfield, P.M.; R. Cullingford, J.D.; A. Perry, and H.

Barton, of 35; T. Stopher, P.P.G.S. of Wks., W. Gamon, P.P.J.G.W., J. Marks, P.M., H. Harber, P.M., R. Klussman, and T. Attwood, of 76; C. J. Jellicoe, P.P.J.G.D., J. Robertson, P.P.G. Stwd., and W. Abraham, of 130; J. Webber, S.W., E. White, S.D., and C. W. Brooke, of 132; C. Carter, W.M., G. H. Pack, P.P.J.G.D., and B. J. Marvin, P.M. 175; St. J. Thurcher, P.M., and J. Drew, P.M. 194; J. Stonham, Secretary, W. B. Rogers, P.P.G. Reg., E. Whettlock, P.M., J. Shemmonds, W.M., E. W. Cross, jun., I.G., E. Worth, P.M., J. B. Atkinson, P.P.J.G.D., F. Holland, D. Sydenham, C. Withers, H. N. Jenkins, C. Miles, I.P.M., and H. J. Atkins, P.M., of 195; W. G. P. Gilbert, W.M., and M. E. Frost, P.P.S.G.W., of 257; J. W. Gieve, P.M., J. Mason, P.P.S.G.D., Rev. A. C. Hervey, P.P.G.C., Rev. A. A. Headley, P.P.G.C., and E. T. Crouch, of 309; A. Bist, D.C. 319; W. Beuttell, W.M., J. C. Masterman, Org., R. Barnes, P.P.G.D.C., and J. E. Buck, P.P.G. Stwd., of 342; H. Norton, P.M., and S. J. Gould, W.M. 319; J. W. Boughton, S.W., W. M. Outridge, P.M., T. P. Palsgrave, P.M., and J. Orley, 487; Rev. J. Scott Ramsay, J.W., F. D. Miller, S.D., J. Gibson, P.M., J. Harvey, P.P.G. Stwd., G. Lear, P.P.S.G.D., A. Portsmouth, P.P.J.G.D., F. Lazenby, and J. H. Moore, of 694; R. Eve, P.P.S.G.W., and R. Glasspool, P.M., of 723; T. Francis, P.M., and J. Collings, P.M. 804; G. B. Irons, P.M., and R. B. Browning, 903; R. Pocock, S.W., C. Wells, J.W., T. Caparn, Secretary, M. P. Creedon, P.M., W. B. Edgells, P.P.G.S. of W., J. Swan, P.M., E. Nayler, P.P.G. Stwd., J. J. Bettle, and J. Fowler, of 928; G. Whitehall, W.M., W. T. Dupree, I.P.M., H. Cawte, P.P.J.G.W., and J. Gieve, P.P.G.D.C., of 1069; G. F. W. Mortimer, P.M. 1112; J. Mitchels, P.P.G.P., 1331; E. Pratt, W.M., G. Young, J.D., and J. Laverty, P.P.A.G.D.C., of 1478; R. Bell, I.P.M., W. H. Chapman, P.M.; R. R. L. Rosoman, P.P.J.G.D.; W. Bowyer, P.P.A.G.D.C.; G. J. Tilling, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. H. Smith, I.G.; D. O. Hobbs, and H. Weeks, of 1461; J. Rayner, J.D. 1681; J. Godding, W.M.; W. J. Stanley, P.D.S.G.W. Gibraltar, of 1776; W. Berry, P.M.; H. C. Herring, and T. Walton, of 1780; C. W. Bevis, S.W.; J. S. Gardner, T. Brine, and W. Francis, of 1834; A. Shaw and J. Bunt, jun., P.M., of 1869; A. Prescott, W.M., and W. E. Foster, Sec., of 1971; G. H. Swanborough, S.W. 2016; G. F. Bevis, W.M. elect; J. Woodhouse, P.P.G.S.B.; P. H. Emanuel, J.W.; W. Miller, S.D.; and E. R. Fisher, of 2068; J. Whalebone, 2374; F. Apps, 2153; D. W. Preston, W.M. 2158; A. Greenham, W.M. 1884; G. Ward, W.M.; W. Bellinger, S.W.; Jas. Greig, J.W.; G. King, P.M., Treas.; C. Campbell, D. of C.; H. Pottle, I.P.M.; H. Hodgson, P.M.; F. Bascombe, J. Simpkin, C. Hall, E. Snook, G. Read, and D. K. Murray, of 1883.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form, and

The R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER said it was usual to call a provincial meeting together once a year, and he trusted that the importance of the matter to be brought forward would be sufficient justification for his having convened that special meeting, one of the objects being to consider any suggestions as to the manner of commemorating the Jubilee year of her Majesty by the Freemasons of that province.

The P.G. Sec., Bro. E. GOBLE, read a letter from the Hampshire Lodge of Emulation, No. 1990, enclosing a resolution unanimously passed, recommending that the sum proposed to be granted by the Provincial Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution be increased from 100 to 250 guineas.

Bro. G. F. LANCASTER, P.G. Reg., said he need not speak of the special advantages of the Benevolent Institution; but he would urge that a special duty was laid upon the brethren to loyally support the Provincial Grand Master on the occasion of his taking the chair at the approaching Festival. (Hear, hear.) The Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight was now one of the most important in England, numbering nearer 50 than 40 lodges, and he hoped they would not send to their Provincial Grand Master so small a sum as 100 guineas, for he believed their funds were sufficiently elastic to allow of their voting 250 guineas. The province had an invested capital of £800; but it need not touch that. He moved that a grant of 250 guineas be made, and if this was carried unanimously it would be a graceful act of loyalty to their Provincial Grand Master, and be an evidence of their sense of the necessities of the grand Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. (Applause.)

Bro. A. BARFIELD, P.P.J.G.D., seconded the motion, and pointed out that Bro. the Duke of Portland was originally invited to take the chair at the Festival, and consented; but as he found he could not attend, the Provincial Grand Master of Hants was asked in December to preside, and promised to do so. This coming so late placed him at a disadvantage, many brethren who otherwise would have supported him having previously consented to go up as Stewards either to the Boys' or Girls' Festival. In view of this it behoved the province to render all the aid it possibly could to Bro. Beach on the occasion. (Hear, hear.)

The Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. J. E. LE FEUVRE, said the only doubt that could possibly arise upon the motion was as to whether the funds would admit of such a grant, and he was very glad to hear from the Treasurer that the state of the finances would amply justify the larger vote. (Hear, hear.) It was quite true the Prov. Grand Master had accepted the chairmanship of the festival at a late date, for it was not till the latter part of December that the offer was made to him, though it was usual to announce the names of the chairman at the festivals many months before. The sum subscribed on this occasion ought to considerably exceed £10,000. When the Prov. Grand Master presided at the Girls' Festival £12,000 or £13,000 was subscribed, and he trusted that, considering the great want of funds that existed in regard to the Institution at this time, when there were so many candidates and so few vacancies, the Provincial Grand Lodge would see its way clear to pass this vote. Representing, as he (the D.P.G.M.) hoped to do, the Province on the Board of Stewards on the occasion, he need hardly say he should be deeply grateful if the brethren would allow him to place this very considerable sum upon his list. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. G. FELTON LANCASTER, P.G. Reg., said he had intended to embody in the proposition that the amount should be added to the list of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master. (Applause.) He gave as a precedent the occasions when Bros. Hickman and Stebbing attended the festivals.

Bro. the Rev. J. N. PALMER, Grand Chaplain of England, P.P.G. Chap., said he thought the funds would admit of 300 guineas being granted, and moved an amendment accordingly.

Bro. G. FELTON LANCASTER said he would have no objection to the motion stating that sum.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said that unless great necessity existed he did not think the Provincial Grand Lodge should trench upon its small funded property. He highly appreciated the fraternal spirit which had distinguished the remarks made by the brethren in regard to the duty he had undertaken to perform. He quite saw the difficulties which existed through his having accepted the office of President at so late a date, and he felt that brethren were not given a fair chance, but he repeated that he highly appreciated the kind wishes expressed that day, and by the brethren throughout the province generally, for his success as President at the approaching festival. (Hear, hear.)

The proposition for 250 guineas was then put and carried, the amount being ordered to be placed on the list of the D.P.G.M., Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said the next business was to consider suggestions for commemorating the Jubilee year. He had a circular from the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, requesting that circulars he enclosed should be sent to the lodges under his jurisdiction as soon as possible, accompanied by whatever remarks he felt inclined to offer. He did not, however, send suggestions to the lodges, as he thought it better to convene a special Prov. G. Lodge to consider the subject. No doubt all the brethren had seen the circular of the Pro Grand Master, and there were in this two particular proposals as to the Masonic commemoration of the Jubilee—one in reference to a great meeting in London in support of the Masonic Charities, and the other regarding contributions to the Imperial Institute—objects in themselves entirely separate and distinct. He was certain he might reiterate the trite expression that no body of men in the United Kingdom were so loyal as the Freemasons (hear, hear), and they were only too glad to show their loyalty and devotion to the Sovereign by every means in their power. At the same time, however, it was not because they were Masons that they were possessed of any large amount of private means; they were, too, private citizens, and they would no doubt be called upon to show their loyalty in different capacities. He commended to their notice the project to hold a mass meeting in London, which would be one of the grandest things that Masons ever did, and no doubt a large sum would be raised for the Charities. He urged that a guinea subscription would be sufficient, as placing brethren from the country on a better equality with those living on the spot, and he suggested each lodge should consider how many of its members was likely to attend, in order that favourable terms might be arranged with the railway companies, and he hoped that all who gave in their names to go would make it a point of honour to attend. (Hear, hear.) The meeting would be the most memorable one that Masonry had ever seen, and probably its like would never be seen again, certainly not in the lifetime of any one present. As regarded the second proposal, he hardly liked to make suggestions; the lodges might consider whether individual collections might not be made among the members.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY read a resolution passed by the Hampshire Lodge of Emulation, No. 1990, suggesting that a festival should be held in the province, at a time and place to be fixed by the Prov. G. Master, in support of the recently formed Hampshire and Isle of Wight Masonic Benevolent and Educational Institution.

Bro. G. FELTON LANCASTER, P.M. 1990, speaking in support of the suggestion, explained that he intended it to be supplementary to the great meeting in London, and one need not interfere with the other. Referring to the Imperial Institute, he said it was a matter which most concerned the outside world. He moved a festival should be held, and

Bro. M. E. FROST, P.P.S.G.W., seconded.

A lengthy and enthusiastic discussion then ensued, Bro. J. STOPHER warmly urging, as Masons, that they might subscribe to the Imperial Institute, and ultimately the Pro Grand Master's circular was formally approved, and Bro. Lancaster's motion was unanimously agreed to.

Bro. G. FELTON LANCASTER announced that in regard to the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Masonic Benevolent and Educational Institution there was £500 in hand, whilst many promises of support had been given.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER commended to the notice of the brethren that Bro. Eve, P.P.S.G.W., was a candidate for the high honour of Grand Treasurer of England, which appointment will be made in Grand Lodge on the 3rd of March.

Bro. H. HACKER, P.P.J.G.D., said that at a Committee held that day he had made arrangements which would bring him, as Secretary to Bro. Eve's Committee, into touch with every lodge in the province. (Applause.)

Bro. EVE, P.P.S.G.W., said he had been nominated to that high office by a London brother, and he (Bro. Eve) was glad to hear there was such a hearty intention on the part of the brethren of the province to support him.

Nothing further was brought forward, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren subsequently sat down to a banquet at the Masonic Hall.

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY IN PENNSYLVANIA.

The first Grand Principal of Pennsylvania (U.S.A.) delivered a very interesting address at the annual communication of the Grand Chapter, held on December 27th, 1886. These annual addresses are quite a feature of American Freemasonry, and are carefully considered and reported on by special Committees, who approve or disagree with the decisions of the chiefs of the Craft, during their terms of office. Our desire, however, at the present time is to confine ourselves to the historical part of Bro. M. H. HENDERSON'S address as G.H.P. of the Grand Chapter. He states that "It is to be regretted that uniformity of usage regarding the Past Master's Degree cannot be established, and as this is the principal point of difference between the other American Grand Chapters and ourselves, for which we have been mildly referred to as 'conservative old fogey,' and our position alluded to as an isolated one, it may be well to contemplate the subject and ascertain to what extent our practice is supported by common sense and ancient usage and custom."

Bro. Henderson quotes twice from a communication on the subject from Bro. Hughan to Bro. Meyer, October 1st, 1872, and regrets he has not space to quote it in full.

The gist of the address is to the effect that "the practice of conferring the Degree in chapters is a modern innovation, and that our Grand Chapter is the only one in this country that has observed that time-honoured precept which admonishes us to reject all attempts to improve Freemasonry." The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania only confers the R.A. on those who have had the Past Masters Degree conferred on them by lodges; i.e., those who have "passed the chair" as it is called. In England, it cannot be doubted that originally Royal Arch Masonry was confined to actual Past Masters, then to virtual Past Masters, and finally, from 1817, possibly all Master Masons became eligible for the ceremony. In Pennsylvania the second condition is still observed, as it was in 1758 (circa) when it originated in that State. The other Grand Chapters confer the "P.M." with the Mark and Most Excellent Degrees as preparatory to the Royal Arch. Bro. Henderson claims for his Grand Chapter the merit of consistency, as well as fidelity to the ancient landmarks.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

"The Masonic Fraternity in England practice a large benevolence. In various ways they make provisions for the aged and helpless, the weak and poor, and they likewise extend aid to children left in destitute circumstances by the death of parents, or otherwise brought to great need. They have established three admirable Institutions for the special rendering of such service, viz., an asylum for aged and indigent Masons, a school and home for boys, and another like Institution for girls. These great Charities receive a generous support at the hands of our English brethren, upwards of 200,000 dollars having been contributed for their maintenance during the year 1886.

"In previous issues of the 'Repository' we have presented views of two of these Institutions, and in this number we give a good representation, especially prepared for our use, of the third, the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, located in London, and founded in 1788. It was designated at the first as 'The Girls' School' and is commonly referred to by this name at the present time. It has passed through many changes in its progressive career, gaining steadily in resources and influence, and increasing year by year its record of true service. Different administrations and methods have given direction to its work, which has been prosecuted, of course, with a greater or less degree of success, but always there has been a fruitage of good—a ministry of usefulness—commending the Institution to the best sympathies of the Craft, and Freemasonry itself to public favour.

"The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls provides a home and school for a large number of beneficiaries who share in its blessings. They are reared and educated in a careful manner at the expense of the Fraternity. Last year's expenditures in behalf of the School amounted to about £16,000. Donations and subscriptions to the amount of about £14,000 were received, and dividends from invested funds, fees, &c., produced the remaining sum. The School is well placed in a spacious and comfortable edifice which has been improved and enlarged from time to time, and which must soon receive other additions to provide accommodations for the increasing demands. An expenditure of £5700 has lately been made in purchasing certain land adjoining the School at Battersea Rise, and no doubt there will be an adequate provision for the doing of a larger work, thus improving upon the well-earned fame already secured.

"His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, is the Patron and President of the Institution. The Grand Lodge of England has a general supervision of its affairs, making special gifts and annual donations to aid in carrying on its work. A Board of Governors exercise special authority and direct the administration in matters of detail. Every year, in the month of May, a festival is held in aid of the School, and it is an inspiring sight to witness the gathering of prominent and large-hearted brethren determined to stand by and support the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Last year Bro. General Brownrigg, Prov. G.M. of Surrey, presided; there were 275 brethren on the Board of Stewards, and they succeeded in raising the sum of £13,000, a very handsome sum, though less than has been realized on some former occasions.

"It is pleasant to consider the generous offerings made and the good work done by the English brethren in the name of Benevolence and Charity. Freemasonry is the stronger all the world over because of such clear illustration shown of its true character and purposes. The world recognizes its benefactors and accords them a just meed of honour."—*Freemasons' Repository*, January, 1887.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall; Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President, in the President's chair; and Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, in the chairs of those officers. There were also present Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, W. H. Lee, A. Lucking, G.P.; F. R. Spaul, C. Dairy, David D. Moxey, Wm. P. Brown, Henry Garrod, P.G.P.; Charles F. Hogard, G. P. Britten, J. H. Matthews, P.G. Std. Br.; A. C. Woodward, W. H. Perryman, P.G.P.; J. E. Le Feuvre, J.G.D.; T. Cull, P.M. 1446; Hyde Clarke, Representative Grand Lodge of Columbia; R. J. Taylor, P.M. 144; Aubrey Saunders, P.D.G.M. Madras; D. S. Skinner, A. Money, Jas. T. Ford, W. Braker, Jno. Healey, L. P. Walker, T. Wilkinson, D. Edwards, John Glenn, James Stevens, W. Murray, Wm. Clifford, Arthur Betts, J. H. Lane, John A. Burton, G. Free, Geo. Bugler, W. A. Scurrah, C. W. Meiter, J. S. Cumberland, William Abbott, H. Dickey, Chas. James, John Nixon, F. Drew, Charles Burt, W. H. Munday, J. Sargeant Stacy, E. Austin, Dan Hughes, H. Carman, F. Silvester, Simeon Jacobs, Alphonse Hardy, T. Wilkinson, Fred. V. Green, John Manger, Alex. Baldwin, W. Greenwood, Arthur Cleare, Edward Terry, W. Watkins, R. La Feuillade, German Fehrenbach, Robt. J. Voisey, B. Lyon, John Nicholson, Geo. W. Larter, Frank Matthews, Wm. Englefield, J. H. Wood, S. Fountaine, W. F. Beavis, A. Barfield, T. Hamer, Chas. Corley, H. Massey, and H. Sadler, G. Tyler.

To the Board of Masters which was first held the draft agenda paper for the next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was read. For the Board of Benevolence there were only four recommendations from last meeting to be confirmed, and this having been done the brethren proceeded with the new list, which contained 34 cases, viz., from London, Southampton, Ulverston, Carnarvon, Dudley, Hong Kong, Ireland, Brighton, Uxbridge, Manchester, Sevenoaks, Plymouth, Harwich, Portsmouth, Teignmouth, Deal, Constantinople, Stretford, Cape Town, Holbeach, and Madras. The total amount awarded during a four hours' sitting was £810, which was composed of one recommendation of £75, one of £60, three of £50 each, two of £40 each, five of £30 each, nine grants of £20 each, two of £15 each, eight of £10 each, and one of £5.

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FIRST BALL OF THE JOPPA LODGE, No. 188.

The first ball of this flourishing lodge was held at Willis's Rooms, on the 14th instant, and the executive are to be congratulated upon the very successful result of their first venture. This success is chiefly attributable to the zeal and energy displayed by the Hon. Secretary, Bro. H. Lazarus, the son of the lodge Secretary, Bro. Lewis Lazarus. Bro. J. W. Dewsnap was President, and Bro. L. Wall, W.M., Vice-President of the Ball Committee, the following brethren serving as Stewards: Bros. I. Botibol, E. J. Coombe, A. G. Dodson, L. Isaacs, A. Jones, J. S. Lyon, I. Myers, L. M. Myers, M. Siegenberg, and B. Weigel. With the assistance of these brethren the necessary arrangements were made, and as a reward for their labours, they had the gratification of welcoming a brilliant assembly of about 280 ladies, brethren, and other friends. A dispensation to wear Masonic clothing was obtained, and made liberal use of. Dancing commenced shortly after nine o'clock, the spacious ball room being fairly well filled by the time the first quadrille was formed. The band of the Honourable Artillery Company, under the direction of Bandmaster Gay, was in attendance, and performed an excellent selection of music, in a manner that gave great satisfaction. Bros. A. Lacy Harris, F. Isaacson, and A. H. Saqui and Mr. F. J. Dodson rendered efficient service as M.C.'s.

Dancing was sustained with much spirit until about 12.30, when the company adjourned to the supper room, where ample justice was done to an elegant cold collation, served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Dawkins, the genial manager, who is to be congratulated upon the completeness of the arrangements. The toasts were but three in number, and the speeches, necessarily, very short.

The President, Bro. DEWSNAP, occupied the chair, and proposed "The Queen," which having been enthusiastically received,

Bro. WALL, W.M., gave the toast of the evening—"Success to the Joppa Ball." After expressing the pleasure it afforded him to see such a numerous gathering, he thanked the ladies and brethren for their generous support, which had enabled the executive to score a decided success.

Bro. LEWIS LAZARUS then rose, and said he considered a vote of thanks was due to those who had so energetically worked to ensure an enjoyable evening. He therefore proposed "The Stewards," to whom they owed a debt of gratitude. The Lodge of Joppa having been in existence since 1789 without having a ball, the members had naturally considered that it was due time one should be given. Thanks to the Stewards, the result had exceeded their expectations.

Bro. A. G. DODSON, on behalf of the Stewards, returned thanks.

Supper and speeches being over, the company were soon re-engaged in the dance, which was continued with unflagging zeal until the end of the programme was reached. The proceeds are to be devoted to the Benevolent Fund of the lodge, and it is therefore to be hoped that the members may be congratulated upon a financial, as well as a pleasurable, success.

GALLERY LODGE BALL.

The fifth annual ball of the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, came off with much éclat on the 2nd inst., at Brixton Hall. There were about 160 ladies and gentlemen present and they devoted themselves most energetically to the worship of terpsichore until a late hour in the early morning. Unfortunately the W.M., Bro. W. O. Goldsmith, was absent through serious illness, but his place was efficiently filled by Bro. C. F. Pardon, I.P.M.

Shortly after midnight an excellent supper was served in the banqueting hall, and the usual toasts, "The Queen and Craft;" "The Gallery Lodge;" and "The Ladies" were drunk with enthusiasm.

The band, which was supplied from the Army and Navy Stores in Victoria-street, gave great satisfaction, and the whole entertainment reflected the greatest credit on the Hon. Secs., Bros. Herbert Wright and Greenwood. The M.C.'s for the evening were Bros. F. Gale and J. H. Smith and Mr. Edgar Pardon.

ANNUAL BALL OF THE SELWYN LODGE, No. 1901.

The second annual concert and ball given by the brethren of the Selwyn Lodge, No. 1901, took place at the Peckham Public Hall on Thursday, the 10th inst. There was a very large attendance, the guests mustering to between 250 or 300, and both concert and ball proved a splendid success. All the rooms required for the occasion, and especially the ball room, was tastefully decorated, shields, bearing the lodge arms and appropriate devices, being conspicuous everywhere, while the dais was quite a picture with its wealth of floral decoration. Bro. Stuart Lane's band furnished the music, and the ball having been opened by Bro. R. E. Anderson, W.M., who was ably seconded by Bro. Bellis, P.M., dancing was continued with great spirit till about 5 a.m. the next morning, a reasonable interval at midnight being set apart for the supper. As regards the concert, there was a good programme, and the several numbers received well-merited applause. Among those present were Bros. R. E. Anderson, W.M.; L. E. Eagle, S.W.; J. M. Wimple, J.W.; E. Gauntlett, S.D.; W. Rowan, J.D.; R. W. Powles, I.P.M.; A. J. Bellis, P.M.; W. H. Hook, P.M.; W. Wills, A.D.C.; H. R. Hobbs, J. Lightfoot, A. Briant, Stewards, and most of the members of the lodge and a strong force of visitors, Bro. J. Lightfoot taking upon himself the duties of M.C.

THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL OF THE ELEANOR LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, NO. 1707.

This festival was held at the Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, on Monday, the 31st ult. About forty members and visitors sat down to a substantial repast, the chair being taken by Bro. Money, W.M. of the Eleanor Lodge, and the vice-chair by Bro. Birkin, W.M. of the High Cross Lodge.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, the CHAIRMAN proposed "Success to the Eleanor Lodge of Instruction," coupled with the name of Bro. Webb, one of its founders. Bro. WEBB, in reply, said that when he was installed

W.M. of the Eleanor Lodge, he made up his mind to establish an instruction lodge in connection, and this, with the assistance of several zealous brethren, had been most successfully accomplished, and he trusted the comfortable room provided for them by Bro. Oddy, and its convenience of access, would induce many other brethren in the neighbourhood to join them.

In reply to the toast of his health, Bro. HUBBARD, the Preceptor, said he had been struck from the first meeting with the earnest, business-like manner of the brethren who started the lodge; he had been supported and encouraged in the past year by the regular attendance and willingness for the duties on the part of the members, and he looked forward to its becoming one of the most successful lodges of instruction in that district, and no effort on his part should be wanting to make it so. In proposing "The Masonic Charities," he stated that he was going as Steward to the coming Festival of the Aged Freemasons' Institution, and thought every Freemason should be proud of the three great Charities for boys, girls, and old people, supported by their contributions.

In replying, Bro. THOMPSON spoke of the good work done by the Tottenham and Enfield Masonic Charitable Associations, with which he had been connected from their foundation, first as Secretary, next as Treasurer, and now as President; by means of these Associations, they will have sent to the various Charities at the close of the present association over £2000, subscribed by the brethren of the local lodges.

The toast of the Mother Lodge, "The Eleanor, No. 1707," was replied to by Bro. LOVEBOND its Secretary, who acknowledged the useful work now being done by the instruction lodge.

"The Neighbouring Lodges of Instruction" was acknowledged by Bro. BINNIE, Secretary of the High Cross Lodge of Instruction.

"The Visitors" were responded for by Bros. HAWKINS (in a humorous speech), MACKNEY, STEPHENS, and MEEK. "The Healths of the President and Vice-President" were next proposed.

The President, Bro. MONEY, in replying, expressed his pride in having attained to the honours of the chair in the Eleanor Lodge, and his intention of furthering the interests of the instruction lodge to the best of his ability, and advised all the younger Masons present to become regular attendants at its meetings.

The Vice-President, Bro. BIRKIN, expressed the gratification it had given him to be present, and hoped this young lodge would go on and prosper.

The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" being given, Bro. ODDY, in response, thanked the members for the confidence they had reposed in him, and promised to do all in his power to further their interests.

Bro. WILSON also replied, and, in thanking the brethren for their support of the festival, said he looked upon that large and enthusiastic meeting on their first anniversary as an omen of success for the future.

The proceedings varied by the musical contributions of brethren, Bro. Kiff presiding at the piano, while Bro. Mackney delighted his hearers by a song and two of his inimitable violin solos. Bros. Asman, Richards, Bull, Webb, Chevalier, Stephens, L'Huillier, and Pinder also contributed songs during the evening.

The whole proceedings were most enthusiastic and harmonious, and this result having been attained after only one year's working, the members are justified in looking forward to this being one of the most successful lodges of instruction in the North of London.

THE LEEDS LODGES AND THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.

A meeting of the W.M.'s, P.M.'s, and Wardens of the Leeds lodges was held in the Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds, on Wednesday, the 9th inst. Bro Alfred Scarth, W.M. 289, occupied the chair, and there were also present Bros. Wilson, Beck, Williamson, and Glover, P.M.'s 289; Brownfoot, W.M., Myers, I.P.M., Craig Bailey and Hill, P.M.'s of 304; Helison, P.M., Bingham, S.W., and Carter, J.W., of 1042; Youings, W.M., Crowe, Winn, and Jaques, P.M.'s, Bradford, S.W., and Smith, J.W., of 1211; Harris, W.M., Good and Loe, P.M.'s, and Lucas, J.W., 1221; Cobb, I.P.M., Crossley, Anderson, and Schofield, P.M.'s, of 1311; and Mason, W.M. 2069.

Bro. WILSON having apologised for the absence of Bro. Woodhouse, P.M. 2069, a letter from the P.G.M. was read urging the Leeds lodges to comply as far as possible with the request of the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, and stating that a Masonic Festival for the brethren of the Northern Counties would be held at York in July next.

On the proposition of Bro. WILSON, seconded by Bro. CROWE, and supported by Bros. WILLIAMSON, YOUINGS, and HARRIS, it was resolved that each Leeds lodge be recommended to subscribe two shillings and sixpence per member, either individually or from the lodge funds to the Imperial Institute.

On the proposition of Bro. MASON, seconded by Bro. HILL, and supported by Bros. BECK and WILLIAMSON, it was resolved that a tea be given to eight hundred men and women born before the year 1820; that the brethren be asked to wait upon them, in Masonic clothing, and their wives invited to provide for, and preside at, the tables, the expense to be paid by the eight Leeds lodges in equal proportions.

On the proposition of Bro. MASON, seconded by Bro. BECK, and supported by Bro. WILLIAMSON, it was resolved that the brethren of the Leeds lodges have a supper together, and that all unattached Masons in Leeds be invited to attend as guests, the expense to be paid by the eight Leeds lodges in equal proportions.

On the proposition of Bro. MASON, seconded by Bro. JAQUES, it was resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to all the brethren present, and to the W.M.'s of the Leeds lodges in order that they may be brought before the members, and that each W.M. be requested to appoint two members of the Tea Committee and two members of the Supper Committee.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chairman on the proposition of Bro. GOOD, seconded by Bro. CRAIG.

It is desirable that the names of the brethren appointed to form the above Committees be sent to the Secretary, Bro. William Smith, J.W. 1211, 41, Lofthouse-place, Leeds, as soon as possible, to enable him to call the necessary meetings.

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THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL

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AT FREEMASONS' HALL,
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The Right Hon. The EARL OF MILLTOWN,
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Has kindly consented to Preside.

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Of this Institution will take place at
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To Correspondents

WELL-WISHERS TO THE CRAFT.—We beg to call your attention to the following provision in Article 130 of the Constitutions in the "Election and Installation of Master":—"If in any lodge it should become impossible to hold either or both of such meetings upon the day named in the by-laws for the purpose, the Grand Master, and in Provinces and Districts the Provincial and District Grand Master, may grant a dispensation for the holding of such meetings, or either of them, upon a day not more than seven days before or after that fixed by the by-laws, which day shall for all purposes be deemed the regular day of meeting." See Book of Constitutions p. 65. By acting upon this provision your lodge will be acting constitutionally and will render adverse criticism impossible.

The following communications stand over—
CRAFT LODGES—Panmure, No. 723; St. Mark's College No. 2157.

INSTRUCTION—Loughborough.
ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER—Jerusalem, No. 185.
Consecration of the Adoniram Rose Croix Chapter.
Cardiff Jubilee Masonic Ball.
CORRESPONDENCE—P.P.G.O.

BOOKS, &c. RECEIVED.

Report on Foreign Correspondence to the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Ohio, "Sunday Times" (London), "Citizen," "New Zealand Mail," "Court Circular," "Hull and East York-shire Times," "Manchester and North Notts Advertiser," "Masonic World," "Keystone," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Masonic Advocate," "A Song of Jubilee," "Woolhouse and Rawson Electrical Supplies," "La Acacl," "El Taller," "Jewish Chronicle," "Lancaster Daily Examiner," "Proceedings of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite (United States of America)," and "Freemasons' Repository."



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 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.)

THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION AND ITS FUNDS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Though rather late in the day to effect the object which I have in view to any appreciable extent, it may help it a little. At the General Committee meeting which was held on Wednesday, the 9th inst., after the Secretary had told us the state of the Widows' Fund—£5600 to the good, and the Male Fund having had to sell out £2000 of invested capital to meet their requirements—it was resolved that the widows, who had only three vacancies, should elect twenty-five besides the three deferred, and that no addition should be made to the six or more vacancies which might occur before the election in May, besides the three deferred. The wisdom of this decision is self-evident, yet, although the applicants for the annuity are as seventy-seven to fifty-one, I think it would tend to equalise matters if those who have not already subscribed would give the larger proportion of their donation to the Male Fund, in order that the capital sold out may be made good, and the Fund show a surplus instead of a deficiency. I know it is too late for this election, but it might equalise matters for next year.—Yours fraternally, CHARLES J. PERCEVAL, 8, Thurloe-place, Feb. 15th. P.M. 1607.

THE IMPERIAL INSTITUTE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am entirely at one with Bro. Albert Hale, and it is beyond question that his letter represents the feeling of the majority of Masons. In this Province (Oxfordshire) the Imperial Institute is regarded as a scheme altogether outside of Masonry, while a strong desire prevails to make the most of a magnificent opportunity such as the Jubilee offers to permanently enlarge the usefulness of our Charities. Freemasons are capable of great efforts on great occasions, and Bro. Hale's £100,000 could undoubtedly be raised amongst us. May I suggest that we should fix the Jubilee Fund at that sum, and then proceed to raise it, with the understanding that any surplus should

go to the Institute? If the Craft subscribe in guineas, the pounds might go to the Charity Fund and the odd shillings would amount to a substantial sum for the Institute.

May I point out one consideration, which seems scarcely to have been duly weighed by the brethren who object to the Institute, viz., that although technically outside Masonry as a formal proposal, it has two objects in common with us. We form a mighty brotherhood, the most powerful under the sun. The Imperial Institute is designed to advance and perpetuate a fraternal alliance between England and her Colonies. We are specially enjoined, as Masons, to study and promote the liberal arts. The Institute is designed to provide a place where the developments of these liberal arts can be studied by the whole English speaking race of the whole country and her colonies.

Lastly, if the Craft support the Institute, I think they should have a permanent interest in it, either by the erection of a Masonic wing, devoted to an exhibition of Masonic antiquities and treasures, &c., or by the issue of life membership tickets or certificates, carrying certain privileges in proportion to the amount subscribed.

If these ideas commend themselves to our brethren generally, let us move at once, and, as evidence of a desire to act rather than talk, I am ready to send a cheque when the time comes for 10 guineas to start with.—I am, yours fraternally,

J. H. SHAYLER, 340.

Witney, February 5th.

RE JUBILEE JEWEL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As you invite views re "Jubilee jewel," I suggest a jewel, cost not to exceed 30s., which shall be supplied from Grand Lodge Secretary at £2 2s. to any subscribing member (through Secretary of lodge) on 20th June next, the 12s. to be added to the fund of our Board of Benevolence towards grants for the Jubilee year. The jewel can (by authority) be worn at will by any possessor in lodge.—Yours fraternally,

R. SEARS, P.P.S.G.D. Kent.

14, Bayham-road, Sevenoaks, 12th February.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As you invite your readers to favour you with their views on the subject of the Jubilee Jewel, allow me to express a hope that the issue of the decoration will not be so indiscriminate in its character as to be extended to "all Masons who are subscribing members of our English lodges on the 20th June next." My own view is that there are already jewels enough and to spare; but I do not altogether object to a special Jubilee commemoration jewel, not so much for its present value, as for the interest that will attach to it in the eyes of our sons, who we one day hope will join the Craft. I would, however, make its possession something more than a mere proof of present membership; let it be the test of an act of self-sacrifice, and the first view that presents itself to my mind is, that only to those who are present at the great gathering—which I hope will be held at Olympia—for charitable purposes, should the right to wear the jewel be granted. That gathering will be a "Jubilee" one, and might well be commemorated in this way, and the effect of adopting my suggestion would probably be to bring in a larger number of brethren, and somebody else would be benefited beyond the medal-striker.—I am, yours fraternally,

HENRY LASHMORE,

P.S.G.D. Hants and the Isle of Wight, P.M. 394. February 15th.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

You invite opinions as to the desirability of a Masonic Jewel being worn by all subscribing members on 20th June. Although I am no advocate for outward display, I think it very desirable, under the extraordinary circumstances, to have a Masonic Jubilee Jewel of moderate size and cost.

As to the admission to the Albert Hall, I am of opinion we could fill the place at two guineas—then why charge one, to the detriment of the Charities?—Yours fraternally,

HENRY SMITH,

P.M. 387, West Yorkshire.

THE BATTLE OF THE COLLARS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

For the sake of those "doubting Thomases" who still decline to be convinced that the "proper clothing"—named in Rule 288—for Worshipful Masters and Past Masters—is such as is specified in the rules which follow 288, and set forth in my previous letter, I adduce in corroboration the very highest authority in the Craft, viz., the Grand Lodge itself, for it will not, I suppose, be maintained by any brother, however crotchety, that the Grand Lodge, which makes the rules, is not a higher power and authority than the rules which it makes.

I might in my last letter have shown from the rules which follow 288, that the "proper clothing" for the Wardens of a lodge was the apron, with the jewel of office and collar of blue ribbon four inches wide, but enough was proved for the argument then used.

I now proceed to show that the "proper clothing" as set out above for Wardens, and in my previous letter for Worshipful Masters and Past Masters, is identical with the "proper clothing" of Rule 288.

Let the Senior and Junior Wardens of a lodge, who have been duly registered, go to Freemasons' Hall to attend a Quarterly Communication; let them sign their names, receive the token for admission, put on their aprons, but put their collars in their pockets. When they arrive at the door of Grand Lodge their progress will be arrested by the Grand Tyler, who will not allow them to pass, but will refuse them admission because they are "without their proper clothing."

Now, let these two brethren retire a pace or two and put on their collars; on their re-approaching the door they will be admitted without "let or hindrance."

The same refusal of admission would happen to a Worshipful Master or a Past Master who should attempt to pass the Grand Tyler without his collar, for, in the words of Rule 288, "without his proper clothing."

Now Sir, I humbly submit that the past and present custom of Grand Lodge proves unmistakably and irrefu-

tably that the proper clothing of Rule 288 is for Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of lodges, as set forth in this and in my previous letter; and as set forth in the rules which follow 288.

It is strange and unaccountable that the same official brethren who extended to Past Prov. Grand Stewards (who previously had no past rank) the privilege of wearing their distinctive collars at all Masonic meetings (a privilege never before permitted to them), should at one and the same time take away and deprive a Past Master (whose services in the Craft may be ten times greater than those of the P.P.G. Stwd.) of the collar, which the Constitutions, and the invariable custom and practice of Grand Lodge, say is necessary to complete his "proper clothing," and should prohibit him from wearing his proper clothing on every occasion he visits a lodge!

There would be more consistency in the prohibition if it were extended to other cases. Thus, if Grand Lodge clothing were confined to Grand Lodge, Provincial and District Grand Lodge clothing to Provincial and District Grand Lodges, all the clothing rules would then be consistent with each other; but, they would exhibit such a depth of paltry red-tapeism as would seriously reflect on the sanity of the rule makers. It only remains to do away with the unfortunate 308, and all the rules will be in harmony, and be consistent one with another throughout the Book of Constitutions.—Yours, very fraternally,

E. T. BUDDEN.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The incisive diction and the flowing periods of Bro. Budden I am quite ready to acknowledge as undoubtedly superior to the halting lines I addressed to you in your number of the 5th inst.

I am ready to acknowledge, that my poor little letter deserves that epithet of "weak" which he attaches to it; but, Sir, it is evidently weak only in its expression, it must be faulty grammar, and elliptic argument, with which our respected brother feels dissatisfied, for has he not avoided giving a direct answer to either of my propositions?

The little tales, the well told anecdote, with which he has embellished his production are interesting, but quite beside the point at issue. "It was quite a red letter lodge." Doubtless! "All agreed that a more impressive ceremony they had never witnessed," "ça va sans dire"! But are we to understand (Bro. Budden will forgive me if, to his hypercritical eye, my question appears "weak") that the ceremony was impressive, because the visiting P.M.'s wore their collars? "I need not assure you, Sir, but I do assure" Bro. Budden that in such a case, it is more than probable the impressiveness of the ceremony depended rather from the grandeur of our ritual, and from the excellence of its delivery, than from the evidence of any number of P.M.'s collars, or the glint and glamour of their jewels.

Bro. Budden will, however, pardon me if I point out to him, as a simple fact, that in no part of my letter did I imply that any confusion would arise between the officers of a lodge and visiting P.M.'s ("officers" here bearing its usual signification of S.W., J.W., S.D., J.D., I.G., and Tyler); but I did, and do, most explicitly state that confusion would arise in distinguishing between the P.M.'s of a particular lodge and the P.M.'s of other lodges visiting thereat.

As to an inadvertent contradiction in the terms of our Constitutions, that doubtless will be rectified in proper time and place by the constituted authorities, but, in conclusion, permit me, Sir, to point out to Bro. Budden that, although in his own immediate circle, he may be omnipotent and all-sufficient, yet there is just a possibility of someone else being right, although that someone may not agree with Bro. Budden on all points, and that a definition of his opponents' opinions as "childish twaddle" is not only un-Masonic and unfraternal, but vulgar. Apologising for taking up so much of your space.—Yours fraternally,

ARTHUR ROGER CARTER,
W.M. 1728.

Blackheath, February 16th.

THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.

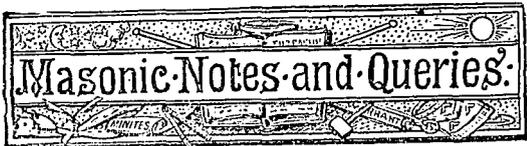
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I cordially support the proposition of Bro. Room. It seems fitting that all those who are bound to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, our Most Worshipful Grand Master, by the Masonic tie of Brotherhood, ought to do what lies in their power to further the noble plan so clearly enunciated by his Royal Highness as a suitable Jubilee Memorial, and as a mark of attachment to our Gracious Queen, who lives, and will continue to live, in the affections of a loyal people.—Yours fraternally,

SIDNEY B. JOPSON,
Bective Lodge, No. 1532.

Carlisle, 16th February.



CORRESPONDENCE CIRCLE.

I should like to add a word to the many weighty observations of Bro. Speth's, respecting the utility and value of the "Correspondence Circle" of the "Quatuor Coronati Lodge." As respects its utility, that will be to a great extent determined by the Craft, for if the number join who should, we shall have at least one hundred intelligent and zealous correspondents who will co-operate with us, the members, in Masonic researches. The value of such an organization, to my mind, is self-evident, especially when we have such a model Secretary as Bro. Speth to work it. He never tires when the interests of No. 2076 are concerned, and certainly if the objects of its promoters are not attained in the near future, the failure cannot result from any lack in the Secretarial department. One hundred brethren in the "Correspondence Circle," and forty zealous students in the lodge should effect much good work, and I believe such a result will follow Bro. Speth's well-directed efforts.
W. J. HUGHAN.



Craft Masonry.

FIDELITY LODGE (No. 3).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, in the presence of an unusually large gathering of members and visitors, there being as many as 37 of the latter, many of whom hailed from the provinces. Bro. J. W. Squire, W.M., presided, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee, showing the largest balance ever known, was submitted and approved. Mr. Thomas Patterson Riddle, who had previously been balloted for and accepted, was impressively initiated into Freemasonry, the ceremony being very ably performed by the W.M. Bro. J. W. Block, S.W. and W.M. elect, having been presented for installation, a Board of Installed Masters was constituted and the ceremony carried out efficiently by the outgoing Master. Bro. Block then appointed and invested as his officers for the year Bros. Weeks, S.W.; Cochrane, J.W.; Low, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); Squire, Sec.; Larkin, S.D.; Dr. Lovell, J.D.; C. Smith, I.G.; Perryman, P.M., A.G.P., D.C.; Sebastian Hart, Org.; and Potter, Tyler.

The circular of the Pro Grand Master on the subject of the Jubilee celebration was considered, the suggestion that the lodge should contribute towards the Imperial Institute being negatived, and a resolution to mark the event by granting aid to the four Charities was unanimously passed.

Bro. J. W. Squire, I.P.M., announced his intention of becoming a Steward for the Girls' School Festival in May, and Bro. Dr. Sandberg followed suit by undertaking a like charge in behalf of the Boys', Bro. Larkin, S.D., being already a member of Bro. Terry's Board for Tuesday next, so that the lodge will be efficiently represented this year at all three anniversaries.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, a very pleasant evening being the result, the speeches to, and in acknowledgment of, the various toasts, being interspersed with some admirable singing under the direction of Bro. Hart, Organist.

JOHN HERVEY LODGE (No. 1260).—This lodge met on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, with Bro. F. Taylor, C.C., in the position of Master. Among those present were Bros. J. B. Sorrell, P.M.; S. H. Baker, S.W.; Stevens, Manger, Evans, Harris, Henry, and Walter Potter. The visitors were Bros. Rev. F. A. Ormsby, M.A., J. Mason, P.P.S.G.D. Middlesex; A. F. Asher, W.M. 1391; E. S. Strange, W.M. 1223; J. Horne, 1638; and H. W. Percy, 1853.

The brethren proceeded to ballot for Bro. John Robertson Reep as a joining member, the result of which was an unanimous election. The principal business of the evening was next the initiation of the Rev. Richard Colvin Lewis, M.A., and was performed in an able and impressive manner by the W.M. The brethren then unanimously elected the S.W., Bro. S. H. Baker to the position of Master for the ensuing year. The honour he acknowledged in a few but well-chosen words. A communication was read from the M.W. Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon suggesting means for the Freemasons to celebrate the Jubilee of her Majesty, and this proposition, with the acknowledged loyalty of the Order, found hearty support. Two amounts of 10 guineas were voted, one on the Master's list for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and another to the widow of a late indigent brother. The Master was also awarded a jewel to mark the appreciation of the lodge at his excellence as a man and Master.

A banquet followed, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and properly received.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury Station, on the 10th inst. The chair was taken by Bro. William Shurmur, W.M., and amongst the brethren present were Bros. T. Hunt, S.W.; J. H. Thompson, J.W.; E. Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; D. P. Holness, P.M., Sec.; J. Petch, S.D.; H. Hunt, J.D.; S. Napper, D.C.; H. Cox, P.M.; A. C. Halestrop, P.M.; E. Blinkhorn, P.M.; Scarlett, Harding, Braham, Tyrrell, and others. The visitors included Bros. A.M. Broadley, P.D.D.G.M. Malta, Sec. 2127; Augustus Harris, W.M. 2127; C. E. Soppett, P.G. Stwd.; W. R. King, 167; C. W. Woods, P.M. 145; W. D. Church, D.C. 1365; J. Bell, 458; J. Speller, 1677; F. J. Beard, 1432; T. Wells, P.M. 754; R. Kelley, P.G.S.B. W. Yorks; J. Willmot, 1223; R. Walker, 60; H. Green, 188; J. Mason, P.P.S.G.D. Middx.; J. A. Barton, W.M. 1924; J. Osborn, P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx., P.M. 1897; J. Barnett, 177; W. E. Sutton, 209; T. Mayes, 1613; G. F. Salmon, W.M. 82; J. Bayne, D.C. 1897; R. P. Forge, W.M. 1693; W. Airey, 70; J. Lister, S.W. 1745; A. Allard, 1421; R. Brookman, 1426; R. H. Cumming, 1343; W. Bright, 860; W. J. Crutch, 1580; Baker, P.M. 1964; J. Cox, 1613; J. W. Cluff, 59; W. T. Laws, 820; J. Michael, 435; M. Cohen, 1017; J. Snook, S.W. 1693; W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. John Horace Thompson was then presented as W.M. elect, and duly installed into the chair as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Thompson, W.M., appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. Thomas Hunt, S.W.; Petch, J.W.; E. Bower, P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; Blinkhorn, P.M., Sec.; H. Hunt, S.D.; Napper, J.D.; Scarlett, I.G.; Harding, D.C.; Braham, W.S.; Tyrrell, A.W.S.; Couchman, Tyler. Bro. D. P. Holness, P.M., the Installing Master, then delivered the usual addresses in a very impressive and praiseworthy manner. On the motion of Bro. Holness, P.M., seconded by Bro. Bowyer, Treasurer, a vote of condolence was unanimously passed, expressing the sympathy of the brethren with the widow and family of the late Bro. Davis in their sad bereavement. It was next notified to the members by Bro. Holness that the W.M. intended serving as Steward at the forthcoming Festival of

the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and he proposed that ten guineas should be taken from the lodge funds and placed on the list of Bro. Thompson, W.M. This having been seconded by Bro. Shurmur, I.P.M., was carried with acclamation.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, which fully maintained, the reputation of Bro. Baker.

The usual toasts were then honoured.

"The Queen and the Craft," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," were received in a hearty manner. The Worshipful Master proposed "The Grand Officers," and said that in a company such as the present, where there were many Past Masters who had seen the interest taken by the Grand Officers in the Craft, few remarks would be needed from him to ensure a warm reception for the toast. The brethren present were fully aware how important it was for Freemasonry to have at its head men of such rank and eminence. As long as they had such men to further the principles and tenets of the Craft it would continue to flourish and prosper. He had much pleasure in coupling this toast with the name of their Treasurer, Bro. Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.

Bro. Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br., heartily thanked the W.M. and brethren for the very kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. The W.M. had stated that the Grand Officers perform, in an unexampled manner the duties that fall to their share, and he could assure the brethren that they all tried their utmost to give satisfaction to the Craft.

"The Health of the W.M." was given by the I.P.M., who expressed the pleasure it afforded him to introduce the toast to the notice of the brethren. Bro. Shurmur, I.P.M., further remarked that any feeling of regret that he might have had on leaving the chair was more than fully compensated for by the fact that he was succeeded by a brother of such skill and ability as Bro. Thompson. The members would look with assurance to their W.M. to fulfil the duties of the chair to the credit of the lodge and the comfort and satisfaction of the brethren.

Bro. John Horace Thompson, W.M., in reply, said that that night, long before ever he expected it, he had attained the summit of his Masonic hopes. He now held, by their suffrages, the important position of W.M. of the lodge, for their S.W., whom he had expected to see installed that evening, had deferred, for reasons which did him credit, his accession to the chair. If only half the expectations of the I.P.M. were realised, and if he only reached the standard that brother had placed before them, he would be able at the end of his year to deliver up his trust to them with the consciousness that he had fulfilled it to their satisfaction. Although he had to follow so great a man as the I.P.M., he would do his utmost, and would leave nothing undone that would further the best interests of the lodge. As he was sure they would not wish to hear long speeches, he would simply thank them from the bottom of his heart, and assure them that he had never felt a prouder moment than when rising to respond to that toast.

The next toast proposed by the W.M. was "The Installing Master." The W.M. said that the brother who had fulfilled the duties of Installing Master that evening was a brother who had filled every office in the lodge, and who had for many years past performed the duties of Secretary in a manner of which any lodge might be proud. He had worked through every office until he reached the chair, and when his year of office expired as W.M., he had taken up the Secretarial duties, which he had performed without a single neglect of any kind. Being now about to leave those duties, and retire to the cold shade of the P.M.'s, he had crowned the edifice of his work by performing the installing ceremony in a most perfect manner. All present would acknowledge that he must have placed himself under a considerable amount of discipline to enable him to carry out that ceremony in so praiseworthy a manner. He (the W.M.) asked the brethren to give Bro. Holness a mark of their appreciation by cordially drinking his health.

Bro. D. P. Holness, P.M. responded, and said he scarcely knew how to return thanks for the toast that had been placed before them in such flattering terms. As one of the first initiates, his interest in the lodge had been undivided, but he could not think that the simple services he had rendered were adequate to the terms in which the W.M. had introduced this toast. It was his pleasure some years ago to propose their S.W., Bro. Hunt, and he could hardly express the disappointment he had felt to see that Bro. Hunt was not in a position to take the position of W.M. This he very much regretted, for their S.W. was a great personal friend of his. He was, however, very pleased to find that another personal friend of his occupied the chair, for Bro. Thompson was one who took a great interest in the well-being of this lodge. The small services he had rendered on the present occasion fell upon him as a surprise, for it was only owing to ill health that the I.P.M. was precluded from performing the installing ceremony. He (Bro. Holness) had occupied the position of Secretary for many years, and as the duties had considerably increased, he felt compelled, in justice to himself and the lodge, to resign that office. He took this step with regret, for it severed him officially from the members, whose respect and esteem he hoped he had gained during his term of office. He begged again to thank them for their kindness in receiving the toast with so much cordiality.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Visitors," said that when they found they had a large number of distinguished visitors present such as they had that evening, it behooved them to do what they could to show them hospitality. He offered all the visiting brethren a hearty welcome, and was certain they would all find their sentiments conveyed by the four brethren he would couple with the toast. They were Bros. Kelley, P.G.S.B. West Yorks; R. P. Forge, W.M. 1693; W. J. Crutch, 1580; and Salmon, W.M. 82.

Bro. Kelley, in response, cordially tendered his thanks on behalf of the visitors for the profuse hospitality shown them. He had travelled 200 miles to be present, and wished to express his appreciation of the manner in which Bro. Holness had rendered the installation ceremony. It would always afford him pleasure to visit them, and he hoped their lodge would continue its prosperous career.

Bro. Crutch also returned thanks, and expressed the gratification it afforded him to see Bro. Thompson installed into the chair, for he had watched his career in another lodge, where he had performed the duties entrusted to him with skill and ability. The W.M. would fulfil all the pledges he had given, and at the end of his year the

members would say they never had a more efficient W.M. to preside over them.

Several other brethren also replied. "The Masonic Charities" was given by the Worshipful Master, who said he desired to introduce that toast next for several reasons. It was one that required very little eloquence, for it was eloquence itself, and appealed to every Mason's heart. He proposed to represent their lodge at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The brother who would respond for that toast would give them particulars and figures respecting that valuable Institution, and he earnestly asked them to support those who were unable to support themselves, and whom it was their duty to maintain.

Bro. James Mason, P.P.S.G.D. Middx., said he rose to respond to the toast of the Masonic Charities with a great deal of diffidence. He placed the needs of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution clearly before the brethren, and made an urgent appeal to them to support the W.M. in his Stewardship.

"The Past Masters" was next given by the Worshipful Master, who eulogised the services of the Past Masters, and presented the I.P.M. with a handsome jewel, as a token of the appreciation of the brethren of his valuable services during the year.

Bro. Shurmur, I.P.M., returned thanks in suitable terms, after which "The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers" having been given and responded to, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

An excellent programme of music was rendered, under the direction of Bro. James Bayne, who presided in a very efficient manner at the pianoforte.

COBORN LODGE (No. 1804).—The installation meeting of this young but flourishing lodge was held on Thursday, 10th inst., at the Holborn Restaurant, the M.W. G.M. having granted a dispensation authorising the lodge to meet at that establishment. The W.M., Bro. Charles J. R. Tijou, was supported by Bros. Souch, S.W., and W.M. elect; E. E. Johnson, J.W.; R. Logan, P.M., Treas.; F. J. Hunt, P.M., Sec.; Wm. Clarke, P.G.P., Prov. D.C. Suffolk; J. Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I., and a large number of other officers and members. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Reg., Dep. P.G.M. Essex; Bro. T. Salmon, I.P.M. 2077, P.G.R. Essex; J. K. Coleman, W.M. 907; H. B. Forbes, W.M. 1805; J. Taylor, P.M. 753; H. Wildey Wright, P.M. 1827; L. Potts, P.M.; Kennett, P.M.; and House, P.M. 1716.

Upon the lodge being opened, the dispensation was read, and the minutes of the last regular and two emergency meetings were read and confirmed. The Grand Registrar then entered the lodge, and was saluted in the customary manner, after which the installation of Bro. Alfred Souch, as 9th W.M. of the lodge, was proceeded with. Bro. Philbrick having consented to occupy the chair as Installing Officer, the W.M. elect was presented to him, and duly installed in the Grand Registrar's usual impressive manner. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers: Bros. C. J. R. Tijou, I.P.M., and Secretary; E. Johnson, S.W.; J. A. Ellerton, J.W.; R. Logan, P.M. (re-elected), Treas.; C. A. Plater, S.D.; R. R. Green, J.D.; A. Paterson, I.G.; A. J. Hobbs, D.C.; J. W. Gibbs, Org.; C. Webster, and T. H. Smiths, Stewards; and G. Harrison (re-elected), Tyler. It was then resolved unanimously that the thanks of the lodge be given to the Grand Registrar for his kindness in undertaking the duties of installing officer, and that he be elected an honorary member of the Lodge. In acknowledging the vote, Bro. Philbrick expressed his pleasure in visiting the lodge, and accepting the invitation of the I.P.M. to instal his successor. A handsome P.M.'s jewel was then presented to the I.P.M. in recognition of the services he had rendered to the lodge during his year of office as W.M. "Heartly good wishes" having been given to the W.M. by the numerous visitors, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Queen's Salon for the banquet, which was served in Bro. Hamp's usual style.

The loyal and Masonic toasts having been given and duly honoured, Bro. Philbrick, G.R., in reply to the toast of the Grand Officers, gave a few words of commendation and excellent advice, which were heartily appreciated.

"The Health of the W.M." having been received and suitably acknowledged, Bro. Terry was called upon to reply for the Masonic Institutions, and after advocating the claims of all, and of the R.M.B.I. in particular, urged upon the brethren the necessity of their heartily supporting their W.M., who had, in accordance with "Coborn" custom, undertaken a Stewardship of his Institution at the forthcoming Festival.

The W.M. in proposing "The Visitors," expressed his gratification at seeing so many around him.

In reply, Bro. J. K. Coleman, W.M. 907, dwelt upon the connection of that lodge with its scion, the Coborn, and expressed his gratification at its success and prosperity. Bro. J. Salmon, P.G.R. Essex, and Bro. Wildey Wright, also replied.

The Past Masters and the Officers having been duly honoured, the proceedings ended with the Tyler's toast.

GALLERY LODGE (No. 1928).—The ordinary meeting of this lodge, was held at Brixton Hall, on Saturday last. There were present Bros. C. F. Pardon, I.P.M.; J. C. Duckworth, S.W.; Dr. Griffiths, J.W.; H. Massey, P.M., Treas.; R. J. Albery, Sec.; Herbert Wright, S.D.; W. T. Perkins, J.D.; C. Basil-Cooke, I.G.; and other brethren.

In the unavoidable absence of Bro. Goldsmith, the W.M., the chair of K.S. was taken by Bro. Pardon, I.P.M. Bro. W. Husk was raised to the Degree of M.M., and Mr. W. B. Pitt, having been elected at a previous lodge, was duly initiated into the privileges and mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry. The working of Bro. Pardon as W.M., was faultless, and greatly impressed the brethren. Bro. Pardon's most excellent work has indeed been the feature of the last year's meetings of the Gallery Lodge. The subject of Lord Carnarvon's circular, re the Queen's Jubilee, was discussed, and the lodge decided to send representatives to the proposed grand meeting of English Freemasons (if held), and requested the Secretary to inform the authorities in Great Queen-street, that the lodge was indisposed to adopt the second suggestion with reference to individual members subscribing 21s. each to the Imperial Institute, as that particular scheme was in no way a Masonic affair. The lodge shortly afterwards was closed, and the brethren, after some light refreshment, separated.

ST. BOTOLPH'S LODGE (No. 2020).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Monday, the 7th inst. Present: Bros. P. Saillard, W.M.; Sir John Staples, K.C. M.G., I.P.M.; T. Benskin, S.W.; H. H. Wells, J.W.; H. S. Legg, Treas.; W. Lake, Sec.; B. Norman, S.D.; E. W. Stillwell, J.D.; G. M. Sayle, I.G.; E. J. Husey, D.C.; F. W. Harris, Steward; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Augustus Walton, H. G. Cubitt, H. P. Kilby; and the following visitors: Bros. E. H. Mornson, P.M. 416; J. Whaley, W.M. 172; T. Cubitt, P.G. Purst; Dalton Sayle, P.M. 525; E. Y. Jolliffe, W.M. 1657; A. B. Hudson; C. F. Matier, W.M. 1910, P.G.W. Greece; W. Wilson, W.M. 1671; Nelson Reid, P.M. 1671; Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W.; L. V. Walker, W.M. 22; S. White, P.M. 1657; C. L. Rance; C. F. Bristow; W. H. G. Smith; Gordon Douglas; T. A. Bullock, P.M. 101; E. J. Altman, P.M. 101; Professor Tanner, P.M. 686; H. Shoppee, P.M. 162; R. P. Atkins, P.M. 55; and Chevalier Bach.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Saillard, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Saillard then vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. Sir John Monckton, who proceeded to install Bro. Benskin, the S.W., in the chair of King Solomon. The ceremony being completed, Bro. Benskin appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. H. Wells, S.W.; B. Norman, J.W.; H. S. Legg, Treas.; Wm. Lake, Sec.; E. W. Stillwell, S.D.; G. M. Sayer, J.D.; E. J. Husey, I.G.; A. Walton, D.C.; F. Harris and H. G. Cubitt, Stwds. Bro. Benskin, W.M., then presented, in the name of the lodge, the retiring W.M. with a P.M.'s jewel in recognition of the services rendered during his year of office. The circular of the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, was then read, and after discussion it was resolved to approve of the suggestion to contribute to the fund being raised to establish an Imperial Institute.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to a banquet presided over by the W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, and a very agreeable evening was spent. Bro. Chevalier Bach kindly performed several solos on the pianoforte, which gave great pleasure to the brethren. Bros. Harris and Husey also contributed, by songs and recitations, to the pleasures of the evening.

WHARTON LODGE (No. 2045).—This young and prosperous lodge held its first meeting for the season, on Tuesday, 15th inst., at the White Hart Hotel, Willesden. There was a goodly gathering of brethren present, among whom were many eminent in the Craft. Bro. Dr. Jackson Gawith, W.M., was supported by Bros D. Stroud, S.W., and W. Thomas, J.W. After the reading of the minutes of last meeting, Bros. Farndon and Willard were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M.'s, when Bro. D. Stroud, S.W. was installed into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being very impressively performed by Bro. Gawith, I.P.M., Bro. W. Side, P.M., delivering the charges. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Thomas, S.W.; J. R. Brede, J.W.; Gawith, I.P.M., Sec.; Hargrave, S.D.; Salmon, J.D.; McRae, I.G.; Mostyn, D.C.; Hardy, W.S.; and Dowsett Smith, A.W.S. The W.M., in the name of the lodge, then presented a very handsome P.M. jewel to Bro. Gawith, I.P.M., in token of the respect in which he is held, and as a slight recognition for his able services during his year of office.

Afterwards the brethren adjourned to the banquet table, and having partaken of a very recherche dinner; the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M., and heartily responded to by the brethren.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Knight-Smith, whose eminent talents as a musician, were thoroughly appreciated by the brethren, and added much to the enjoyment and pleasure of the evening.

WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).—The usual monthly meeting of the above ancient lodge took place on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, when Bro. A. Cleall, W.M., occupied the chair, being supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. G. Davis, P.M.; R. Hodgkinson, P.M.; T. Hutton, P.M., Treas.; N. Brown, P.M., Sec.; H. S. Syer, P.M.; G. Masters, P.M.; W. Akers, P.M.; J. G. Melbourne, S.W.; W. Tailby, J.W.; H. Grice, S.D.; J. Bell, J.D.; W. Bidgood, Org.; A. Deans, D. of C.; W. Mattery, I.G.; J. Cox, 1826; T. Vine, 58; A. Webb, 700; J. Harsham, 1767; W. Wright, 823; G. Carter, 1472; P. Hancock, 700; W. Hewett, J.D. 957; C. Jolly, W.M. 1472 (who was heartily welcomed back after his accident), and there were also 60 of the brethren of the lodge present.

The lodge was in mourning for a deceased brother, and the work consisted of the initiation (after approval) of Mr. John Hancock, the passing of Bros. Dixon and Shortman, and the raising of Bros. Moore, Warnock, and Bloomfield, the whole of the work being admirably done by the W.M. and his officers. A vote of condolence was passed to the widow of Bro. Harris, and 10 guineas were voted to Bro. Jolly's list for the Benevolent Institution.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of refreshment, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and some excellent singing enlivened the proceedings.

CHICHESTER.—Lodge of Union (No. 38).—The annual installation meeting of the brethren of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., when Bro. H. Elliott Breach, who had been unanimously elected at the previous meeting, was installed W.M. for the year ensuing by Bro. J. St. Clair, P.M. Bro. Breach afterwards invested his officers for the year as follows: Bros. J. H. Hawes, S.W.; G. C. Inkpen, J.W.; Rev. J. C. B. Fletcher, Chap.; O. N. Wyatt, P.M., Treasurer; C. F. Charge, Secretary; W. Doman, S.D.; J. C. Budden, J.D.; A. W. Lambert, P.M., Org.; J. Fielden, I.G.; E. F. A. Gower, and H. Holding Moore, Stwds.; and W. A. Beatson, Tyler. The ceremony was followed by the presentation of a jewel to the I.P.M., Bro. W. H. Barrett, in recognition of his conduct in the chair during the preceding year.

After the despatch of other Masonic business, the brethren adjourned to a banquet, to which forty-two sat

down, under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M. Mr. Hardham, of East-street, catered in a style which gave every satisfaction.

During the evening, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk, "The Health of the W.M." being given in eloquent terms by Bro. Sir Robert Raper, P.M.

Mr. C. E. Pillow was engaged, and sang a number of songs in his best style, while able assistance in the execution of the musical programme was given by Bro. Stanley Moore and other brethren of the lodge.

Those present included the following visitors: Bros. V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec.; C. F. Lewis, P.P.G.S.B. Herefordshire, W.M. designate 2187; H. E. Price, M.D., W.M. 1466, Prov. G. Steward; C. Bampfylde Warre, W.M. 1465, Prov. G. Steward; T. H. Crouch, P.M. 851, P.P.G.D.; C. Burnell, W.M. 56; C. Holman, W.M. 311; C. Paine, W.M. 851; L. B. Henderson, W.M. 1141; T. Dutton, W.M. 1726; E. A. Wells, P.M. 15; and C. Benham, 1278. The following P.M.'s of the lodge were also present: Bros. Geo. Smith, Prov. S.G.W.; Sir R. Raper, P.P.J.G.W.; J. St. Clair, P.P.J.G.W.; Rev. H. M. Davey, P.P.G.C.; G. Gatehouse, P.P.G.D.; Oliver Lloyd, P.P.G.S.B.; and O. N. Wyatt, P.P.G. Supt. of Works.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—A meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday evening, the 3rd inst., and was largely attended, between 30 and 40 Past Masters being present. Bro. Wm. Pead, the retiring W.M. of the lodge, installed Bro. T. E. Wilton as W.M. for the ensuing year. The newly-made W.M. having appointed his officers, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Grand Pump Room Hotel for the annual banquet. Between 50 and 60 sat down, including the V.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. R. C. Else, and brethren from the Provinces of Bristol, Cheltenham, Scotland, Manitoba, &c.

During the evening the Bath City Band played a choice selection of music, and Herr van Praag charmed those present with two violin solos. The proceedings were altogether of a highly successful character.

IPSWICH.—St. Luke's Lodge (No. 225).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 9th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Soane-street. Bro. T. J. Noble, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. Whitehead, P.M.; Abbott, P.M.; and Cook, I.P.M. After the reading of the minutes Bros. W. J. Leggett and Whitehead were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The ceremony in the first case was performed in a most impressive manner, partly by the W.M. and completed by Bro. Abbott, P.M.; while in the case of Bro. Whitehead, the ceremony was carried out in a manner equally impressive by that well known Mason, the uncle of the candidate. The working tools were explained by Bro. Cook, I.P.M., and the traditional history most effectively narrated by Bro. Abbott, P.M. In the absence of the S.D. the duties of that office were efficiently performed by Bro. Napier, P.M., while Bro. Brook, P.M., acted as D.C. The W.M. read the circular letter from Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., respecting the Masonic celebration of the Queen's Jubilee, and after a short discussion it was resolved that "this lodge approves of the suggestions contained in the circular." A circular letter was also read by the W.M. directing the attention of the lodge to the proposed presentation to Bro. F. Binckes, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, after 25 years' service in that capacity. Bro. Abbott, P.M., spoke of the labours performed by Bro. Binckes in the cause of Masonry, especially the success which has marked the management of the Boys' Institution since he had been elected Secretary, and proposed that the sum of one guinea should be voted by the lodge to the Presentation Fund. This was seconded by Bro. Brook, P.M., who observed that, although the sum was small, he trusted that it would be accepted as an indication that while the lodge fully appreciated the services of Bro. Binckes, yet that the calls upon their funds were so numerous at the present time, that they were unable to give more. An amendment was proposed to increase the vote to three guineas; but it met with no support, and the original resolution was carried "nem. con." Another letter was read announcing the approaching marriage of Miss Martyn, daughter of Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M., and stating that it had been decided by the brethren in the Province of Suffolk, to mark their appreciation of the esteem in which he was held, that a wedding present should be made to his daughter. Several of the brethren present spoke in eulogistic terms of the D.P.G.M., and it was decided that a subscription list should be at once opened for those who cared to subscribe.

Subsequently the brethren adjourned to another room, where the usual repast was spread and done justice to. On the removal of the cloth, the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair and duly honoured. In reply to the toast of "The Visitors," Bros. Pettitt, P.M. 388, P.P.A.G.D.C., and Meech, S.D. 2361, returned thanks for the hospitality of the lodge.

GOOLE.—Aire and Calder Lodge (No. 458).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. E. J. Foster, W.M.; H. Gardiner, P.M., acting S.W.; Geo. Dixon, J.W.; R. C. Bruce, Chap.; C. Grant, Sec.; R. Blasdale, acting S.D.; J. Leach, acting J.D.; E. C. B. Tudor, D.C.; C. Chappell, I.G.; A. J. Peacock, Stwd.; J. Leach, Tyler; W. Everatt, I.P.M.; C. Derley, P.M.; A. Spink, P.M.; E. Gooderidge, P.M.; W. Brook, P.M.; and a good attendance of members.

After the lodge was opened, a ballot was unanimously taken for Bro. Staveley, 950, as a joining member. Messrs. Edmund Timm and Edward Buck were also unanimously elected members of the lodge. Bro. Robinson was then passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M., who conducted the ceremony in an impressive manner, Bro. E. Gooderidge, P.M., delivering the address, and Bro. G. Dixon, J.W., explaining the working tools. The lodge was then closed in peace and harmony.

SELBY.—St. Germain Lodge (No. 566).—On Friday, the 4th inst., the brethren of the above lodge held their annual festival for the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. W. Norwood Cheesman. After the lodge was opened in the First Degree by the W.M., Bro. the Rev.

Henry Greeves, P.M., P.P.G.C., the minutes of the last regular lodge and lodge of emergency were confirmed, and a vote of condolence with the family of the late Bro. Henry J. Jackson, M.A., was passed. Bro. Jackson was one of the oldest members of the lodge, and though in his 55th year, and residing ten miles from Selby, rarely missed the duties of his lodge, and at the time of his lamented death had accepted the collar of Chaplain for the ensuing year. On the completion of the private business of the lodge, the W.D.P.G.M., Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, entered the lodge, supported by the R.W.P.G.M. of West Yorkshire; Bro. T. W. Tew, Bro. M. C. Peck, P.G.S.; R. Hudson, P. G. Sec. Durham; Major MacGachan, P.G.D.C.; G. H. Anderton, P.P.S.G.D.; Anderson, P.P.G. Supt. Works; Smith, W.M. of the Eboracum lodge; Latus, of the Humber Lodge, and others. It being the first visit of the D.P.G.M., the brethren gave him a cordial and enthusiastic welcome, a similar compliment being paid to the P.G.M. of West Yorkshire. The ceremony of installation was then conducted by the D.P.G.M. in an impressive manner, the working tools and the addresses, after the investment of officers, being given by Bro. the Rev. H. Greeves, I.P.M. Telegrams or letters of apology were received from Bros. Walter Reynolds, P.G.T.; Whythead, P.P.S.G.W.; Dr. Spark, P.P.G.O. of West Yorkshire; J. Sykes Rymer, P.P.G.D.; and others. The following officers were invested: Bros. Rev. H. Greeves, P.P.G.C., I.P.M.; T. G. P. Barlow, S.W.; Major T. G. Hawdon, J.W.; Rev. T. Cheese, B.A., Chap.; G. W. Hudson, Treas.; W. Rawling, Sec.; W. Leethem, S.D.; Chas. Turner, J.D.; F. H. Mould, Org.; W. Staniland, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D. of C.; H. Eggleshaw, I.G.; S. Webber and E. Townsend, Stwds.; and J. Pearson, Tyler. After the lodge business was concluded the annual banquet was held at the Londesborough Hotel, when an excellent dinner was served by Mr. Bowman. The chair was occupied by the newly installed W.M., Bro. W. N. Cheesman, and the vice-chair by Bro. T. G. P. Barlow, S.W. A very enjoyable and harmonious evening was spent.

DERBY.—Arboretum Lodge (No. 731).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 9th inst., when there were present Bros. Edgar Horne, W.M.; J. Copestick, I.P.M.; A. Woodiwiss, S.W.; J. W. Brigg, J.W.; Rev. L. Orrell, Chaplain; Severn Taylor, S.D.; J. Walker, J.D.; G. Sutherland, D. of C.; W. Forman, Org.; J. Jones, I.G.; T. Day, Tyler; G. Lawes, W. Todd, G. H. Ward, and W. H. Wright, Stwds. Past Masters Bros. G. T. Wright, P.P.S.G.W.; T. Cox, P.P.S.G.W.; T. R. Gee, P.P.G.D. of C.; A. Frazer, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Brown, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Bland, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Taylor, P.P.G.D. of C.; C. Webster, Prov. S.G.D.; and F. G. Sanderson. Bros. G. C. Copestick, A. Smith, J. E. Raye, J. V. Woodward, F. Ball, J. Melrose, W. Knight, W. T. Lynch, S. Tinkler, A. Tyler, H. Horne, D. Woollatt, S. H. Farnell, T. Carter Wigg, E. Jephson, and F. R. Booty. The visitors were Bros. A. Fox, Org. 353; J. Parker, 815; J. H. Richardson, W.M. 1085; C. D. Hart, P.M. 1085; J. V. Manton, P.M. 1085; R. Slater, W.M. 802; S. S. Waddington, Org. 802; Thomas Oldham, J.D. 802; and S. Steele, P.M. 802.

The minutes of the last regular lodge having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for the W.M. for the ensuing year, and resulted in favour of Bro. A. Woodiwiss, S.W., who heartily thanked the brethren for the honour conferred upon him. Bro. W. Whittaker, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. T. Day, Tyler. The circular issued by the Pro Grand Master having been read, the lodge agreed to respond in its favour. The W.M. then, in a most able manner, closed his year of Masonic work by raising Bro. Francis R. Booty to the Sublime Degree, being ably assisted by his Deacons. "Hearty good wishes" were given from Nos. 353, 802, 815, 1085, and Prov. G. Lodge. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

A number of the brethren afterwards met in the lower hall for supper, where an excellent spread was provided by the W.M. and his Tyler and hall-keeper, Bro. T. Day, to which ample justice was done, and thanks returned.

The W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. To that of "The Prov. G. Lodge" were coupled the names of Bro. Thomas Cox, P.M. 253, P.G. Treasurer, and Bro. C. Webster, P.M. 731, P.S.G.D., who suitably and briefly replied.

The S.W., on rising to propose the next toast, was received with hearty applause. He said in giving you the last toast the W.M. remarked that they were getting nearer home, but now they were getting still nearer, as the one he was about to propose was that of "Their W.M.," and he was quite sure they would have much pleasure in drinking it, seeing it was the last night he would be at their head. They had all been pleased to work under him during the twelve months, and were indeed sorry they could not be guided by him for another year. All had been delighted with the able manner in which he had presided over them, both upstairs and down, and also with the way in which he had done his work. The gatherings had been larger, on an average, than ever known before, and that he considered was largely owing to the respect in which he was held by the brethren in that and other lodges. He concluded by proposing "The Health of the W.M."

Song—"The old brigade"—Bro. J. Melrose. The Worshipful Master, in responding, thanked all very heartily for the sympathy shown to him. It puzzled him to say all the good things in reply he could have wished. He believed all the S.W. had said was sincerely meant. He could say the year had been a very happy one, and now that it was his last night, he felt regret at retiring from their head. He again begged to thank them for the flattering way in which the toast had been given and received.

The Worshipful Master again rose to propose the toast of "The W.M. Elect, Bro. Woodiwiss." He said that when the W.M. elect so kindly proposed the last toast, he alluded to the fact of its being the last night in their Masonic year. He was certainly even then looking forward to the next month, when he should have the greatest pleasure in installing his successor, who was so worthy to fill the chair. He had done all he possibly could in the other offices he had been called upon to fill, and had attended the lodge most regularly, and he was quite sure all the brethren would well support the incoming W.M., and make his a better year than any which had gone before.

Song—"Sally in our alley"—Bro. J. W. Brigg.

The Worshipful Master elect said he could heartily thank them for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. He scarcely thought a special toast would have been accorded him, or he would not have said so much when speaking before. He could say, however, he should be proud to be their W.M., and that had certainly been his great ambition ever since he started in the lodge, and he had determined not to rest until he had attained it. He had always tried to do his work well at every post, and the duties he seemed to find easier as he progressed, and a good deal of this he owed to the lodge of instruction. He concluded by hoping all would help him to meet with success during his year, and especially that they would come in large numbers next month.

The Worshipful Master then gave the toast of "The Past Masters," and said he felt he must give it himself for the last time. He was very thankful they always had a good attendance of them, as could be seen by reference to the Tyler's book. He also believed that to be the reason the lodge prospered so well, and he hoped they would never lose their interest in the lodge.

Bro. G. T. Wright, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., in responding, said he was sure the Past Masters were all proud of their lodge; he regretted his inability to be present at the previous meeting, but could assure the brethren it was owing to his visiting on that night the Scarsdale Lodge, Chesterfield, who had voted him the handsome sum of 25 guineas towards his list for the Benevolent Institution. He congratulated the W.M. on his successful year of office, and hoped his successor might have one as pleasant.

Bro. C. Webster, P.M., P.S.G.D., also replied. Bro. T. R. Gee, P.M., proposed "The Visitors," saying he did it with pleasure, as they were always so pleased to see visitors amongst them; he quite agreed that visiting was good in every way, and was to be encouraged.

Song—"Bowling Green Chorus"—Bro. G. T. Wright, P.M.

Bros. J. H. Richardson, W.M. 1085; J. Parker, 815; and A. Fox, 353, briefly responded for the visitors, paying a high compliment to the W.M. and officers for the manner in which the work had been done, hoping all would honour them with a return visit at their respective lodges.

The Worshipful Master then gave the toast of "The Officers," taking occasion to thank all for the good support they had given him during the year, hoping also that the incoming W.M. would be as well supported.

Song—"Tell me, Mary"—Bro. W. L. Todd. Bro. J. Jones, I.G., in responding, could assure the W.M. that one desire animated them all, which was to do their duty, and they had striven to do it well.

Bro. J. Chadwick, Secretary, also suitably responded.

Song—"The new cottage"—Bro. J. Maxey. The Tyler's toast shortly afterwards brought another agreeable evening to a close.

It should be mentioned that during the evening the W.M. sent round his list for the Benevolent Institution, to which anniversary he goes as Steward, resulting in £17 5s. being added to the list already obtained.

WIGAN.—Lindsay Lodge (No. 1335).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, King-street. Present: Bros. R. B. Seddon, W.M.; J. Browne, S.W.; H. Bouchier, J.W.; J. D. Murray, P.P.G.D., P.M., Treas.; H. Riddlesworth, Sec.; Wm. Rigby, S.D.; R. P. White, I.G.; T. W. Knowles, Stwd.; W. Patterson, Tyler; W. Johnson, I.P.M.; H. T. Byrom, P.M.; R. Betley, P.M.; A. Craston, C. A. Cronshaw, R. O. Burland, E. H. Monks, C. Cockson, J. Buchanan, and W. Rogers. Bro. J. Brindle, W.M. 178, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The first business on the agenda paper was to ballot for Brs. Tomlinson, Leyland, and Israel Knowles as joining members, and in each case the ballot was unanimous. Bro. W. Johnson, P.M., then took the chair, and raised Bro. Cockson to the Degree of a M.M., Bro. J. D. Murray acting as Deacon. Bro. Murray then took the chair, and duly raised Bros. Monks and Buchanan to the Degree of M.M., Bro. Johnson acting as Deacon. Bro. Rogers, under the Deaconship of Bro. Murray, was duly passed to the Degree of F.C. Mr. William Woods was proposed as a candidate.

"Hearty good wishes" were then tendered by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed, after fully two hours of good hard work. The usual adjournment to the ante room was by most of those who had been in the lodge very acceptable.

MARLBOROUGH.—Lodge of Loyalty (No. 1533).—A meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall on Tuesday, the 8th inst., when there were present Bros. E. B. Merriman, W.M.; the Rev. John A. Lloyd, P.M., Chap., acting as I.P.M.; F. A. Brooks-Hill, S.W.; Challen White, P.M., acting as J.W.; J. A. Lloyd, S.D.; W. H. Godding, J.D.; Horace Cooper, P.M., Secretary; W. S. Bambridge, I.P.M., acting Organist; J. Brooke, I.G.; R. Berndt, C. Drake, J. Bateman, P.M.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Mr. F. J. Leader was balloted for and elected. The Pro Grand Master's communication was then discussed, and, as befits the name of the lodge, unanimously agreed to on the following grounds: (1) That it did not commit the lodge as a lodge to subscribe to anything outside Masonry, but that even if it did, it was no new thing for Masons to do, as witness the lodge's gifts to Bath Abbey and other works; that at provincial meetings the alms was usually given to some local hospital; that Masons have given to lifeboats, &c. (2) That the building was to be a nation one, commemorating a joyful event which could never happen again in the lifetime of any living Mason, and would largely employ operative Masons. (3) That the members of the lodge were loyal to their chief, who had done so much for Masonry, and welcomed the chance of showing their loyalty; and (4) that our Great Charities were not overlooked in the scheme. Letters of regret for non-attendance were read by the Secretary from Bro. Surgeon-General T. Ringer, P.M., and others. There being no further business, the lodge was closed.

PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—Bro. W. Maule, W.M. of this lodge, might well be, and was, proud of the large and influential body of Masons who attended the lodge on Friday, the 11th inst.,

at the Lord Raglan Hotel, Burrage-road, to hear him and his excellent officers do the work before them. There was but one Degree to be done, but it was done splendidly, and fully repaid those who attended by its precision and exactness, as well as by its impressive and eloquent rendering.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes confirmed, two brethren were raised to the Sublime Degree. Ten guineas was then voted to Bro. G. Kennedy's list for the Girls', he standing Steward for that Institution at the forthcoming Festival; and it was resolved that a ball should be promoted to celebrate her Majesty's Jubilee year, the proceeds to be devoted to the Charities.

The lodge was then closed, and, after partaking of a neat little supper, the brethren re-assembled round the social board and drank the loyal and Masonic toasts with all that heartiness that is so truly Masonic and military.

Bros. Penfold and Shaw responded for "The Prov. G. Officers of Kent," and the W.M. received an ovation when the toast of his health was drunk.

Bro. Jolly, W.M. 1472, who is an honorary member of the lodge, was heartily welcomed back after a long and unavoidable absence through illness; and his health was drunk most heartily, for which he suitably returned thanks.

Among the brethren present were Bros. A. Penfold, P.M., and P.S.G.D. Kent; W. Weston, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Kent; H. Shaw, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Kent; G. Kennedy, P.M.; W. Moulds, P.M.; T. Ovenden, P.M.; T. D. Hades, P.M.; R. Gooding, S.W.; T. Cooper, J.W.; J. W. Gee, Treasurer; A. Ware, Sec.; A. Murdock, S.D.; R. Robertson, J.D.; W. Seager, D.C.; H. Froud, I.G.; and I. Couper and W. Musquin, Stwds. The visitors included Bros. E. Palmer, P.M., acting W.M. 913; D. K. Somers, 913; H. Shaw, 913; F. Hoar, 913; W. Saunders, 913; F. Tyler, 913; J. Troad, 700; J. Wood, 381; W. Pattison, 225; W. Hutton, 1926; W. Dingle, 2068; and A. Cook, 1406.

FELTHAM.—Elliot Lodge (No. 1567).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Railway Tavern on Saturday, the 5th inst., for the double purpose of considering the circular of the R.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, as to the best manner of celebrating the Jubilee year of her Majesty the Queen, and to initiate into the mysteries of Freemasonry Mr. W. H. W. Mason, son of Bro. John Mason, P.M., P.Z., P.P.S.G.D. Middx., founder of the lodge, and well-known throughout the Craft as the energetic advocate of, and collector, to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The lodge was opened at 3 p.m. by the W.M., Bro. Isaac Dixon, supported by Bros. T. I. Bird, I.P.M.; Dillon, S.W.; W. A. Brown, S.D., acting J.W. in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Millin, who is suffering from an attack of gout; J. Mason, Secretary; Cooper, J.D.; Dockrill, I.G.; Taylor and Brougham, Stwds.; Branch, Org.; and a large number of members and visitors. Among the latter were Bros. J. Wilson, P.M. 209, P.P.J.G.W. Berks and Bucks; W. J. Murlis, P.M. 1642; John G. Stevens, P.M. 554; Marston, 1604; Coats, 1275 and 2090; Mitchell, 1975; Bell, 225; P. Balme, 19; and R. Rowbottom, 1624. Bro. J. Kawles, Tyler.

The circular of the R.W. Pro Grand Master was read, discussed, and approved. A ballot was taken for Mr. W. H. W. Mason, who was proposed by his father and seconded by Bro. T. I. Bird, I.P.M., at the meeting in November, which proved unanimous in his favour. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. John Mason, who proceeded with, and carried out, the initiation of his son in the masterly and impressive manner he is wont to use when his heart warms with his subject, and which earned for him the congratulations of the assembled brethren, as well as making a deep impression on the candidate. Bro. Dixon then resumed the chair, and closed the lodge in due form.

After a short adjournment the brethren assembled at the banquet table, and in due time the Worshipful Master rose to propose the toast of "Her Majesty the Queen and the Craft," dwelling especially upon the fact of this being the Jubilee year. "The M.W.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was toasted with all honours. "The Prov. G.M., Bro. Sir F. Burdett, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers" followed in regular course.

Bro. T. I. Bird, P.P.G. Swd. Br. Middx., responded for the last toast, and immediately proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Isaac Dixon," as a brother loved and respected by all, and one whom the brethren were all delighted to see ruling over them. The toast was responded to by the assembled brethren with great heartiness.

The Worshipful Master replied briefly and modestly, passing on to the toast of the evening, "The Initiate." He said that initiates, provided they were good and true men, were always welcome to a W.M., but when an initiate was the son of so highly esteemed a brother as John Mason, the father and founder of the lodge, all would admit that he was doubly welcome, and he (the W.M.) was delighted that the initiation should have taken place in his year of office. He congratulated the son on his good fortune in having been initiated by a Master so well versed in the ceremony as his worthy father, and expressed a fervent hope that he would follow in his father's steps, assuring him that if he did, a bright and happy Masonic career was open to him.

Bro. Mason, jun., responded modestly, thanking the brethren for receiving him for his father's sake as they had done, and saying that although unlike any brother in the room (his father excepted), he had the good fortune to be born a "Master Mason," it was not until he arrived at the dignity of being a plain "Mr. Mason" that the golden gate of the Craft was opened to receive him. He would use his utmost endeavours to follow the advice of the W.M. in all he had said that day.

"The Visitors" were duly honoured, several responding and congratulating the lodge on their initiate, and expressing admiration of the working in lodge, as well as of the hospitality of the board.

"The Past Masters" were toasted, Bros. Bird and Mason responding, the latter expressing his appreciation of the kindness of the W.M. in permitting him to initiate his son, and of the brethren for receiving him as they had. It was a great happiness to him to have enrolled his son as a member of the Fraternity in the Elliot Lodge.

"The Wardens," "The Charities," and "The Officers" were duly proposed and responded to.

During the evening the proceedings were enlivened by sundry songs and recitations by members and visitors, notably by Bros. Dillon, Stevens, Bird, and J. Mason. The Tyler's toast brought a very happy day to a close.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 14th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate. Bro. William Brown, W.M., was in the chair, and there were also present Bros. T. B. Whytehead, P.M.; J. T. Seller, P.M.; G. Simpson, P.M.; G. Balford, P.M.; J. Blenkin, P.M.; W. Dyson, S.W.; S. J. Dalton, J.W.; J. Kay, Secretary; W. Lackenby, S.D.; J. Lamb, J.D.; W. Storey, I.G.; and a number of other brethren.

The business consisted of the raising of Bro. Archer to the Third Degree, which was done by the W.M. in good style. Bro. Whytehead then presented to the lodge, on behalf of Bro. Hughan, a facsimile of the Engraved List of 1762, which had been framed by Bro. Coates. He also presented a set of the symbolic engravings by Lambert de Lint, which had been framed by Bro. James Smith, and engraved portraits of the Earl of Bedford, Grand Master, 1567; Duke of Somerset, Grand Master, 1549; and Sir Richard Steele, which had been framed by Bro. Lackenby. Votes of thanks were cordially passed to the respective donors of these valuable additions to the lodge collection. The names of three candidates for initiation were brought forward, and after the close of the lodge a very harmonious evening was spent.

WADEBRIDGE.—Lodge Molesworth (No. 1954).—The installation and annual banquet of this lodge was held on the 7th inst., at Lees Assembly Rooms, when Bro. H. Lander was presented by Bro. Bassett, P.M. 856, and impressively installed by Bro. Dorey, P.M. 856, as W.M. for the ensuing year. The W.M. appointed as his officers Bros. R. Bonney, S.W.; J. Brewer, J.W.; H. Jones, Treas.; J. Goodfellow, Sec.; N. Robbins, S.D.; S. Pollard, jun., J.D.; S. Martyn, Org.; H. Hare, D.C.S.; J. R. T. Turner, I.G.; C. Higman and J. Matthews, Stwds.; R. George, Tyler. At the close of the lodge about forty brethren, including the following visitors, sat down to a good banquet provided by Bro. Bonney: Bros. J. W. Bishop, 75; Bassett, 856; J. Doney, 856; T. H. Spear, 330; W. T. Cocke, 330; J. C. Sandoe, 330; W. R. Brewer, 330; R. F. Edyvean, 330; F. J. Heft, 330; G. Hext, 330; C. E. Julipp, 490; T. W. Perry, 856; W. H. Beckerlegg, 856; J. B. Moulder, 189; W. Rowe, 330; E. Rickard, 1529; S. Waters, 1528; J. Stribley, 1785; W. E. Mitchell, 1528; W. H. Martyn, 1758; J. Rendle, 1247; and R. P. Griffith, 1785. During the evening the usual Masonic and loyal toasts were given, interspersed with singing by Bros. Rendal, Hicks, and others. Bro. Bishop at intervals played selections on the harmonium presented to the lodge by Bro. S. H. Hare.

LEEDS.—Prudence Lodge (No. 2069).—The monthly meeting of this lodge took place on the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street. The W.M., Bro. C. L. Mason, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., was supported by the following officers and members: Bros. Dr. Smyth, I.P.M., P.G. Chap.; Tudor Trevor, P.M., S.W.; W. Watson, P.M., J.W.; Rev. H. Butler, as Chap.; Robt. Abbott, Treas.; C. Middleton, Sec.; S. Scottyoun, S.D.; J. J. Fretwell, J.D.; M. W. Jameson, I.G.; Tom Atkinson, D.C.; Butterworth and Melling, Stwds.; R. Craig, P.M., P.P.G.D.; B. S. Bailey, Smithson, Cryer, Robinson, and L. Howard, Org. This day had been fixed for the official visit of Alfred Lodge, No. 306, and the invitation had been accepted by a large number of brethren of that lodge. The W.M., Bro. Councillor Burns, was unavoidably absent, but was represented by Bros. McQuat Batt, Sec.; J. Sutcliffe, J.W.; Stallard, P.M., Treas.; Musgrave, Thompson, J. B. Jowett, S.D.; Thrippleton, I.P.M.; and others. The D.P.G.M. of West Yorks., Bro. H. Smith, was present and received the salutation due to his exalted rank. There were many other visitors who had been attracted to Prudence Lodge for the purpose of hearing Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M. 1600, and P.P.S.G.W. North and East Yorks, deliver a lecture on Freemasonry. Mr. Harris Regbie Abbott, the son of the popular Treasurer of the lodge, was impressively initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by the W.M., who was assisted by Bros. Watson, Smyth, and Trevor.

Bro. Whytehead then gave an admirable address upon "Masonry from an Archæological point of view." He said: Before beginning to say anything upon the particular subject I have chosen to address you upon, I should like to make a few remarks generally upon Freemasonry as an Institution, and upon its present position. We seem to live in what may be described as the halcyon or golden days of Freemasonry. Never was there a time, certainly within the historic period, when Freemasonry was so prosperous or numbered amongst its members so many men of high rank in life, and when so many of them were active members of the Craft. It is a remarkable fact that this should be so, because in these days every Institution is liable to criticism, and in fact I know of no human organisation which is not now subject to strict examination, and concerning which it is not asked "Why does this exist?" Freemasonry has been criticised, but that is no new thing in the history of Freemasonry, for in the last century we find that it has been subjected to very frequent and virulent attacks. About the year 1730 these attacks began to be made with exceeding great rancour. We have in existence works published at that time purporting to expose the secrets of Freemasonry, and endeavouring to throw ridicule upon the whole organisation. Cartoons to the same end were published between that time and the end of the century. For a long time it seemed as if Freemasonry was likely to suffer from these persistent attacks. These attacks, however, were nothing to those made upon the Craft in America at the time of the so-called abduction of Morgan. At that time such a dead set was made against Freemasonry in America, from the highest down to the lowest in the Republic, that candidates were run for Congress upon the anti-Masonic ticket, and so violent and fierce were the onslaughts made upon the Order that in many parts of America it was absolutely unsafe for any one to be known to be a Mason. What has been the consequence of this? As I have already said, in Great Britain our Order is more prosperous than ever, yet great as that prosperity is it is nothing as compared to its condition in the United States.—I mean in regard to the numbers enrolled under our banners, and in that

great amount of time, labour, and money spent upon it by the brethren across the Atlantic. At the same time it is not always when an Institute is most popular that it is most prosperous. Yet, as I have said, its prosperity is great. Still, we every now and again find people saying, "What does Freemasonry do? You meet and dine, and it is true you have some Charities. We also meet and dine, but we have none of his tinsel and jewellery you wear. We enjoy our dinners quite as much as you do; we have our hospitals, and almshouses, and Charitable Institutions innumerable, but we don't make any fuss about it as you do about Freemasonry. What is the meaning of all this Masonic fuss?" The reply I generally make to such enquiries is this. In the first place, I deny there is any fuss or parade. As a rule Freemasons don't parade. Our leaders are not in favour of any kind of out-door parade, and when these demonstrations take place, they are, generally speaking, of such a character as not to invite criticism from outsiders. The best answer to make to these critics is to tell them that if they were Masons they would know more about it. There are points in Freemasonry which no outsider can appreciate, especially the point that we must meet in Masonry men whose names we should otherwise have been ignorant of. That may be said of other organisations, but the friendships made under the banners of our Order are of a different character altogether to the friendships made under other circumstances. Some of my most treasured friendships have been made in a Masonic lodge, and I trust I shall ever be able to look back with intense pleasure to the honest regard I have acquired of many men whom I should never have known had I not been a Mason. Still, there are critics inside Freemasonry. There are many Institutions at the present moment that are more in danger from internal criticism than from attacks from the outside, and I am not sure that this is not in some measure the case with Freemasonry. We are careful in the matter of candidates, and only receive them after we are satisfied that they are fit and proper persons to be made Masons. We even get as initiates men of considerable attainments and high offices. These come into our lodges and hear our beautiful ceremonies and thoroughly agree with the teaching therein enunciated; but after a time they lose their freshness. It is to be remembered that Freemasonry was founded at a time when learning and literature were at a low ebb, when few people could do more than read and write, and when general knowledge was confined to the few. Now all this is changed, and it is from the intelligent brother we have the most to fear. Unless we can retain the interest and regard of the most cultivated of our brethren, we, as an Order, shall not be as prosperous in the future as we have been in the past, and it is for that reason I believe that something more should be attempted in our lodges than the mere ritual of the Order; not that I would wish to throw the slightest discredit upon ritualism. If we can, however, introduce into the lodges anything outside the usual working which may interest intelligent Masons, we shall have a far better chance of retaining the continued respect and regard of those for whose opinion we certainly had the most esteem. This Lodge (Prudence) seems to have taken a very good starting point in this respect, inasmuch as it has already had lectures from brethren well qualified to address you. There are many ways in which Freemasonry may be looked upon. There is the social aspect, and there is its political aspect, and although neither religious nor political systems are discussed, yet the lodge has a bearing on this point.—In the lodge a man learns to be obedient to the powers that be, and a man who has learned that lesson is likely to make an admirable member of Parliament or a ruler of any society, because the man who can obey can also rule. And Freemasonry also has its religious aspect. Although it does not teach religion, yet I have always been told that Freemasonry is the handmaid of religion. Its ritual and teaching are based upon the great groundwork on which all religions have their foundations; it decidedly discountenances all irreligion. Freemasonry, too, has its scientific aspect, and I suppose that the archæology of Freemasonry is one of its scientific branches. To my mind the archæology of Freemasonry is by far the most interesting branch of Masonic study. There is no more interesting study than the study of the past, and Freemasonry offers you a very fair field in that direction. To many Masons I shall be making an astounding assertion, because in young lodges where the brethren have not been favoured as in this by the lectures of distinguished brethren, it would be quite news to hear that there was anything interesting in the past history of Freemasonry. To the members of Prudence Lodge it would no doubt be astonishing to hear the number of works published on various subjects connected with Freemasonry. These works would be numbered by thousands. The last 150 or 160 years has seen the publication of legions of works on Freemasonry, especially in Germany and France. I do not know whether it is that the Germans and French have been greater students than ourselves; perhaps they have been. In late years America has produced a vast number of Masonic works; in fact, almost every week there is a book produced on some branch of the science. I think one reason why the Germans have produced so many Masonic works is that their rulers have endeavoured to make the lodges more scientific than we have. In some lodges the W. Master is an "ad vitam" appointment. In Stuttgart the present W. Master of the lodge has occupied the position for 18 years, and will probably retain it as long as he lives. In that lodge papers on scientific subjects are introduced and discussed, and the W.M. being a leader of scientific thought in that place, it has been thought right to keep him in office. I am not advocating that practice, because I do not think it would suit our lodges. In Germany the lodges are not so numerous as here; they are very particular as to the persons they admit, insisting upon certain qualifications, including a certain standard of knowledge. In England we are by no means behind in the matter of Masonic literature. The work of Bro. Gould, now almost completed, is probably the most exhaustive work on Freemasonry in the English language. The later editions of Preston are very valuable. Then Bro. Hughan, of Iorquay, has published valuable and reliable works; his work dealing with the extinct Grand Lodge at York being most interesting. Then there is Findel, who advocated the Steinmetzen theory of Freemasonry, and Bro. Fort. These are amongst the most valuable authors. The ritual of Freemasonry is another branch that will well repay study. The ritual has been altered a great many times, Anderson and Desaguliers having done much in this direction. It suffered various mutilations and emendations previous to 1814, and in that

year the Ancient and Modern Grand Lodges coalesced, and the ritual now in use was fixed upon. As to the origin of the Masonic rite, I cannot on this occasion fully discuss that. There is no question that the rite has been known from the earliest days. The collection of Masonic medals and jewels is another interesting branch of the archæology of Freemasonry; Bro. Cumberland has long been engaged in this branch, and has one of the best collections extant. Nothing has more tended to the extension of Masonic learning, than the exhibitions we have had, such as those at York, Worcester, and Shanklin, and I hope we shall see our way to have another exhibition in York this year, on the Queen's Jubilee. We know that Freemasonry has existed from time immemorial, and that it still exists all over the world. Travelling Masons have found our signs used all over the world. Dr. Tristram says that in North Africa an Arab Sheik recognised the Masonic signs, and that he was recognised as a member of the Secret Societies to which that Sheik belonged, because he knew their signs, which resulted in his being hospitably received. In conclusion, Bro. Whytehead urged on the brethren the desirability of their making Masonry a study, and reaping the rich reward such a study would give.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Whytehead, on the motion of Bro. Dr. Smyth, I.P.M., seconded by Bro. W. Watson, P.M., J.W., and supported by Bro. Tudor Trevor, P.M., S.W., who stated the pleasure it gave him to again meet Bro. Whytehead. They were boys together at St. Peter's, York; each had travelled abroad, and they had not met again till they did so in a Masonic lodge, and thus Masonry had afforded them a renewal of their early friendship.

HARLESDEN.—Harlesden Lodge (No. 2098).—The regular meeting was held at the National Schools, on Monday, 7th inst. Present: Bros. Major C. A. Cooper, W.M.; A. Ball, S.W.; G. Goldney-Cary, J.W.; W. O. Lyon, P.M., Sec.; F. S. Long, S.D.; Rev. H. Courtenay Atwood, J.D.; Fred. Levick, P.P.S.G.D., P.M., D.C.; O. C. Robson, I.G.; W. O. Wedlake, Bell, Butler, Cross, and a visitor.

After the usual formal business, the W.M. raised Bro. Rowland Hughes to the Sublime Degree of M.M., and subsequently passed Bros. T. Harley Jones and John Farrer to the F.C. Degree. The Worshipful Master read the communication he had received from the M.W. the Pro Grand Master, when it was resolved that the consideration of the same be postponed until the next regular meeting, that the brethren might have better opportunity of deciding as to the course the lodge would adopt. A gentleman having been proposed for initiation the lodge was duly closed.

INSTRUCTION.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Hill. Present: Bros. J. Thwaites, W.M.; J. W. Curtis, S.W.; M. J. Green, J.W.; F. G. Baker, P.M.; Treas. and Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; J. Millier, S.D.; J. Stevens, J.D.; C. Coleman, I.G.; C. Stallbrass, Stwd.; W. Chapple, C. J. Biorn, W. J. Stratton, and H. W. Eastwood. Bro. J. Webster, 177, was a visitor.

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. Chapple candidate. Bro. Biorn was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Biorn candidate. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The lodge was closed down to the First Degree. Bro. Webster was elected a joining member. Bro. Curtis, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the officers were appointed in rotation. A vote of thanks was passed, and entered on the minutes, to the W.M. for the able and efficient manner in which he presided for the first time in this lodge of instruction. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, Coleman-street, E.C., on Thursday, the 10th inst. Present: Bros. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., Preceptor, W.M.; W. J. Yates, S.W.; B. Williams, J.W.; L. V. Walker, S.D.; W. Bailey, J.D.; C. Thomasset, I.G.; W. H. Paddle, P.M., P.Z., Treas.; W. J. Ball, Sec.; W. Berry, F. C. Kush, A. Jardine, R. Baker, J. K. Pitt, J. Tattersall, and others.

The work of the evening comprised the 1st and 2nd Sections in the Second Degree and the ceremony of passing. Several points of interest in ritual and ceremonial were discussed for information of enquiring brethren. Bros. L. V. Walker and W. Bailey, both of 22, were elected members. Bro. Yates was elected to preside on the occasion of the Preceptor's lecture, to be given at the ensuing meeting. An agenda of Masonic work, set out for this and next month, was distributed, and a resolution to invite the W.M., Wardens, and officers of the mother lodge, The Great City, to occupy their respective positions in the lodge of instruction on the occasion of the installation ceremony being rehearsed on the 3rd prox., was unanimously carried. The lodge was then closed.

We are asked to remind brethren that the Fifteen Sections are to be worked in this lodge next Thursday, the 24th inst. As that date has been appointed by the Chune Lodge, No. 1884, at Shanklin, Isle of Wight, for the delivery of Bro. Stevens' lecture at that place, Bro. Thomas Poore, P.M., has kindly consented to preside, in the absence of the Preceptor.

IVY LODGE (No. 1441).—A meeting was held at the Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., on Thursday, the 10th inst. Present: Bros. Higerty, W.M.; Cowey, S.W.; Ellis, J.W.; Prince, S.D.; Wright, J.D.; Gill, I.G.; George, Sec.; Cooper, W.M. 1441; Collick, W.M. 1585; Featherstone, P.M. 1502; Beddoes, and James.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge then opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Burcham Cooper was presented for installation, and was duly installed by Bro. Higerty, Preceptor, W.M. 1044, P.M. 1714, P.J.G.D. Surrey, in the chair of K.S. On the return of the brethren, the W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. Cowley, S.W.; Ellis, J.W.; Prince, S.D.; Wright, J.D.; Gill, I.G.; and George, Secretary. Bro. Higerty gave the charges in his usual perfect manner, his elocutionary powers giving zest to the ritual. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, when the bye-laws were submitted and passed. The W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time. Bro. Cowley was unanimously elected W.M. for next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. Bro. Collick, W.M. 1585, was duly elected a member. The W.M. rose for the third time, and nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on the 15th inst. at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington. Present: Bros. Cochrane, W.M.; Hubbard, S.W. and Sec.; Woods, J.W.; Barker, Treas.; Keene, S.D.; W. B. Neville, J.D.; J. P. Davies, I.G.; Read, P.M., Preceptor; Marsh, Walters, Wilton, Worth, Kirk, Wiggins, Coat, J. H. Neville, Weise, Swanson, Rayner, Aslett, Weeks, and Lovat.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. H. Neville having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, was entrusted. Lodge

was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. Swanson having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bros. Coat, 1275, Weise, 1446, Weeks, 3, and Worth, 834, were elected joining members. Bro. Hubbard was elected W.M. for next meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. A very cordial vote of thanks was carried to Bro. Walter, P.M., for his handsome present to the lodge of a carpet. A very cordial vote of thanks was also carried to the W.M., Bro. Cochrane, for his present of two handsome columns for S.W. and J.W. to the lodge. Lodge was then closed.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 11th inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Adams, W.M.; Gibson, P.M., S.W. and Treas.; Taylor, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Glover, S.D.; Coleman, J.D.; Wombell, I.G.; Lane, Roberts, Wynn, Mason, Edwards, and Grist.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Grist, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Grist candidate. Bro. Lane, a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Lane being the candidate. The lodge was closed down, and Bro. Lane, 1267, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. Gibson was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was also unanimously voted, to be recorded on the minutes, to the W.M. for the very able and efficient manner in which he had rehearsed the ceremonies of passing and raising for the first time in this lodge. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. Stroud, W.M.; Cochrane, S.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., J.W.; Speigel, P.M., Preceptor and Sec.; Child, P.M., S.D.; Davis, J.D.; Jennings, I.G.; Allman, Stonehill, Burbrook, Gilbert, and Lindfield.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, after which Bro. Cochrane, S.W., gave the charge in this Degree. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Allman, being a candidate for raising, answered the usual questions. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The W.M. gave the traditional history, and closed the lodge in the Second and First Degrees. Bro. Allman was elected W.M. for next meeting by mutual arrangement with the S.W. The lodge was then closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 1202).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 12th inst. Present: Bros. W. Williams, W.M.; D. S. Long, S.W.; J. Sims, J.W.; E. Ayling, Preceptor; G. Gardner, P.M., Treas.; A. Williams, Sec.; Worth, S.D.; W. G. Coat, J.D.; H. F. Williams, I.G.; Craggs, Stwd.; Spiegel, P.M.; Purdue, P.M., 834; Stroud, Wilson, Davis, and Brown.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. W. G. Coat, offering himself as candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Coat being the candidate, the W.M. afterwards rendering the traditional history. The 3rd Section of the Lecture was then worked by the brethren, under the direction of the Preceptor. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, when Bro. D. S. Long was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Davis proposed, and Bro. Purdue seconded, that the Fifteen Sections be worked in this lodge on the 12th March—carried unanimously; the lodge to meet at 6.30, and the annual supper to take place as soon after as possible. The lodge was then closed.

A meeting of the Benevolent Association was then held, the ballot resulting in favour of Bro. Dr. Lawrence. It was unanimously resolved to form the second series of Subscribers to this Association, as the first had proved so successful, and the Secretary will be very pleased to receive names of brethren willing to subscribe to the same; the rate is one shilling weekly.

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ISRAEL CHAPTER (No. 205).—The installation meeting of this flourishing chapter was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on the 15th inst. The following were amongst those present: Comps. C. F. Hogard, M.E.Z.; A. J. Henochsberg, P.Z. 188, H. (M.E.Z. elect); Jos. Da Silva, J. (H. elect); H. J. Phillips, S.E. (J. elect); J. A. Gartley, S.N.; I. P. Cohen, Treas.; Rev. M. Haines, 1st A.S.; J. Lichtenfeld, D.C.; R. J. Paton, Org.; T. Fenn, P.Z., P. President G. Chapter Committee; S. Schmerl, J. Corrie, I. Abrahams, J. S. Barnett, E. Schumann, E. H. Norden, E. Ehrenberg, G. Saling, T. Wallace, S. Dancyger. Visitors: Comps. A. M. Cohen, P.Z. 188; J. Wynman, 188; Edward Terry, P.Z. 1319; W. W. Lee, 1524. The convocation having been duly opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Samuel Dancyger and Thomas Wallace, 205, were then impressively exalted. The installation of the Principals was then proceeded with, the three chairs being filled by Comps. A. J. Henochsberg (P.Z. 188) M.E.Z.; Jos. Da Silva, H.; and H. J. Phillips, J. The officers' collars were distributed as follows: Comps. C. F. Hogard, P.Z., S.E.; J. A. Gartley, S.N.; I. P. Cohen, Treas.; L. Norden, P.S.; Rev. M. Haines, 1st Assist. S.; E. Ehrenberg, 2nd Assist. S.; J. Lichtenfeld, D.C.; R. J. Paton, Org.; M. Bromet, Stwd.; Walkley, Janitor. The M.E.Z. presented a jewel to the I.P.Z., Comp. C. F. Hogard, as a mark of the appreciation of the Companions, at his valuable services during the past year. In making the presentation the M.E.Z. remarked that the jewel was also in recognition of the energy and zeal displayed by the I.P.Z. at the formation of the chapter, and he sincerely trusted Companion Hogard would be spared for many years to wear it and assist them with his counsel and advice. Companion Hogard, I.P.Z. and S.E., having briefly returned thanks, the convocation was closed and the companions adjourned to banquet.

The usual toasts were subsequently duly proposed, "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry" being first honoured.

The M.E.Z. then proposed "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand M.E.Z.; the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G. M.E.Z.; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." The M.E.Z. observed that they were honoured by the presence of a Grand Officer—Comp. Fenn, P. Pres. of the Grand Chapter Committee. The companions would remember that Comp. Fenn officiated at the consecration of their chapter, and as they were well aware, took a great interest in Masonry, as was evinced by the high position he holds in Grand Lodge and Chapter. Comp. Fenn was also an honorary member of the chapter, and he should couple his name with the toast.

Comp. T. Fenn, P.Z., in reply, said the M.E.Z. had quite taken his breath away by mentioning his name with the exalted personages referred to in the toast. He could not say very much about the Grand Officers, for they had little

to do, but he was pleased to say they met in very good numbers. Like other Masonic meetings they could not get on without dinners. Perhaps it was a lesson that might be well followed by those who took an interest in Grand Chapter, so that those who were not Grand Officers might have a dinner amongst themselves. On behalf of the Grand Officers, he begged to thank them for the reception given the toast, and, personally, he was very pleased to be present. As they had heard, he was present at the consecration of the chapter, and took a great interest in its prosperity. He was pleased to find they now had a fair number of members, and that success was assured. He had also been pleased to hear the ceremonies that evening, for he rarely had an opportunity of listening, as he mostly had to perform the work. He only heard the installation of the Third Principal, and would have liked to have heard Comp. Hogard render the others. He thanked them for their kind reception, and hoped to have the pleasure of repeating his visit.

The toast of "The Three First Principals" was then given by Comp. Hogard, I.P.Z., who said he rose with very great pleasure to submit it, as it was the first time they had had a Past Principal to propose it. When they considered that the three first Principals had each passed the chair of the Israel Lodge, had creditably performed all the ceremonies, and had installed their successors, they would all agree with him that it augured well for the chapter. Comp. Henochsberg, their M.E.Z., was not new to the work, being P.Z. of another chapter. Comp. Da Silva, the H., had also filled a similar office elsewhere. Comp. Phillips, J., had never undertaken any duties he had not performed in a perfect manner, and would ably carry out the work of his office. He was sure that nothing he could say would add to the enthusiastic reception the companions would give the toast.

The M.E.Z., in reply, tendered his thanks for the manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. All he could tell them was that the duties of his office would be carefully carried out, and he should try to emulate the excellent example set him by Comp. Hogard, who had just vacated the chair.

Comp. Da Silva, H., thanked the I.P.Z. and the companions for their kindness, and said that when the day arrived for him to fill the position which the M.E.Z. now so worthily occupied, he hoped the duties he had performed would have given them satisfaction.

Comp. Phillips, J., also replied, and assured them how deeply sensible he was of their kindness, and said he should strive to give them satisfaction.

"The Exaltees" having been given, and suitably responded to by Comps. Dancyger and Wallace,

"The Visitors" was proposed by the M.E.Z., who remarked that there was nothing more enjoyable than the pleasure of welcoming visitors. Amongst those present was Comp. Cohen, P.Z. 188, a very old and distinguished Freemason, and P.M. of their mother lodge. Comp. E. Terry, P.Z. 1319, had also been present; but, owing to professional engagements, had been obliged to leave. He expressed the hope that the visiting companions would again favour them with their company on a future occasion.

Comp. A. M. Cohen, P.Z. 188, responded, and after thanking the companions for the heartiness of his reception, expressed his gratification at seeing the work so well done. He congratulated the chapter on having officers who were so competent to perform the work. With such companions the chapter must succeed in numbers, in respectability, and in the esteem of the companions of the Order. Comp. Wynman, 188, and Lee, 1524, also replied.

"The Health of the I.P.Z." was then given by the M.E.Z., who remarked that Comp. Hogard occupied a very unique position, being the first P.Z. of the chapter. They had been very fortunate in having the assistance of Comp. Hogard during the past year, and all present were aware how well he had worked it together. He had very willingly undertaken the duties of S.E., and this would be a guarantee that the chapter would progress satisfactorily.

Comp. C. F. Hogard, I.P.Z. and S.E., said that after the very eulogistic remarks of the M.E.Z., he scarcely knew what to say. He had felt that the Lodge of Israel, having existed for so many years, ought to have a chapter. He was pleased to say it had been a success, and that, as they had a very large lodge from which to recruit, he trusted it would be a long time before they were without having work to do. He begged to return his sincere thanks, and assured them it would be his endeavour to do what he could for the chapter.

"The Officers" was proposed by Comp. Hogard, who referred to the admirable manner in which the companions in office performed their work.

Comp. I. P. Cohen, Treas., replied, and thanked the I.P.Z. for the high encomiums he had passed. He assured them that whilst he was retained in his present position, nothing would be wanting on his part to give satisfaction. He should not be satisfied until the balance at the bankers reached four figures.

Comp. Rev. M. Haines also replied, after which the Janitor's toast closed the proceedings.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Chapter of Industry (No. 48).—The regular monthly convocation of this chapter was held at the Industry Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 10th inst. There were present Comps. J. G. Smith, Z.; John Mould, H.; John Duckett, J.; John Wood, P.Z.; M. Corbett, P.Z.; R. F. Cook, P.Z.; John Spearman, P.Z. (St. Peter's); Robert Whitfield, E.; B. G. Nichol, as N.; Alf. Simpson, P.S.; Wm. Brown, 1st A.S.; H. F. Dryden, 2nd A.S.; E. Leddicoat, and others. Bro. John Patterson, Lodge of Industry, No. 48, was balloted for and duly elected, and being in attendance was exalted to the Sublime Degree by Comp. M. Corbett, P.Z. Comp. Duckett delivered the historical lecture, and Comp. John Wood, P.Z., explained the mystical lecture. Two candidates for exaltation were proposed, and after other business had been transacted, the chapter was closed.

BUXTON.—Phoenix Chapter of St. Ann (No. 1235).—The annual installation took place on Thursday, the 3rd instant, at the Court House. The chapter was opened and after the usual business had been transacted and a notice of motion was given that ten guineas should be given to one of the Charities. Comp. W. H. Hopkins, P.P.G.D.C. E. Lances, occupied the chair, and proceeded to install the Principals elect for the ensuing year, as follows: Comps. G. Smedley, Z.; T. E. Jones, H.; J. E. Harrison, J. The clasp of Installed Principals being closed, the following Comps. were invested as officers:

Comps. W. Cartwright, P.Z., Scribe E. (fifth year); J. H. Orme, S.N.; R. H. Lomas, P.S.; J. Gladwin and J. Heathcote, Ast. S.; W. Boughen, P.Z., Treas. The whole of the ceremony was performed in a most impressive style, and the chapter passed a vote of thanks to Comp. Hopkins for his services. The rest of the Comps present were P. Bramwell, P.Z.; E. C. Milligan, P.Z.; J. H. Lawson, P.Z.; P. Le Gros, P.Z.; and J. Hall. Visitors: Comps. H. Smith, P.G.S.E. W. Yorks; Jno. Chadwick, P.G.S.C. E. Lances; W. Goodacre, P.G.S.E. W. Lances; H. L. Rocca, P.P.G.S.W. E. Lances; J. Harrison, 206; J. T. Wright, 322. The chapter was closed and the Comps. adjourned to luncheon at the Old Hall Hotel.

MARLBOROUGH.—Methuen Chapter (No. 1533).—A convocation of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 8th inst., when the following companions were present: Comps. A. Plummer, M.E.Z.; Rev. John A. Lloyd, P.Z., acting H.; J. Chandler, P.Z., acting J.; F. A. Brooks-Hill, S.E.; H. Tarrant, P.Z., acting S.N.; W. S. Bambridge, P. Soj.; J. Brooke; and others. The expected candidate for exaltation being unable to be present, instruction was given on the Supreme Degree by the Principals, and after more than a hour's profitable employment, there being no further business, the chapter was closed.

YORK.—Eboracum Chapter (No. 1611).—The annual meeting for installation of Principals of this chapter was held on the 7th inst. The chapter was opened by Comps. G. Simpson, Z.; M. Millington, H.; and J. Blenkin, J.; and the minutes were confirmed, after which a conclave of Installed Principals was opened, and Comp. Millington was installed in the chair of Z., and Comp. Blenkin in the chair of H., by Comp. T. B. Whythead, P.Z., P.P.G.H. Comp. W. Brown was then installed in the chair of J. by Comp. J. Todd, P.Z., P.P.G.J. The following officers were then invested: Comps. Jas. Kay, S.E.; Sir F. Milner, S.N.; Rev. R. Blakeney, Treas.; G. Chapman, P.S.; S. J. Dalton, A.S.; W. Lackenby, A.S.; T. B. Whythead, P.Z., D. of C.; and J. Hall, Janitor.

Comp. Whythead then, on behalf of the chapter, presented to Comp. P. Pearson a very elegant illuminated and emblematic address, in recognition of his services as Janitor since the formation of the chapter. The illumination had been done by Mr. Morton, of York, and was of a most appropriate character. He also presented to the chapter, on behalf of Comp. Porritt, P.Z., P.P.G.H., a copy of the "Liber Musicus" of Bro. Dr. Spark, and the S.E. was requested to forward the best thanks of the chapter to Comp. Porritt for his kind gift. The Auditor's report was read and adopted, showing a balance on the right side, and two candidates for exaltation having been proposed, the chapter was closed.

The members and visitors afterwards supped together.

Mark Masonry.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE (No. 355).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, on Tuesday, the 1st instant. Bro. James Willing, jun., W.M., P.S.G.D. Middlesex and Surrey, opened the lodge in due form, and was supported by Bros. W. M. Stiles, S.W., W.M. elect; W. A. Scurrah, J.W.; G. Gregory, M.O.; H. Dickey, S.O.; J. H. Batty, J.O.; G. Mordey, R. of M.; C. J. Knightley, Sec.; W. J. Ferguson, S.D.; A. H. Scurrah, J.D.; G. Dickinson, D.C.; M. J. Rowley, I.G.; F. W. Huddleston, Org.; R. Whiting, Tyler; there were also present Bros. W. Jacques, T. W. Beeglemyer, J. Powdrell, G. P. Bertini, Binckes, G. Sec. (Hon. Member); J. L. Mather, P.M. Old Kent, T.I. (Hon. Member); and the following visitors: Bros. J. D. Birkin, P.M. 284; J. T. Briggs, P.M. 181; R. J. Taylor, M.O. 357; T. E. Edmonds, S.D. 130; C. P. McKay, P.M. and Sec. 234; and A. G. Fidler, W.M. 284.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the Auditors' report was received and adopted. The chair was then taken by Bro. J. L. Mather, and Bro. W. M. Stiles, the W.M. elect, having been duly presented, was installed W.M. for the ensuing 12 months, and, on the re-admission of the brethren, was duly proclaimed and saluted in ancient form. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. James Willing, jun., I.P.M. and Treas.; W. A. Scurrah, S.W.; G. Gregory, J.W.; H. Dickey, M.O.; J. H. Batty, S.O.; G. Mordey, J.O.; W. J. Ferguson, R. of M.; C. J. Knightley, Sec.; A. H. Scurrah, S.D.; G. Dickinson, J.D.; M. J. Rowley, D.C.; F. W. Huddleston, I.G.; W. Jacques, Org.; J. Powdrell, Stwd.; and R. Whiting, Tyler. The Installing Master delivered the charges to the W.M., Wardens, and Overseers in a very impressive and able manner, and a hearty vote of thanks was offered to him by the lodge for his kindness in undertaking the duties.

The Worshipful Master then informed Bro. Willing he had a very pleasing duty to perform, namely, to present him with a handsome Past Master's jewel, as a token of esteem, and to mark the appreciation of the brethren for the very admirable manner in which he had carried out the duties of W.M. during his term of office.

Bro. Willing, in reply, thanked the brethren for the honour conferred, and trusted that he might be many years with them, when it would be his pleasure at all times to do his utmost to promote the welfare and interests of the lodge.

Several propositions were made, and "Hearty good wishes" expressed, after which the lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was served in an excellent manner, under the immediate supervision of Bro. Bertini. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to in a most hearty manner.

During the evening a splendid programme of music was given by Messrs. Curtis D'Alton, C. S. Crow, G. De Pledge, and E. Rudston, and, although all displayed talent of a high character, we were certainly captivated with the artistic rendering of "Queen of the Earth" by Mr. Rudston, for which he was recalled.

NEWBURY.—Porchester Lodge (No. 27).—The installation of Bro. Montagu H. C. Palmer, P.P.J. G.D., as W.M. of the above lodge, one of the oldest Mark lodges in existence, took place under auspicious circum-

stances at the Temperance Hall, on Friday afternoon, the 11th inst. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. Stephen Knight, Prov. S.G.W., who was supported by Bros. Margrett, P.G.D. of England; Ferguson, W.M. Leopold Lodge, and Prov. J.G.W.; Bance, P.M., P.P. G.M.O.; Geo. M. Knight, P.M., P.P.J.G.O.; George Cosburn, P.M., P.P.G.M.O.; Head, P.M., P.P.J.G.O.; F. G. Hall, P.P.G.R.; George Boyer, P.P.G.S.B.; Walter Graham; Burns, P.G.I.G.; W. T. Toms; J. T. Nundy, P.S.G.D.; G. Graham; Joseph Newbery, P.G.O.; R. Canning, Harrold, R. Maples, R. Dampier-Child, Hugh Kidd, Fowler, H. Jackson, Parfitt, Astley, J. Hamlen, W. Davies, Ingram, James Legg, and others. The W.M. having advanced Bros. Ingram, Astley, Fowler, and Parfitt to the honourable Degree of M.M.M., the S.W. of the lodge, Bro. Montagu Palmer, was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being ably and impressively performed by Bro. Margrett. The newly-installed W.M. proceeded at once to appoint and invest the officers as follows: Bros. Stephen Knight, I.P.M.; F. G. Hall, S.W.; W. Graham, J.W.; A. Burns, M.O.; W. T. Toms, S.O.; J. T. Nundy, J.O.; Rev. J. Atkins, Chap.; E. Head, Treas.; Geo. Boyer, Reg. of Marks; John Bance, Sec.; Joseph Newbery, S.D.; R. Canning, J.D.; F. J. Harrold, D.C.; Hugh Kidd, I.G.; and James Legg, Tyler. This portion of the ceremony having terminated, the W.M., in the name of the officers and brethren of the lodge, presented to the J.P.M., Bro. Stephen Knight, a very handsome gold Past Master's jewel in recognition of the special and valuable services he had rendered to the lodge during his year of office, Bro. Knight having advanced no less than 13 brethren, and also brought the funds of the lodge into a most satisfactory condition, besides which he took the lead in organising the arrangements for the gathering of the Provincial Grand Lodge at Newbury and Highclere last July. The jewel bore the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. S. Knight, P.M., M.M., P.G.S.W., by the brethren of the Porchester Lodge, No. 27. 1887." The presentation was made amidst hearty applause, and Bro. Knight expressed his thanks in suitable terms. The balance-sheet produced by the Treasurer, Bro. Head, showed that the financial condition of the lodge was highly satisfactory, and it was unanimously adopted. Votes of thanks were presented to Bro. Margrett for his kindness in performing the installation ceremony, and to Bro. Ferguson for assisting in the same.

This concluded the business, and the lodge having been closed, the officers and brethren adjourned to the Jack Hotel, where Bro. and Mrs. Davies provided a banquet in a most recherché and satisfactory style.

The tables presented a pretty and attractive appearance, enhanced by several tastefully-arranged baskets of choice flowers, kindly contributed by Mrs. Montagu Palmer. A "button-hole" awaited each of the brethren, the flowers being fixed in miniature palettes, upon which had been printed in gold the following words: "May this Jubilee year prove happy and prosperous to Brother—". The printed toast list and menu was of an appropriate and tasteful design.

On the introduction of dessert, which was of the choicest description, as were also the wines, the Worshipful Master eloquently proposed the first toast on the list—that of "The Queen and Mark Masonry," followed by that of "The M.W.G.M.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and Past G.M.M.M.'s;" also "The R.W. the D.G.M.M.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." The W.M. alluded to the installation of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master as having materially advanced the interests of Mark Masonry, and he felt that the best thanks of all Mark Masons were due to the Prince of Wales and the other distinguished Masons who had filled the office of Grand Master. It gave him great pleasure to associate with the toast the name of Bro. Margrett, P.G.D. of England.

Bro. Margrett, in reply, expressed his sense of the honour conferred upon him, although he regretted that some more distinguished member of Grand Lodge was not present to return thanks. He congratulated the members of the Porchester Lodge on having as their near neighbour, Past Grand Master, the Rev. Canon Portal, and remarked that if there was one brother more than another to whom Mark Masonry owed a debt of deep gratitude it was Canon Portal. It had been the service of his life to do what he could to advance the interests of Mark Masonry, and there was no brother whose counsel was more regarded, and whose advice was more sought after in connection with Masonry, and particularly Mark Masonry, than Canon Portal. It must be a gratifying circumstance in the life of any Mason to be called upon to fill an office in Grand Lodge, but he regarded the bestowal of that high honour not as a sign that one's Masonic labours had terminated, but as a sign that he owed still further service to the Mark Degree.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Prov. G. Mark Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Jersey; the Deputy Prov. G. Mark Master, Bro. Charles Stephens, and the rest of the Prov. G. Mark Officers," associating with the toast the name of the Junior Grand Warden, Bro. Ferguson.

Bro. Ferguson, responding, referred in eulogistic terms to the Prov. G. Master, Lord Jersey; and the Deputy G. Master, Bro. Stephens, both of whom took a deep interest in Mark Masonry, and were ever ready to render any service they could to individual lodges in the province.

Bro. S. Knight, P.M., said he had the pleasure and honour of proposing the next toast which he was sure was one that would be received with the greatest acclamation; it was "The Health of their Newly-Installed W.M., Bro. Montagu Palmer." There was no necessity that he should descant upon the good qualities of Bro. Palmer, because they all knew how well he had served the cause of Masonry in the chair of the Craft lodge, out of which he had just passed. Bro. Palmer had afforded ample evidence of the great interest he took in Masonry by his regular attendance at the meetings of the two lodges, notwithstanding the pressure of his professional engagements, and it gave them all much pleasure to have seen him installed as W.M. of the Porchester Mark Lodge. He felt quite sure they would find Bro. Palmer a most genial Master, and always ready and willing to render all the aid he could to the Porchester Lodge, which would be certain to progress under his rule.

The Worshipful Master assured the brethren that he was grateful for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and received, and he could only hope that at

the end of his year of office he would have deserved half as much as Bro. Knight had said of him.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Margrett," and thanked him most heartily for the able and impressive manner in which he performed the ceremony.

Bro. Margrett, in reply, said it gave him much pleasure to visit the lodge, and undertake the duty of Installing Master. He had something to do with the resuscitation of the Porchester Lodge, he had watched its progress with great interest, and he believed he now saw it on the way to greater prosperity than had ever attended it, and he looked forward to a great and glorious future for it. He cordially wished Bro. Palmer a prosperous and happy year of office.

The Worshipful Master said the next toast was one they ought to doubly, if not trebly honour, as it was that of "The Health of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Stephen Knight," who deservedly held the office of S.G.W. of the Province. They knew how thoroughly devoted Bro. Knight was to the cause of Masonry, and how equal he was to all emergencies. Whatever duty he undertook he did thoroughly well, and he richly deserved the jewel that had been presented to him. He was sure they all wished Bro. Knight health, long life, and prosperity.

Bro. Stephen Knight, P.M., in returning thanks, said it had been his privilege to work through the various offices in the Porchester Lodge, and during his year of office as Master he had happily succeeded in placing the lodge in a proper financial position. He had had the pleasure of advancing thirteen brethren, and he had now the satisfaction of handing the affairs of the lodge over to Bro. Palmer in a thoroughly satisfactory state. He alluded to the success attending the Provincial Grand Lodge at Newbury last July, and thanked the brethren who assisted him in that matter. The Porchester Lodge now numbered 34 subscribing members and two honorary members, which he regarded as very satisfactory. In conclusion, he thanked the brethren for the handsome jewel with which they had presented him, and which he should highly value as long as life lasted.

Bro. Cosburn, P.M., proposed "The Mark Benevolent Fund," and Bro. S. Knight, P.M., replied.

Bro. Bance, P.M., gave "The Health of the Visiting Brethren," for whom Bro. R. Dampier-Child responded.

Bro. G. M. Knight proposed "The Health of the Newly-Advanced Brethren," for whom Bro. Parfitt replied.

The W. Master gave "The health of the Wardens, Overseers, and other Officers of the Lodge," responded to by Bro. F. G. Hall, one of the members of Porchester Lodge at the time of its consecration, more than 20 years ago. Bro. W. Graham and Bro. Newbery responded.

Bro. S. Knight, P.M., proposed "The Press," responded to by Bro. Cosburn, P.M.

"The Health of the Host and Hostess," Bro. and Mrs. Davies was also drunk, and the party broke up at eleven o'clock, when the National Anthem was sung. The pleasure of the company was much enhanced by the vocal performances of Bros. G. S. Graham, Newbery, Parfitt, and others. The room was appropriately and effectively decorated by Mr. S. Knight, jun., son of Bro. Knight, P.M.

BATH.—Royal Sussex Lodge (No. 177).—At a regular meeting, held in the Masonic Hall, on the 24th ult., Bros. Surgeon-General Theobald Ringer, M.D., and the Rev. James C. McConnell were duly and ably advanced by the W.M., Bro. B. H. Watts, and at the conclusion of the ceremony the following officers were invested for the ensuing year: Bros. S. Edwards, P.M., W.M.; E. N. Fuller, S.W.; Rev. J. A. Lloyd, J.W.; B. H. Watts, I.P.M., Sec., Treas., and R. of M.; Surgeon-General Ringer, M.O.; Rev. F. W. Macdonald, S.O.; Rev. C. J. McConnell, J.O.; I. Sumsion, S.D.; A. Hammond, J.D.; T. R. Lord, I.G.; and A. J. Salter, Tyler.

Knights Templar.

WIGAN.—Faith Preceptory (No. 41).—The usual meeting of this preceptory was held at the Masonic Hall, King-street, on Thursday, the 3rd inst., when the following sir knights answered to the muster roll: Sir Knights R. B. Siddon, E.C.; W. M. Wyld, Con.; W. Johnson, P.E.C., as Marshal; J. P. Simpson, Sub. M.; S. A. Oliver, P.E.C., Treasurer; J. D. Murray, P.E.C., P.G. S.P.B., Reg.; and J. G. Christian, Almouer.

The preceptory was opened in due formed by the E.C., after which the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Sir Knight W. M. Wyld was unanimously elected as E.C. for the ensuing year, and Sir Knight S. A. Oliver was again elected Treasurer, and Sir Knight W. Patterson, Janitor. The business of the evening having been disposed of, the preceptory was closed according to custom.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

HULL.—Ancient York Chapter of Redemption (No. 68).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Prince's Hall, on the 3rd inst., when in the unavoidable absence of the M.W.S. Ill. Bro. R. G. Smith, 31°, the chapter was opened by Ill. Bro. Walter Reynolds, 32°, P.M.W.S., assisted by the officers of the chapter.

Ill. Bro. Charles James Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, and I. G. North eastern District, was received in due form and saluted. The minutes of the last chapter were read and confirmed. The two candidates whose names appeared on the summons were unable to attend. Ill. Bro. Walter Reynolds presented Ex. and Pt. Bro. Edward Kipps, 18°, M.W.S. elect to Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, 33°, who installed him into the chair of his predecessors with his usual care and impressiveness, the following officers were then appointed and severally addressed by the M.W.S. Ex. and Pt. Bros. H. E. Cousins, High Prelate; W. C. Whiteside, 1st General; Lieut.-Col. H. F. Pudsey, 2nd General; M. C. Peck, 30°, Treasurer; Walter Reynolds, 32°, Recorder; James R. Ansdell, Grand Marshal; R. W. Moll, Raphael; Thomas Oates, Organist; M. P. Hockerey, Captain of Guard; and W. Clayton, Equerry. Ill. Bro. Walter Reynolds, 32°, delivered the charge. A unanimous vote of thanks to Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, was passed with acclamation, thanking him for coming so great a distance regularly to their meetings.

Business being concluded, the chapter was closed in due form, and the Ill. brethren retired under an arch of steel.

The banquet was held in the dining hall under the presidency of Bro. Edward Kipps, M.W.S., having on his right Ill. Bros. C. J. Banister, 33°; Walter Reynolds, 32°; M. C. Peck, 30°; Hopwood, 30°; C. H. Johnson, and P. Thompson, and on his left Ex. and Pt. Bros. H. E. Cousins, W. C. Whiteside, Lieut.-Col. H. F. Pudsey, R. M. Moll, Thomas Oates, J. R. Ansdell, M. P. Hocking, and others.

The M.W.S. proposed the loyal and Masonic toasts in felicitous terms.

Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister returned thanks for "The S.C." and his own health, which had been so cordially proposed, and then in happy terms, proposed "The Health of the M.W.S.," he also proposed "The Health of Ill. Bros. M. C. Peck, 30°, Hopwood, 30°," both being responded to by the M.W.S., and Ill. Bro. Peck.

The M.W.S. then proposed "The Health of Ill. Bro. Walter Reynolds, 32°," who, after responding, proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.W.S., Col. R. G. Smith, 31°."

"The Health of the Officers" was proposed from the chair, and duly responded to.

Some excellent music and singing brought a most enjoyable evening to its close.

PERINET ET FILS.

Bro. John Barnett, jun., of the champagne house—Périnet et Fils—entertained on Tuesday last a large number of the members of the Craft at a banquet at the Guildhall Tavern. Amongst the guests were Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; Sheriff Kirby, 108; Edgar Bowyer, P.G.S.B.; V. P. Freeman, P.G.S. of Sussex; C. Fitzgerald Matier, P.G.W. Greece; James Terry, P.G.W. Norths and Hunts; Hastings Miller, P.P.G.O. Middx.; the W.M. of 177, with Bros. Everett, Treasurer; Price, I.P.M.; Chapman, S.W.; Harvey, J.W.; the W.M. of 1269; the S.W. of 227; Bros. C. Moore, Adlard, Adams, J. Sayers (of Brighton); Ritter, Clemow, Baker, Phillips, C.C.; Jennings, Deputy Pepler, A. Léon, W. Hudson, C.C.; Dodson, T. L. Willis, Clay, Philippe, Reinhardt, Clifford, Gosnell, Hamblin, Chaplin Henry, and others.

Letters of regret at unavoidable absence were received from Bros. F. Binckes, R. Eve, C. F. Hogard, W. Lake, and Col. Sewell.

Bro. BARNETT, after proposing "The Health of the Queen," proposed the health of "The Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, and the Corporation of the City of London," which was replied to by Bros. Col. and Sheriff KIRBY, Deputy PEPLER, WM. HUDSON, C.C., and L. H. PHILLIPS, C.C.

The CHAIRMAN then gave the toast of "My Masonic brethren," which was warmly responded to, by Bros. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, EDGAR BOWYER, J. TERRY, and A. SIMNER, W.M. 177.

The health of Bro. John Barnett, Jun., was proposed by Bro. Sheriff KIRBY, and drunk in bumpers of Périnet with great enthusiasm.

An excellent programme of vocal music was carried out under the direction of Bro. Chaplin Henry. The vocalists were Miss Margaret Hoare, Miss Rosa Leo, Bros. James Kift, and Chaplin Henry.

Obituary.

BRO. W. HYDE PULLEN, P.G.S.B.

Bro. W. Hyde Pullen, to whose lamented death we briefly referred last week, was initiated into Freemasonry in Prince Edwin's Lodge, No. 125, Hythe, Kent, in 1843, and so rapid was his advancement in Masonic knowledge, and so zealous his devotion to lodge work, that in the brief period of two years he was elected and installed W.M. Subsequently he became a joining member of the East Medina Lodge, No. 175, Ryde, and the Yarborough, No. 551, Ventnor, and in both cases found his way into the chair of K.S. at an early date, and for more than one term of office, his services as W.M. having been thrice repeated in the former and twice in the latter. Indeed, he was among the founders of the lodge at Ventnor, and had the chief hand, as Consecrating Officer, in launching it upon its career, while at a subsequent period the members, by electing him Treasurer, gave him a further opportunity of rendering it substantial service, and at the same time strengthening his own reputation among the Craft. In 1860, he assisted in the foundation of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 811, Brighton, and so highly was he appreciated by the members for this and other services, that it became, and for many years continued to be, their custom to entrust him with the solemn duty of installing annually their new W.M., and this custom ceased only when his health no longer permitted of his undergoing the fatigues of so long a journey. But we are very far from having recorded the whole of his achievements in Craft Masonry during the earlier half of his career. His first provincial honours were conferred upon him in Kent, and then, after a year's service as Prov. G.D. in the Isle of Wight, he received, in 1855, his patent as D.G.M. of that province, retaining his office till the death of his chief, the late Bro. Fleming, and the connection of the Island with Hampshire as a single Masonic province under Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P. In 1861, he was invested by the late Earl of Zetland as G.S.B. of England. In the meantime, too, he had affiliated to the London Lodge No. 108, and, on permanently taking up his residence in the Metropolis, passed through the several subordinate offices till he attained the chair. He was also a member, and for some years Secretary, of that popular and respected lodge, the Friends in Council, No. 1383. His distinctions, however, were by no means confined to Craft Masonry. He attained equal eminence in the Mark Degree, to which he was advanced in the Old Albany Lodge, in 1843, and in the Royal Arch, to which he was exalted in the Love and Unity Chapter, subsequently filling successively the three Principals' chairs in the East Medina Chapter, No. 175, Ryde. He was installed a Knight Templar in the Royal Encampment, Portsmouth, and was a P.E.C. and P.G.S. of W. in the G. Conclave of the Order. On the establishment in London of a chapter of the Royal Order of Scotland, Bro. Pullen was appointed to office, and even went so far as to visit Scotland in order that he might obtain a more intimate knowledge of the mysteries of this branch of Masonry. He had likewise played a leading part in Cryptic Masonry, and was a P.M.

of the London branch of the Order of St. Lawrence, which has been since merged in the system known as the Allied Degrees. Lastly, and perhaps we are justified in saying chiefly, he was one of the brightest and most particular stars in the Ancient and Accepted Rite, having been perfected Rose Croix by the late Dr. Leeson in 1856, and having subsequently occupied the chair of M.W.S. in the Vectis and Metropolitan Chapters. He further received the 30° in 1856, the year of his perfection as a S.P.R.C., the 31° in 1857, the 32° in 1859, and the 33° in 1869, while till failing sight compelled him to surrender the trust, he was for years first of all Secretary of the Rite, and afterwards Assistant Secretary to the Supreme Council, the latter of these posts being now filled by his son, Bro. Prosper Pullen. If to the roll of offices and positions we have enumerated we add that one of his great delights was to preside at and personally assist in some one or other of our most important and exacting functions—such, for instance, as the installation of some Principal in one of the many Masonic systems with which he was connected, or the consecration of some new lodge, chapter, council, or what not—we shall have said enough to show that as his ability in all matters of ritual and ceremonial was conspicuous above the average of prominent workers, so was his ambition to be of service in these respects almost insatiable. It was only when he found the weight of years press too heavily upon him that he consented to lay aside this portion of his work. As to our Institutions, he gave them a most able and active support. He had taken part in their government, he had acted as Steward for each of them at more than one Festival, and he had contributed out of his means towards their maintenance, having long since qualified as a Life Governor of all three. It was in this way he illustrated his love for those principles of the Craft, of which in lodge, chapter, and conclave, he was so capable an exponent, and by thus acting confirmed himself in the high opinion of his brother Masons. In short, in Bro. Hyde Pullen we have lost a "guide, philosopher, and friend," whom it will be difficult to replace. Yet his fame will never need replacing, but will live always in the memory of those who knew him, and will be by them passed on to later generations of the Craft. May his career, which was so beneficial while he was amongst us, be equally beneficial as an example to be followed by his fellow Craftsmen!

BRO. THE DUKE OF LEINSTER.

His Grace the Duke of Leinster, whose death, in the sixty-seventh year of his age, occurred last week, was initiated into Freemasonry in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, in 1839. The Duke, who enjoyed the courtesy title of Marquis of Kildare at the time, and was a member of Christ Church, was the eldest son of Augustus Frederick, 3rd Duke, who was Grand Master of Ireland for the protracted term of sixty-one years—from 1813 to 1874. The deceased was premier Duke, Marquis, and Earl in the peerage of Ireland, and succeeded in the title and estates by his son Gerald, Marquis of Kildare, born in 1851. His Grace was a Life Governor of the Male Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.



Bro. J. H. Puleston, M.P., of the Wheelwrights' Company, has been elected a member of the council of the Associated Chambers of Commerce.

Bro. Henry S. Legg, of Christ's Hospital, is the architect for laundry baths at Palmerston-road, Kilburn, for the trustees of the Wells and Campden Charities.

The annual supper of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction will take place at the Criterion, Piccadilly (Victoria Hall), on Tuesday evening, March 8, at 7 o'clock, under the chairmanship of Bro. T. A. Dickson, W.M. 1614; and of which Bro. G. Reynolds, J.W. 1614, is the Secretary.

The Queen has, by the medium of her Secretary, Sir Henry Ponsonby, expressed her intention of opening the Queen's Hall in the People's Palace about to be erected in East London. Saturday, the 14th May, being the day fixed for the ceremonial.

The installation meeting of the Philanthropic Lodge, No. 304, Leeds, took place on the 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street. The P.G.M. of West Yorks, R.W. Bro. Tew, was present, as well as a large and representative gathering of Masons of this province. Bro. Johan Brownfoot was placed in the chair of K.S., having previously filled various offices in his mother lodge, and there is every reason to believe that in his hands the prosperity of the lodge is secure.

The M.W. the Grand Master has been pleased to grant a warrant for a new lodge to be called the Highbury Lodge, No. 2192, to meet at the Cock at Highbury. Bros. Edgar Bowyer is to be the first W.M.; Alderman Savory, S.W.; Hastings Miller, J.W.; J. Terry, S.D.; J. Barnett, J.D.; Capt. Baker, Treas.; and Charles F. Hogard, Sec. With such officers success is assured.

On Wednesday, the 9th inst., the railway employes at New Barnet and their wives, to the number of about eighty, accepted the invitation of Bro. W. A. Higgs, F.R.C.I., of Willenhall Park, to dinner at the Assembly Rooms, New Barnet. The chair was taken by Bro. Higgs, who was supported by Mrs. Higgs and members of the family and friends, Mr. J. L. Pank, the Rev. G. Twentymann, Mr. Redford, and others. The vice-chair was occupied by Mr. W. Norman Higgs. A very cordial vote of thanks to Bro. and Mrs. Higgs was accorded with enthusiasm. The proposer, Mr. Redford, referred to Bro. Higgs's character, his liberality, and his public spirit, in terms of warm approval. He never had been present at a more enjoyable gathering than the present. The neighbourhood welcomed the advent among them of Bro. Higgs and his family, and hoped their residence would be a long and enjoyable one. A response in every way suitable to the occasion was made by Bro. Higgs. Mr. Norman Higgs also received an acknowledgment of his services in the arrangement of the evening's programme, and the proceedings were terminated by the National Anthem.

Bro. W. A. Higgs, of Willenhall Park, Barnet, has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Colonial Institute.

A very successful concert was held in the Town Hall, Castleblayney, on Friday, the 4th inst., under the auspices of the Harmony Lodge. An excellent programme was given, and the hall was well filled with an enthusiastic audience.

A special convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Durham was arranged to be held in the Masonic Hall, Sunderland, on Thursday, the 17th inst., for the purpose of taking into consideration the revised by-laws of the province.

Bro. Frederick Kent, solicitor, of 105, Cheap-side, has been appointed special agent in London for the Eldon Club, Norwich, and has charge of the arrangements connected with their visit to the Metropolis on the occasion of the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee. Bro. Colonel Bignold, J.P., is the President of the Club.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Israel Lodge of Instruction, No. 205, on the 27th inst., at 7 p.m. Bro. I. P. Cohen, P.M. 205, will preside, and will be assisted by Bros. W. Musto, P.M. 1349; L. A. Da Costa, S.D. 1349; W. Richardson, S.D. 174; and many others. The attendance of brethren is invited.

We must congratulate Bro. Henri Bué, the esteemed W. Master of Lodge La France, No. 2060, on having received from the French Minister of Public Instruction, the diploma and jewel of an "Officier L'Académie," awarded to him for his valuable services to the cause of education, during a period of close upon a quarter-of-a-century.

The annual party of the brethren of the Rifle Lodge, No. 405, Edinburgh, came off in the Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 3rd inst., the guests, who numbered about 180, being received by Bro. James Thompson, R.W.M., and several of his office-bearers. Dancing to the band of Bro. James Blackie was kept up until an advanced hour next morning, every one enjoying themselves most thoroughly.

In connection with the centenary sermons about to be preached in the Church of St. John the Baptist, Clerkenwell, in aid of the funds of the Dispensary, we may state that one of them will be delivered by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Robert Maguire, lately Vicar of St. James's Clerkenwell, and now Rector of St. Olave, Southwark, who will thus occupy the pulpit made famous by the sermons of the celebrated Rev. John Wesley, founder of the Sect bearing his name.

At the meeting of the Humber Lodge, No. 57, Hull, on the 3rd inst., Bro. Walton, P.M., was presented with a Past Master's jewel and a handsome silver tea service bearing the inscription: "Presented to Bro. John Walton by the members of the Humber Lodge, No. 57, as a testimony of their respect and esteem, and as a memento of his valuable services as Worshipful Master in the year 1885." The presentation was made on behalf of the lodge by Bro. W. Tesseymann, P.M., and feelingly acknowledged by Bro. Walton.

At a meeting of the committee of the National Union Club, held on Thursday, the 10th inst., Bro. Viscount Pollington in the chair, it was unanimously resolved that the sincere condolence of the committee, officers, and members of the National Union Club be tendered to the family of the late Bro. Peter Rylands, M.P., one of the Vice-Presidents, to which resolution the Chairman added very graceful testimony to the worth and political career of the deceased gentleman. The deceased member was, we believe, a member of the Lodge of Lights, No. 148, Warrington.

The members of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 837, Ripon, entertained at tea in the Victoria Hall in that city upwards of 500 poor people above the age of 40, the wives and lady friends of the members presiding at the tea tables, while the brethren in Masonic clothing ministered to the wants of their guests. At the close of the little festivity, an entertainment composed of music, songs, and recitations was given, the proceedings commencing with "God bless the Prince of Wales," sung by the lodge, and closing with the National Anthem. Everything passed off admirably, the hall being well filled and the audience expressing themselves as delighted with the arrangements.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor has kindly undertaken to preside at the 98th Anniversary of the City Dispensary, Watling-street. The festival will take place at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Thursday next, the 24th inst., when we trust a rich harvest of donations and subscriptions will be gathered in. The institution is one that effects a large amount of good. Its funds are carefully and wisely administered, and though the audited statement of accounts for the past year shows a balance on the right side, it is clear from the fact of most of the income being derived from voluntary contributions, as well as from the very large aggregate of applicants who seek medical help during the year, that a larger amount of funds is necessary in order to enable the Dispensary to continue its work efficiently.

DOWS, CLARK, AND CO.—Bar Fittings and Utensils, &c.—We beg to draw attention to the excellence of the different kinds of apparatus manufactured by Messrs. Dows, Clark, and Co., of Compton House, Frith-street, Soho, for hotel and tavern bars, and the skill and taste exhibited in their manufacture. No doubt many of our readers must have seen specimens of the fittings and utensils manufactured by this firm which were exhibited at the various Exhibitions latterly held at South Kensington, and to which several prizes were adjudged. But those who would learn full particulars as to quality, prices, &c., &c., should visit the premises of the firm, 46 and 47, Frith-street, Soho, W., where Bro. Clark will have great pleasure in showing them every description of article or fitting which is required in a bar, the quality of the apparatus being guaranteed.

CURES OF COLDS, THROAT IRRITATION AND CHEST DISEASES (this week) BY DR. LOCOCK'S PULMONIC WAFERS. Mr. Swain, M.P.S., 249, Mill Street, Liverpool, writes: "I can highly recommend Dr. LOCOCK'S PULMONIC WAFERS for all Throat Irritation and Chest Diseases. They are a perfect boon to public speakers and singers." DR. LOCOCK'S WAFERS instantly relieve and rapidly cure Asthma, Consumption, Bronchitis, Coughs, Colds, Shortness of Breath, Phlegm, Pains in the Chest, and Rheumatism. They taste pleasantly. Sold at 1s. 1½d., 2s. 9d., 4s. 6d., and 11s. per box by all Druggists.—[ADVT.]

Bro. George Vickery, of Addle-street, is the architect for the new warehouse now being built at 14 and 15, Chiswell-street.

A meeting of the Four King's Council, No. 7, of Allied Masonic Degrees, will be held to-morrow, Saturday, at 8A, Red Lion Square, at four o'clock.

The members of the Friendly Lodge, No. 1513, Barnsley, met for the first time in their new hall in Eastgate at their regular meeting on the 3rd inst., when a grand banquet was held to mark the auspicious occasion.

Bro. E. Dresser Rogers, C.C., presided at a meeting, held in the Camberwell Vestry Hall, on Wednesday, the 9th inst., in support of a proposal to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee by erecting a Fine Art Gallery and Museum in South London.

We beg to draw our readers' attention to the approaching celebration of the Annual Festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, which will take place on Friday next, the 25th inst., under the presidency of Bro. the Earl of Milltown, P.S.G.W. of England. The usual banquet will follow. Full particulars will be found in our advertisement columns.

PERRY AND COMPANY, LIMITED.—The twelfth ordinary general meeting of this company will be held at the offices, No. 36, Lancaster-street, Birmingham, on Tuesday next, the 22nd instant, when the report of the Directors will be submitted, and a dividend of ten per cent. for the year will be recommended, the sum of £2000 being placed to the reserve fund.

MASONIC BAZAAR IN NEWRY.—The brethren of Newry district have for a considerable time felt the want of a suitable hall in which to hold their meetings, and they have now resolved to build one. For this purpose funds are needed, and the brethren intend holding a bazaar and fancy fair in June next in order to raise the amount required. The bazaar will be under the patronage of Bro. Lord Arthur Hill, M.P., Prov. G.M. of Down, and Lady Arthur Hill. The Secretaries are Bros. Jas. W. Savage and Jos. Wright, and they will be glad to receive subscriptions or contributions of work. The object is a deserving one, and it is to be hoped that the members of the Order in Newry will be generously supported.

The preparations for the American Exhibition at Earl's Court are rapidly approaching completion. Contracts have been given out within a few days to Doulton and Co., for lavatories and sanitary appliances; the Anglo-American Brush Electric Light Co., for huge "Search" lights for the Wild West grounds, and the Thornton and Houston Arc-lights for the buildings. Babcock and Wilcox boilers will supply the huge Wheelock engine; T. and W. Farmiloe will supply 75,000 square feet of glass for roof-lights; the Butterley Iron Co. the ironwork; and Lee and Chapman all the lumber and timber. M. Bartholdi, the sculptor, will loan an immense oil painting of the Harbour of New York, to which is added a panoramic view of that city and Brooklyn and Jersey City, and also a replica of his famous Statue of Liberty, erected on Bedloes Island, in New York Harbour.

The General Cemetery Company, which is proprietor of the great metropolitan Cemetery at Kensal Green, was established by Act of Parliament in 1832, and may be said to have inaugurated the practice of extra-mural burying, a practice which, owing to the overcrowded condition of the London churchyards, had been advocated many years before its adoption, but which speedily became more general, and is now made imperative by the law of the land. But though many cemeteries have been laid out since the passing of the aforesaid Act of 1832, that at Kensal Green retains its prestige among them both on account of the admirable manner in which it is laid out and the care taken by the General Cemetery Company of the graves and monumental records within its confines, and by reason of the many distinguished persons who lie buried there. Indeed, so numerous are the men and women of eminence who have been interred in this cemetery, and so varied the positions in which they won their fame, that it would not prove a very difficult task after studying the inscriptions on the chief monuments and tablets, to compile a fairly correct history of the last 50 or 60 years. Poets, painters, musicians, philanthropists, soldiers and sailors, senators, &c., &c., are numerous represented in this sacred spot, and even members of our Royal Family have at their own wish been buried here rather than the Royal vault at Windsor. But what makes Kensal Green Cemetery interesting to Masons above all other metropolitan Cemeteries is the fact that it contains the mortal remains of many former brethren, and especially of H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, Grand Master of England, 1813-43, whose monument, as well as that of his sister, H.R.H. the Princess Sophia, is among the most noteworthy memorials in Kensal Green. Perhaps as regards that of our former illustrious Grand Master, it would be more strictly correct to say that it would be one of the most noteworthy, and monumentally, one of the most attractive. Unfortunately, it has been allowed to fall into a sadly dilapidated condition, as we can avouch from personal inspection not long since; and it might not perhaps be amiss among the multifarious objects which have suggested themselves to the brethren in connection with the Queen's Jubilee a proposal to renovate the monument of her late illustrious uncle, our Grand Master, to whose fostering care at the Union we owe so much, were included. At all events, brethren who would see the Duke's monument and judge of its present condition for themselves can visit the cemetery, and if they would see the catacombs, chapel, &c., and obtain fuller particulars than we have space to furnish, they have but to apply to the offices of the General Cemetery Company, 95, Great Russell Street, Bloomsbury, where they will be courteously received and furnished with the information they desire, or they can obtain a brief sketch of the Cemetery, with particulars of its most valued monuments, which has been compiled by Mr. Henry Croft, an official of the Company, and published by the latter.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—During every break of wintry weather exertions should be made by the afflicted to recover health before unremitting cold and trying storms set in. Throat ailments, coughs, wheezings, asthmatical affections, shortness of breath, morning nausea, and accumulations of phlegm can readily be removed by rubbing this fine derivative Ointment twice a day upon the chest and neck. Holloway's treatment is strongly recommended with the view of giving immediate ease, preventing prospective danger, and effecting permanent relief. These all-important ends his Ointment can accomplish, and will surely prevent insidious diseases from fastening on the constitution to display themselves afterwards in those disastrous forms that will probably embitter life till death itself is almost prayed for.—[ADVT.]