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THE "WILLIAM WATSON MS." OF A.D. 1687.

Attention was first drawn to this copy of the "Old Charges" by Mr. Walter Hamilton, a literary gentleman of London, in "Notes and Queries" for December 6th, 1890, who asked for information as to the rarity of such a record; not being a member of the Craft.

Several of us placed ourselves at once in communication with that gentleman, but whilst some were seeking to discover the character of the text, and others were hesitating, Bro. William Watson, of Leeds, to the surprise of us all, became the purchaser, and thus, by his superior generalship and promptitude, secured the prize. Personally, though one of those who failed to become the owner, I am well pleased that my old and valued friend succeeded, for it has been as promptly secured for the valuable *West Yorkshire Masonic Library* by the characteristic liberality of the R.W. Bro. Thomas W. Tew, J.P., the esteemed Provincial Grand Master. This valuable present is one of very many munificent donations to that grand collection, which might well be entitled *The Tew Masonic Museum and Library*.

The roll is 12 feet in length by 7½ inches wide, and is well written on six strips of parchment of about equal lengths sewn together to make up the scroll. It was presented to Mr. Hamilton some two years ago by his brother-in-law, Mr. John Harper, of Roughside Hall, Riding Mill, Northumberland, and Gresham House, Newcastle-on-Tyne, who found the roll in an old iron safe which had not been opened for a long time, the key having been lost. This is all the information Mr. Hamilton has been able to supply, and I beg to thank him for his courtesy and kind replies to my numerous questions.

The R.W. Bro. Thomas W. Tew has decided to name the roll the "William Watson MS." out of compliment to the honorary librarian, whose services beyond question deserve such special recognition and permanent commemoration. Bro. Watson, on my discovery of the important character of its text, might easily have obtained double the amount he paid for the scroll.

My friend was initiated in the Fidelity Lodge, No. 289, Leeds, on August 22nd, 1867, and installed as its Master in December, 1872. He is one of the founders of the Prudence, No. 2069, and served as its Master 1889-90. Of course Bro. Watson was one of the earliest to join the "C.C." of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, and is one of the very few in England elected to the honour of membership in the "Masonic Veterans" of Pennsylvania, which took place as soon as he was eligible as a Craftsman of 21 years' standing. As a P.G.S. of W. in his own province, and the author of two or three Masonic brochures of considerable interest, but above all, as librarian of the celebrated collection already noted, he is well known as a most zealous Masonic student, and he himself owns one of the best libraries in England of rare works relating to the Craft.

There are now three copies of the "Old Charges" in the West Yorkshire Library—viz., the "Thomas W. Tew MS." (reproduced by me in the *Christmas Freemason* for 1888), the "Clapham MS." (transcribed for the *Freemason*, March 29th, 1890, by Bro. William Watson), and the one now being described, which is by far the most valuable of the trio. Excepting the "Regius" and "Cooke" MSS., it is of more interest and importance than almost any other of the remaining 50 copies of these old operative Constitutions preserved in England and Scotland; so that the R.W. Bro. T. W. Tew and his province are to be congratulated on the last accession to their Masonic museum of antiquities of the Craft.

The roll is the longest I have met with, and might well be described as of "prodigious length," which was the chief characteristic of one mentioned in the Records of the "Atholl" Grand Lodge, December 6th, 1752, supposed to have been taken abroad by Bro. John Morgan, its first Grand Secretary, and since lost sight of.

I have quite failed to connect the document with any of the missing MSS., such as the "York MS., No. 3;" the "Masons' Co. MS." (alluded to by Sir Francis Palgrave in the *Edinburgh Review*, April, 1839), or the original of the "Dowland MS." (Gent's Mag., Mar., 1815.)*

Dr. Plot, in his "Natural History of Staffordshire," 1686 (Chap. VIII.), certainly notes "a large parchment volum," which brethren "have amongst them, containing the *History and Rules* of the Craft of Masonry, which is there deduced, not only from sacred writ, but profane story, particularly that it was brought into England by *St. Amphibal*, and first communicated to *St. Alban*." All the extracts that credulous historian gives may fairly be credited to the original of the "William Watson MS.," which bears date exactly one year later than this curious work, and may have been in book form (*a volum*).

Of no other Roll can this be said, for Dr. Plot states that in "the said *Schrole* or *Parchment volum* . . . it is also declared that these *charges and manners* were after perused and approved by King Hen. 6 and his council, both as to *Masters* and *Fellows* of this Right Worshipfull Craft." *There is but one Roll known that refers to this King*, and that is the document herewith reproduced by me, which recites that "these charges have been seen & perused by our late Sovereigne Lord King Henry ye Sixth, and ye Lords of ye Honourable Councell, and they haue allowed them well and said they were right good & reasonable to be holden."

It was ordered by the King and Parliament, A.D. 1437, that "no new ordinances were to be made or used by the various Crafts, Guilds, &c., unless approved by the special authorities mentioned, and those then in force were subject to revocation and alteration. On this and other points Bro. Gould's great History should be consulted (Chap. VII.), always, however, in remembrance of the fact that these Crafts conducted their business in "*leur generalx Chapitres assemblez*," as he alone points out, and not in "General chapters and assemblies," so often, but erroneously, declared.†

This reference to the "late King" may fairly be accepted as fixing the approximate date of the original MS. from which the "William Watson" Roll was transcribed, viz., about the latter part of the fifteenth century. Hence this document, so recently brought to light, virtually informs us of the text of a copy of the "Old Charges" used by lodges fully four centuries ago.

The importance of this point cannot well be over-estimated, because we thus become acquainted with the character of a scroll, written some 50 years or more, after the origin of the celebrated "*Add. MS. 23,198*," (British Museum), popularly known as the "Matthew Cooke MS.," and which the later MS. so closely resembles in some 600 lines of the older document. I have inserted every 20th line of "Cooke's MS.," in brackets, in the following transcript, by which plan my readers will easily trace the extraordinary correspondence of the two versions. Fortunately, the publication of this second oldest MS. of the Craft by the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, London, in *perfect facsimile*‡ places that venerable and veritable gem in the hands of Masonic students for comparison with the later manuscripts, and with Bro. Speth's able "Commentary on the Matthew Cooke MS." in the same splendid volume, leaves nothing to be desired in relation to that document.

Some of Bro. Speth's corrections of the senior version, made when the junior copy was unknown, are confirmed by the later roll, but at the time my zealous brother wrote his "Commentary" (which is the only treatise on the subject extant that is worthy of mention, and ranks with Bro. R. F. Gould's exhaustive "Commentary on the Regius MS."§) there was no

* Reprinted in Hughan's "Old Charges," 1872.

† Vide Statute, 3 Hen. VI. (1425) given in that work.

‡ "Masonic Reprints," Vol. 2, 1890, Bro. G. W. Speth, Margate. Price 10/6.

§ "Masonic Reprints," Vol. 1, 1889, Lodge No. 2076.

copy of the "Old Charges" traced that so resembled the "Cooke MS."*

It appears to me that the "W. W. MS." was not copied from the "Cooke MS.," but from another similar version, which had been utilised in the latter part of the sixteenth century for Masonic purposes, and more modern regulations added. Line 80 of "Cooke" has "*we were the founders*," which Bro. Speth suggests should have read "*whowe were*," and in the MS. of 1687 it is given accordingly.

In Bro. M. Cooke's reproduction† of the "Additional MS." line 140, the word *p'nyd* occurs, and is most unfortunately translated as "printed," thus making the note concerning the "Policronicon" refer to Caxton's typographical reproduction of not earlier than 1482, whereas the words clearly were taken from the MS. version of that noted chronicle of the former century.

In the roll under consideration the clause reads "It is a story proved," thus agreeing with Bro. Speth's correction, that the contraction is "*p'nyd or preuyd—i.e., proved trustworthy*." Similar happy corrections by Bro. Speth‡ are in like manner justified by the more modern roll: but one addition by that brother does not appear to me at all needful. At line 301, respecting the "Seaven Sciences," the word evidently should be *and*, not *but*, hence the words "this I affirm not" (in brackets) are superfluous. The later MS. reads "Some men doe affirme, yt. they write all their Seaven Sciences in ye Said Stones & as they had their minde yt vengeance would come," &c.

The old legend about the two "stones" appears to have been taken from the "Polycronicon," their names in the edition of 1482 being "marble and brent tyle. In a pyler of marble for water, and in a pyler of tyle for fyre." § Josephus ("Antiquities") gives them as "the one of brick, the other of stone." The "Cooke MS." has "marbylle and lacerus," with which the "William Watson MS." corresponds, "marble and laterus" (*later* a brick). There is no lack of variety in the orthography of the numerous rolls of the last two centuries respecting these pillars.

In the "Commentary" aforesaid Bro. Speth records quite a number of remarkable passages in the "Cooke MS." which are entirely omitted "in the mediæval versions of the Old Charges." This statement is correct, save as to the "William Watson MS." which has now come on the scene, for it has all the peculiar readings mentioned down to the reference to "St. Adhabelle" or "Amphabell" (line 603), and is thus a roll of special importance. Strange to say, however, it does not contain the declaration that Edwin (described as the youngest son of Athelstan) "of *speculatyfe* he was a Master," so that it lacks that curious reference at so early a period, though it recites the defence of Charles' legitimacy, of France, and, like the senior version, terms that Monarch "Carolus Secundus," and not "Charles Martel," as the MSS. generally.

The original of the "William Watson" MS. strikes out in quite a different style after following the "Cooke MS." so closely for some 600 lines; and though both copy and prototype, as with the senior version, are silent as to "Naymus Græcus" || to be found in nearly all the other scrolls, yet subsequent additions to the legendary history are to be noted in the Roll before us, according with the 16th and 17th century MSS., such as St. Albans being a Steward to the King, Edwin's compilation of the "Book of Charges," and the holding of an assembly in the city of York.

The unusual preamble to the "general and singular Charges," which refers to "Henry VI. and his Councill," has already been noted. The statement that the Charges have been "drawne and gathered out of divers antient books, both of *ye old Law and new Law* made in Egypt," also calls for particularisation.

These "articles and points" (as they were formally called), in "W. Watson's MS.," are evidently from a more modern version than "Cooke's," and partake of the character of the "Dautesey MS." (of late 17th century), which was made known by Bro. W. H. Rylands, F.S.A., in 1886¶. These two copies agree as to the wages in St. Alban's time, and are the only two that I know of, which speak of the sum of *four pence* being devoted to the "Nunchions" (*al heure de none, Hen.*

* Excepting last century copies, *verbatim et literatim*, of the Add. MS. 23,198, which do not count.

† Spencer and Co., London, 1861.

‡ E.g., Line 552, a word is omitted, which Bro. Speth supplies by inserting "Charges" (as a suggestion), and in W. W.'s MS. that word is duly given. So also as to the corrections forwarded by Bro. John Lane (*vide* Vol. III M.R. Lodge 2076).

§ "Old Charges," p. 4.

|| The interesting paper on "Naymus Græcus," by Mr. Wyatt Papworth, F.R.I.B.A. (Transactions Lodge, No. 2076, Vol. 3), should be consulted. He rightly fixes the introduction of the name of that old and so far untraceable worthy at 1560 *circa*.

¶ *Keystone* (Philadelphia), March 20th.

IV., 1402), and allude to the appointment of a lodge Steward, or for "common house needs." The "Dautesey" version has not so correct a reading, however, on that point, neither are the several clauses divided invariably in quite the same fashion.*

The 14th rule of the "William Watson MS." provides for obligatory attendance at the "Annual Assembly," if within *five* miles, thus agreeing with the "Hope," "Papworth," and a few other MSS.,† but the majority fix the limit at 50 miles.

There are a few curious readings to be noted, one of which is inexplicable. I have consulted Bro. W. H. Rylands on the point, but he, like myself, cannot fix the meaning intended by the Scribe. It occurs in the 5th Clause of the "Singular Charges," viz., "He yt shall be made Mason to be *anena* within all Sides." Bro. Rylands suggests that the reference may be to "a man," and that the copyist probably misunderstood the original MS. The general reading is "able in all manner of degrees," or "able of birth," but the York MS., No. 1 (1600 *circa*) has, "Able of body and sound of lymbes," and some MSS. have "Able of all Syres." My opinion is in favour of the word being *able*, or some equivalent term.

Another curious expression is "bargarie war." It occurred to me it might mean *foreign wars*, but unfortunately there is no MS. that helps one much as to the solution. "Grevious warrs," "Divers warres," and "Great warrs" are the general readings. All the curious and unusual references have been carefully examined and tested by comparison with other MSS., as well as by my able *confrère*, Bro. John Lane, F.C.A.

The interesting subject of the Old Charges of British Freemasons has been almost exhaustively treated by Bro. Gould in his History (Chapters II., XIV. and XV.), and the "Masonic Reprints" of Lodge No. 2076, might also be perused with advantage. Though the first part of the MS. in question is virtually the same as "Cooke's," I have decided to mark it 24a, because the latter portion partakes of the Dautesey MS., No. 24, in Bro. Gould's Calendar ("Commentary to the Regius MS.")

A drawing of the "Arms of the Freemasons" forms an appropriate heading to the "William Watson MS.," and as there appears to be a small *turret* issuing from the castle (*crest*), it reminds one of the arms in the Freemasons' Charter of Gateshead, of A.D. 1671, which is only one of the kind else I know of.

There are many other points which should be mentioned to make the description complete, but I must plead lack of time to do more just now.

W. J. HUGHAN.

[The MS. will be given in the next issue of the *Freemason*.]

THE LATE BRO. W. WINN, P.M.

By the death of Bro. WILLIAM WINN, P.M., Patron of our three Masonic Institutions and one of the Trustees of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the Craft in England has lost one of its truest and best members—a man who made very little stir in the sphere in which he moved, but went about his appointed duties in a quiet and unobtrusive manner; a man who, though he once permitted himself to be put in nomination for the Grand Treasurership, never seems to have aspired to the purple of Grand Lodge; who belonged to the class of those who "do good by stealth and blush to find it fame," rather than to that other and more numerous class of men who proclaim aloud their every act of Charity in order that they may win fame as benefactors. Bro. WINN, indeed, appears to have concerned himself as little about this kind of publicity as about Grand Lodge honours. He served only a few Stewardships—just enough to entitle him to the Charity jewel—but the total of the votes he received from the three Institutions in return for his various contributions would alone have enabled him, by a few judicious exchanges, to secure the election of any candidate he was interested in, certainly once in every two years, if not annually. His gifts, too, were of a special, as well as of the usual character; the bulk of what he contributed found its way into the general exchequer, but in the case of each of our two Schools, a sum of £525 was set apart for the special and laudable purpose of presenting prizes for those of the children who acquit themselves to the satisfaction of the Examiners in our university middle-class examinations. Such is the brother whose death has occurred so recently—a Mason of long-standing but undistinguishable from the general body except by his many acts of beneficence; and though it has been said that the good men do is "oft interrèd with their bones," the prize funds established by Bro. WINN will preserve the memory of his acts as long as the Schools themselves are in existence.

* The "Thomas W. Tew MS." reads "Steward of Lord's Chamber or *Comon house*," and thus differs from both MSS. in that respect.

† "Old Charges," pp. 62 and 79.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Free-masons' Hall. Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President of the Board, presided, and the Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents, Bros. James Brett, P.G.P., and Charles A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., occupied their respective chairs. Bro. Alfred A. Pendlebury, Assistant Grand Secretary, Bro. W. Dodd, and Bro. W. H. Lee represented the Grand Secretary's office. The other brethren present were Bros. W. P. Brown, Charles Dairy, David D. Mercer, George B. Chapman, Henry Garrod, S. Valentine, A. C. Woodward, James Bunker, Charles G. Cutler, S. H. Goldschmidt, G. R. Langley, T. W. Whitmarsh, E. Shedd, Rev. R. J. Simpson, J. Tidmarsh, G. L. Moore, George A. Littlewood, S. Stretch, jun., Arthur Plews, W. A. Anderson, W. Lucas, H. Massey, Henry Lloyd, C. N. McIntyre North, Henry Stiles, John Nixon, W. P. M. Penrose, W. D. Livesey, B. Stewart, C. Williams, H. Dehane, W. S. Whitaker, R. C. Davis, John J. White, F. Warner Jones, George Perkins, E. H. Dove, J. Gaywood, and H. Sadler, Grand Tyler.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master to the amount of £100. There were 24 cases on the new list, qualified through lodges in the London district, and at Ipswich, Bradford, South Shields, Bradford, Malta, Stratford-on-Avon, Havant, Frome, Exeter, Calcutta, Douglas (Isle of Man), and Ilminster. One petition was withdrawn and one dismissed. Three petitions were deferred. The remainder were relieved with a total of £392. This sum was made up of two recommendations to the Grand Master of £40 each, and four of £30 each. There were seven grants of £20 each, one of £15, three of £10 each, one of £5, and one of £2.

BRO. THE EARL OF ONSLOW'S ADDRESS TO THE CRAFT IN NEW ZEALAND.

The following is the address which we referred to some time since as having been issued by Bro. the Earl of Onslow, Past S.G.W., with a view to bringing about, if possible, a settlement of the differences by which at present the Craft in New Zealand is divided. It is a carefully-written paper, and the tone which it breathes is in all respects worthy of its distinguished author. We may remark that exception has been taken to his lordship's intervention, and there is undoubtedly force in one of the arguments against it, but in spite of the protests we have seen, we believe that Lord Onslow has displayed both tact and judgment in this matter, and we feel sure that his appeal to the several sections of the Order to bury their animosities will, in time, if not immediately, have the desired effect.

"Government House, Wellington, New Zealand,
"November 17, 1890.

"Dear Sir and Brother,—

"The report of the proceedings at the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge held on 3rd September last, when application was made by a body calling themselves the Grand Lodge of New Zealand for recognition of such, shows that the Grand Lodge is ready to recognise independent Constitutions in Colonies where an overwhelming preponderance of opinion exists in favour of Masonic autonomy, but not where a minority or bare majority only of Masons put forward such a claim. As a member and past officer of the Grand Lodge of England I have witnessed with pain and regret the dissensions which the conflict of opinion in the Colony on this subject has caused among Masons to the outside world. These dissensions cannot but throw doubts on the sincerity of our Masonic professions, that brotherly love for each other is one of the first of our moral obligations. It is even to be feared that circumstances might arise which would necessitate an appeal to the law courts of the Colony to settle matters in dispute among us as to the property belonging to the Craft. Under these circumstances, as the only Past Grand Warden of England in New Zealand, I venture to approach you with the expression of a hope that some steps may be speedily taken to put an end to the existing state of things. Although I have not the honour of being a past officer of the Grand Lodges of Scotland or Ireland, I trust that the interest which as a brother I have in the welfare of all Masons in New Zealand, will be taken as a justification for sending to the Masters of Scotch and Irish lodges a communication which is primarily addressed to the brethren of my own Constitution. The body calling itself the Grand Lodge of New Zealand claims to have secured the allegiance of 33 lodges holding under the English Constitution. The establishment and recognition by all other Grand Lodges of such a body is *nothing new in Australasia*. On the contrary, similar bodies exist in New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, and Tasmania, working in perfect harmony with the Grand Lodge of England, and by their vigorous independence adding to the vitality and catholicity of Freemasonry throughout the world. The members of these Grand Lodges when at home are honoured guests in English lodges, the more that our political allegiance to her Majesty the Queen is identical. A Grand Lodge of New Zealand, therefore, would be no innovation, and would reflect no stigma on our loyalty. A large number of our fellow-colonist Freemasons are now

debarred from admission to other lodges until such time as the Grand Lodge has recognised the body to which they have transferred their allegiance. The Grand Lodge has clearly stated the circumstances under which these disabilities may be removed, and it is for the Freemasons of New Zealand to consider whether affording such assistance as may bring about greater unanimity, is not an act which may now gracefully be conceded to those who have shown, if nothing else, zeal and earnestness in the cause they have espoused. The position of District Grand Masters is a difficult one. Whatever may be their personal opinions, they are bound themselves to take no steps which may undermine the allegiance to the Grand Lodge of the lodges under their rule. Whatever they may have taken on this occasion must be looked on as the exercise of their plain duty to the Grand Lodge, whose officers they are, and not of necessity to their personal convictions upon the question at issue. Although this matter must not be discussed in open lodge, you will, I doubt not, have many opportunities of consulting with brethren who are members of your lodge, and possibly of holding a private meeting of the gentlemen who comprise the lodge, with a view to ascertaining what are their opinions. I may add that personally I shall esteem it a privilege to be able to assist the cause of Masonry in New Zealand in any way in which my services can be deemed useful towards promoting harmony and brotherly love, and the fulfilment of those conditions which hold in the case of the Grand Lodge, and which alone are wanting to induce a similar act towards that of New Zealand, thereby removing the present feeling of irritation and restoring that amity which ought to prevail amongst brethren who work under similar obligations and observe the same landmarks of our Order, and acknowledge the supreme power of the Great Architect of the Universe. If, as I confidently hope, my feelings of regret, occasioned by our present dissensions, are shared by the brethren of all Constitutions throughout the colony, I shall be prepared to suggest a plan which, in course of time, I have every hope may result in a restoration of proper Masonic feeling between the several Constitutions, without loss of dignity or the abandonment of the positions which they have severally taken up. I shall therefore esteem it a favour if, in due course, I may have an expression of your views and those of the brethren under your rule upon this matter.

"I am, yours fraternally,

"G. Robertson, Wellington." "ONSLow, P.G.W.

THE QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT FOR SCOTLAND.

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Encampment of the Temple and Malta for Scotland was held in the Masonic Hall, Cambuslang, on Monday, the 5th inst., attended by a full representation of the subordinate encampments. In the absence of the Grand Master the Grand Encampment was opened by the senior P.G.M. present, Sir Knight Matthew McB. Thomson, Grand Representative. The minutes of last Grand Encampment meeting being read and approved, various letters were read concerning the proposed union with the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland upon the Royal Arch Degree, when it was agreed that no further steps be taken in the matter at present. Sir Knights William Paterson and James Andrew, of Airdrie Encampment, and George Russell Jarvie, of Cambuslang Encampment, were nominated and duly elected knights of the Grand Cross. The financial report was submitted and approved, showing the funds of the Grand Encampment to be in a flourishing condition.

After the usual routine of business, the Grand Encampment was then closed by the Grand Representative, Sir Knight Matthew McB. Thomson.

CHILDREN'S MASONIC PARTY.

On Friday, the 16th instant, the brethren of Prince Edward Lodge, No. 2109, Heaton Moor, gave an entertainment in the Conservative Hall to the children of the members. They arrived at 5 p.m. and assembled in the drawing-room, where Bro. E. Barton, I.P.M., and Mrs. Barton presided, each child on being presented was invested with a Masonic collar of blue ribbon, trimmed with silver lace at the points, the effect on the neatly dressed assembly being very picturesque and pleasing. At 5.30 tea was served in the lower room, at which about 100 sat down.

We give the names of those children under 14 years of age, who, together with the older ones and the parents, brought up the number present to about 130: Constance, Frank, George, and Bertie Garnett; Amy, Edith, and Willie Massey; Gladys Doughty; Muriel, Bertha, and Alfred Wells; Ethel, Stanley, and Frank Preston; Dottie, Elsie, Lily, and Sydney Hopewell; Winnie Bera; Florrie, Dorrie, and Harry Mortimer; Mabel Roberts; Louie Loftus; Ada Litton; Gertie, Beatrice, and Willie Seager; Maggie Hall; Mellie and Walter Broadbent; Lilian, Evelyn, and Hilda Reynolds; Ethelwynne, Nellie, Bertha, and George Webster; Teddy Shann; Harry and Frank Smedly; Lawrence Deacon; Norman Burton; Bernard Taylor; James and Herbert Hurst; Harold and Percy Spelsbury; Annie Ashton; Arthur Loundes; Eva and Gertrude McElroy; and Nellie Hallmark.

After tea the children returned to the drawing-room, when Mr. Arthur Young entertained them for some

time with his magic lantern, the comic pictures affording great amusement. Mr. Wilfred Shawcross followed with conuration, the several clever tricks exciting wonder among his audience. Afterwards Bro. McElroy, with his two dolls, gave rise to great mirth and loud laughter, his powers as a ventriloquist being of considerable merit, and the dialogues and jokes being full of wit and well chosen.

In the large hall a monster Christmas tree was placed full of prizes for all. The children were marshalled into order after some difficulty, and marched round the great room to the well known tune of "The famous Duke of York." Bro. Garnett acting as Commander-in-Chief. After this they were formed into two double lines, girls on one side and boys on the other, all being provided with bon-bons; the lines then closed and reopened, the result being a loud report from the crackers. This was repeated, the various hats, caps, &c., from the bon-bons being donned by the children with very pretty effect. Music, dancing, and romping was enjoyed to the full. All praises are due to those who undertook the management, which was simply perfect.

Prince Edward Lodge is to be congratulated upon the success it has attained; first for introducing ladies to the annual Festival of St. John, and now for instituting a children's Masonic party, which will probably be repeated each year. This, indeed, if an innovation, is a pleasant one, and if not to the letter is certainly to the spirit of Freemasonry.

Mrs. Seager, Mrs. Wells, Miss Webster, and Bros. Seager and McElroy deserve special mention for musical and other assistance.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF TYRONE AND FERNANAGH.

This Provincial Grand Lodge held their usual Quarterly Communication in the Town Hall, Enniskillen, on Friday, the 16th inst., when the following officers for 1891 were duly installed:—

Bro. James Crossle, 230 ...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Henry Irvine, 332 ...	Prov. J.G.W.
" W. F. Black, 332 ...	Prov. G. Treas.
" O. Ternan, M.D., 305 ...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Rev. J. Moutray, M.A., 230 ...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. L. Richards, 9 ...	
" Rev. H. B. Carter, 470 ...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Wm. Purdon, C.E., 891 ...	
" J. C. Sugars, M.D., 9 ...	Prov. J.G.D.
" A. Anderson, 547 ...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" T. W. E. Macartney, 332 ...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Chas. L. Magill, 479 ...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Graham Browne, 470 ...	Prov. G. Org.
" John Smith, 122 ...	Prov. G.I.G.
" Wm. Teele, J.P., 891 ...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" Thos. H. Aikin, 122 ...	
" J. G. Donaldson, 470 ...	

The cases of Lodges Nos. 332, 799, and 994 were duly considered, and the general quarterly business having been transacted, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

The next meeting will be held in Omagh on the third Friday in April.

In the absence of Bro. Sir J. M. Stewart, Bart., D.L., Prov. Grand Master, the chair was filled by Bro. Col. John G. Irvine, D.L., Deputy Prov. Grand Master.

THE STANLEY SHOW AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

The Fourteenth Annual Stanley Cycle Show, open at the Crystal Palace from the 23rd to the 31st inst., is far more attractive and interesting than any of its predecessors, several novel features being introduced. Perhaps the greatest novelty of the year is the improvements in the manufacture of tyres. Mr. E. R. Shipton, secretary to the Cyclists' Tourist Club, will, on Monday evening next, read a paper on this important subject, sections of the various tyres being shown on the screen by means of lantern slides. This paper will be followed on Tuesday evening by an open discussion. Another striking feature of this year's show is a practical illustration of cycle-making by means of machinery in full work. There are over a thousand specimen machines on view, and these are supplemented by a great loan collection of ancient, curious, and modern types of cycles. Every branch of the cycle industry is well represented. Arrangements are made for Home-Trainer Handicap and Lantern Entertainments, Smoking Concerts, &c. During the Stanley Show the grand pantomime, "Whittington and his Cat," which has achieved an unprecedented success, will be performed every afternoon, and also on the evenings of Saturday, January 24th, Tuesday, 27th, Thursday, 29th, and Saturday, 31st.

It is believed that the Emperor William of Germany, on the occasion of his visit to England in the summer, will be accompanied by the Empress. One of their objects in coming to this country being to inspect the German Exhibition, in which their Majesties take a deep interest.

The Duchess of Edinburgh and her family arrived in England from Coburg on the 16th instant, having crossed the Channel in a special boat. Her Royal Highness was received by the General Commanding the South-Eastern District, and continuing her journey to London was received at the Victoria Station by the Russian Ambassador. The Royal party drove to Clarence House, and have since joined the Duke at Devonport.

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Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the
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By Bro. HENRY SMITH, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Yorks, W.D.,
Treasurer and Vice-Patron, upon recommendation of
the House Committee—

"That the equivalent of £21, viz., 2 Votes, be given
to the Eccleston Lodge, No. 1624, in consideration
of the Harmonium offered by them to the Insti-
tution."

By Bro. J. H. MATTHEWS, P.D.G.D.C., P.G. Std. Br.,
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mittee—

"That in consideration of the good service rendered to
the Institution by W. Bro. Frank Richardson,
P.G.D. and Patron, in conducting to so successful an
issue the negotiations with the London, Brighton,
and South Coast Railway Company, whereby
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tent of £5000, and as a slight acknowledgment,
the Committee recommend to the General Court
that the rank and privileges of an Honorary Patron
be conferred on Bro. Richardson."

By Bro. W. H. SPAULL, J.P., P. Asst. G.D. Cers., P.
Prov. G.W., and Prov. G. Sec. Shropshire, Vice-
Pres.—

"That 'Thursday before the second Friday' be sub-
stituted for 'Saturday following the last Friday,'
in line 3 of Law 29."

"That 'Thursday immediately before' be substituted
for 'Saturday immediately following' in the 4th
line of same law."

"That the word 'next' in 5th line of same law be
omitted, and the word 'week' be added after
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30th day of JANUARY, 1891, for the transaction of the
Ordinary Business of the Institution.

To consider the following

NOTICES OF MOTION—

By V.W. Bro. RICHARD EVE, Patron (P.G. Treasurer)—

1. "That the word 'March' be substituted for 'April'
in second line of Revised Law No. 50."
2. "That the pension granted to Miss Hall be reduced
to £50 per annum."

To consider and, if approved, to adopt a recommendation
from the General Committee—

"That Twenty-Eight Boys be elected at the Quarterly
Court on Friday, April 10th, 1891, from an
Approved List of 45 Candidates."

The chair will be taken at FOUR o'clock in the afternoon
precisely.

By order.

J. MORRISON MCLEOD,

London, 17th January, 1891.

Secretary.

N.B.—Under the Revised Laws, the next General Com-
mittee or Council Meeting will be held on SATURDAY,
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Star-in-the-East Lodge, No. 205 (I.C.)
ROYAL ARCH—Pattison Chapter, No. 913.



SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 1891.

Masonic Notes.

Bro. Josiah Drummond, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine, who is a very giant in all that relates to the statistics of American Freemasonry, tells us that the Masonic body in North America numbers at the present time, or, rather, according to the latest returns, 651,028, or some 10,000 more than in 1889. Numbers are certainly a test of the influence which a Society exercises, but they are not the only test, and much as we admire and respect the work done by the older Grand Lodges in the United States—such as those of Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, and a few others—we think many of the younger bodies might mend their ways in many respects. The desire for innovation is too keenly exhibited by some, the actual innovations which have been sanctioned by others are too numerous and too directly opposed to the principles and practice of Freemasonry to ensure anything like sympathy or commendation from us. The older bodies, like ourselves, cling tenaciously to the old laws and customs of Masonry, the younger are never happy but when they are inventing some new thing. Were

numbers thought of less and the old laws and charges more, the Craft throughout the whole of the United States, the younger as well as the older States, would be more worthy of imitation.

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No doubt some of our American friends will tell us that we Masons in England are an old, effete body, which, however it may have been in former days, now knows little or nothing about Masonry, its principles and prejudices, its laws and usages. Many indeed will add that if we wish to know what Masonry really is we must visit the Grand Lodge of —, the Grand Chapter of —, or even the Grand Conclave of —, and that, having done so, we shall then be in a position to judge of the greatness of American Masonry, and its strict observance of the law as promulgated by the early Masonic fathers.

* * *

They may be right, but for ourselves we believe that American Freemasonry is the better worth the more closely it adheres to the laws and customs of English Masonry, not because we are vain enough to think that what is English is better than what is American, but because our Masonic system of to-day is in all things essential pretty much what it was when the men of 1717 built it up on the basis of the Old Constitutions.

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But though American Masonic writers delight in having a fling at us, and regard us almost as a fossil Society, American Grand Masters when they visit England are delighted not only with the welcome they receive, but also with the splendid appearance of our Grand and private lodges, the perfection of our work, and the regularity and simplicity of our proceedings. On their return home they never weary of lauding us in those respects, so that if we are an antiquated body, with but little taste for innovation, and a very decided ambition to carry everything, as well in our own colonies as abroad, with a high hand, there is at all events something in our system which is not unworthy of admiration and respect.

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The English Craft generally, but more especially those of its members who had the privilege of meeting him in Grand Lodge last June, will deeply sympathise with Bro. R. Walkem, Q.C., Past G.M. of Canada, on the double bereavement he has recently suffered. On the 7th December last his father-in-law, Bro. James A. Henderson, Q.C., D.C.L., who was Grand Master of Canada 1879-81, and who only a few weeks previously had been invested as Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, in succession to the late Bro. Col. McLeod Moore, died in the 70th year of his age, having been born at Stoke, near Plymouth, Devonshire, in February, 1821. On the same day, only a few hours later, Gentleman Cadet Walkem, of the Royal Military College, Kingston, son of Past G. Master Walkem, died of typhoid fever in his 20th year. The two were buried on the 10th December, the brethren of the city lodges and the cadets of the Royal Military College both taking part in the solemn ceremonies.

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The *South African Freemason* of December 17th has an article on the attendance of ladies at certain Masonic functions, called forth by the admission of ladies at the consecration of a Royal Arch chapter at Johannesburg. Such occurrences are common in certain American jurisdictions, but, as far as we know, the practice has never met with acceptance in any province or district under the Grand Lodge of England.

* * *

The writer very justly observes that the line of vital secrecy should be drawn somewhere, and maintains that it is perfectly easy to separate the exoteric functions of Freemasonry by a tolerably well-defined line, and that those ceremonies in which Masons share with the outside world in the promotion of some object common to the community in general may be properly performed in public, but that any ceremony which has for its object the conferring of purely Masonic privileges should be gone through only within the recesses of a properly tyled lodge. In this we entirely agree.

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In the *Philadelphia Keystone* of January 10th, the editor discourses pleasantly on Benjamin Franklin, his source of inspiration being an old Masonic book which had just been placed in his hands, and which throws some light upon the Masonic career of the great Statesman, scientist, and patriot, who, among his important and multifarious duties, was able, during 30 years and upwards, while he was Deputy Grand Master of Pennsylvania, to be present at every meeting, an example worthy to be followed by all his successors in the Craft.

Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for 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.]

ROYAL ARCH COLLARS IN CRAFT LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Pray permit me another word or two on this subject, so that I may *inter alia* point out to "P.P.G.J.," whose letter appears in your issue of this day's date, that he has entirely misinterpreted the allusion I made to the Catholic Church in my previous communication.

I referred to that ancient institution simply and solely as a sidelight on the matter in question, and I did so because, through its three Degrees and symbolic clothing and jewels, it gives exact, though to the multitude misunderstood, expression to the "secret doctrine," or "wisdom worship," which undoubtedly underlies the exoteric features not only of Catholicism, but of every other religion under the sun, including Craft Masonry.

Upon that ground and for the further reason that Craft Masonry is the key that alone unlocks the mysteries and ceremonials of all churches and faiths, ancient and modern, I hold most strongly that the introduction in our assemblies of clothing and jewels other than what are known to Blue lodges is a contravention of the recondite teaching of the Craft.

You, Brother Editor, have done excellent service in this connection by reproducing in your columns to-day the *Philadelphia Keystone's* leader on the "Missouri Innovation," and I beg to thank you for having done it so opportunely.

To the archæologist Craft Masonry, and Craft Masonry alone, is the most important link that remains to us between the present and the far distant past, and on that account I strongly protest against any other unsymbolic paraphernalia being permitted for exhibition in our lodges.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

F. S. S.

January 17th.

WARDENS AND MASTERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The discussion of the qualification of a W.M. in respect of his service as a Warden is an interesting one, and I think cannot be settled by the decision of Grand Lodge, under the advice of Bro. McIntyre, in 1877. The law has been altered since, and as the present law differs from the draft revise of Constitutions in 1884, it is evident that there has been deliberation on the part of the revisers, and that careful attention should be paid to the successive alterations, so as to assist in laying down the present law in the event of there being any ambiguity on the subject.

The old law of 1873 said—page 62, par. 2—"Every lodge shall annually elect its Master, such Master having regularly served as a Warden of a warranted lodge for one year."

It was on this law that Bro. McIntyre decided that "regularly" serving meant being attentive to his duties in his lodge at Rangoon, and not being absent in England and elsewhere between January, when appointed, and August.

The draft revise altered this to "Every lodge shall annually elect its Master from among those of its members who have 'duly' served the office of Warden." Note the alteration of "regularly" to "duly." The Book of Constitutions, as finally settled (Rule 130), reads—"From among those of its members who have served for one year." Thus we first find the word "regularly," then this is changed to "duly," which is finally altered to "served for one year." Whatever stress, therefore, is laid on the word "regularly" in the decision of 1877 is wholly beyond the mark, and we are brought to enquire what "service for one year" means.

I trust Grand Lodge will decide it means punctual and constant attention for one year to the duties to which the Warden was originally appointed.—Yours fraternally,

J. E. LE FEUVRE.

January 19th.

NEW GRAND LODGES AND FUNDS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

"Small leaks sink big ships." This proverb is well interpreted when considering the tremendous amount of trouble and ill-feeling which has been caused in New Zealand through our winking at the first small and illegal irregularity in connection with the formation of the United Grand Lodge in Sydney, when, notwithstanding the vigorous protest of the *loyal* members of No. 656, the English authorities took no action, or rather appeared to support the illegal detention of the English warrant by this new United Grand Lodge of New South Wales. With regard to the distribution of funds—division—I agree with your paragraphs in *Masonic Notes* of October 18th, 1890, and go further by saying without hesitation that the proposed division is altogether illegal, and the funds which have been subscribed for Masonic purposes of the English Constitution remain vested in those

English Masons who retain their allegiance to the Constitution. Just prior to the illegal dealing with the charter of the Cambrian Lodge of Australia, No. 656 (E.C.), a notice of motion was given to consider the distribution of the lodge funds, as several members wished to leave it and join the new Constitution, and on the evening the motion was to be considered, the motion was withdrawn, as the members—even he who proposed it, I believe—were convinced of the illegality of such a proceeding. Trusting that something will be done by the Grand Lodge of England to settle these disputes speedily,—Yours truly,

G. ROBINSON, No. 656 (E.C.)

Sydney, November 24.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

928] ANOTHER FREEMASONS' POCKET COMPANION.

Recently I have obtained for my library (through Bro. Hughan) another of these "Companions," which I do not remember to have seen chronicled previously. It is entitled "*The Free Masons Pocket Companion* . . . Glasgow; Printed by Robert and Thomas Duncan, and sold at their Shop, Pope's-Head Salt-Market, M.DCC.LXXI." It appears to be a reprint, or another edition (or *vice versa*) of the Pocket Companion issued the same year at Glasgow also, which was "Printed for Peter Tait, James Brown, and John Tait, Booksellers, M.DCC.LXXI." I am inclined to believe they are precisely the same book, with different title-pages, but have not a copy of the latter. My notes made during an examination of the copy in the British Museum (4784a) indicate that the list of English lodges in Tait's Pocket Companion commenced at page 196, which agrees with that in the work now noted as printed by Duncan. I am confirmed in this opinion, because both have the same curious typographical error, viz., the Lodge No. 61—"Rose in Cheapside"—(appearing in its proper position between Nos. 60 and 62), is printed in both editions 91. The list is numbered consecutively to 141, which, however, was really No. 156, of 17th March, 1737, so that its value as a list in 1771 was practically useless. I shall be glad to hear at any time of any printed or engraved lists or pocket companions, &c., not enumerated in my "Handy Book."

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METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Grand Master's Lodge (No. 1).—The installation meeting of this distinguished lodge was held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday evening last, when Bro. Homewood Crawford, P.G.S., the City Solicitor, was installed as the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, in the presence of one of the largest assemblages of Grand Officers gathered together for some time past. The ceremony was performed in an admirable manner by the retiring Master, Bro. F. Gordon Brown, P.G.S., in the presence of 100 brethren, including five Past Grand Wardens, four of whom were ex-Lord Mayors, Sir Henry Isaacs, P.G.W., the late Lord Mayor, being precluded from attending by indisposition. The W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. C. Dimsdale, Grand Steward, S.W.; Charles Belton, P. Dep. G.D.C., J.W.; Dr. Ralph Gooding, P.G.D., Treasurer; Bradshaw Brown, P.G.S., Secretary; Major-General Galsden, P.D.G.W. Madras, S.D.; T. P. Griffin, P.M., J.D.; Richard Eve, P.G. Treas., D.C.; Joseph Rock, P.M., I.G.; and Richard Creed and E. W. Stillwell, P.M., Stwds.

Among the brethren present were Bros. Sir Francis Truscott, P.G.W.; Sir J. Whitaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., P.G.W.; Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., P.G.W.; Sir John Monckton, P.G.W.; Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., P.G.W.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap.; Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.; Thomas Fenn, Pres. Bd. Gen. Purps.; Sir George Harris, S.G.D.; R. Loveland Loveland, S.G.D.; Sir Somers Vine, J.G.D.; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; G. Prior Goldney, P.G.D.; E. Letchworth, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; Dr. Ralph Gooding, P.G.D.; E. A. Baylis, P. Dep. G.D.C.; J. H. Matthews, P. Dep. G.D.C.; Charles Belton, P. Dep. G.D.C.; Col. A. B. Cook, P. Asst. G.D.C.; Geo. Burt (ex-Sheriff), P. Asst. G.D.C.; Charles Martin, P. Asst. G.D.C.; J. J. Collins, P.G.S.B.; Major George Lambert, P.G.S.B.; J. C. Dimsdale, G. Stwd.; Rev. Lord Victor Seymour, P. Prov. G. Chap. Surrey; T. Hastings Miller, Vice-Pres. Bd. Gen. Purps.; W. E. Chapman, W.M. 2190; T. de Bruin w Holmes, W.M. 1319; Reid Taylor, P.G.S.; Arthur Bali, P.G.S.; W. Crawford, P.M. 127; R. C. Halse; Fred Pinches, P.G.S.; Dr. Robson Koose, 2127; D. L. Scott, D.O., 1635; Major Newcome, 1971; J. Badger Clark, W.M. elect 2228; T. A. Fitzer, 1216; W. Hay s, P.G.S.; and E. Stanton, P.G.S.

The music was directed by Bro. Henry Parker, P.P.G.O. Midux., the Honorary Organist to the lodge, who presided at the piano. The artists were Miss Annie Lea, Miss Marie Schumann, and Bros. Charles Chilley and Arthur Oswald.

St. Albans Lodge (No. 29).—This ancient lodge held its installation meeting at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Monday, the 12th instant, when there was a good attendance of members and visitors. The members included Bros. F. Burgess, P.G. Stwd., W.M.; H. Langridge, P.G. Stwd., S.W.; P. Waterlow, J.W.; Edward

Terry, P.G. Treas., Treasurer; S. W. Nutt, P.G. Stwd., P.M., Sec.; G. A. Pickering, S.D.; Nelson Reed, P.M., J.D.; De L. Cohen, I.G.; J. W. Green, P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. Col. James Peters, P.G.S.B.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; H. Percy Monckton, 1827; Ambrose Austin, 1359; Geo. Langridge, P.P.G. Reg. Kent; J. Fernandez, W.M. elect 2127; H. T. Madge, P.M. 1987; J. C. Dent, 176; Col. H. Weatherly, 71; J. Kershaw, 2128; and W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. H. Langridge was presented as W.M. elect, and duly installed by Bro. F. Burgess, the retiring Master. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. P. Waterlow, S.W.; G. A. Pickering, J.W.; Edward Terry, P.G. Treas., Treasurer; S. W. Nutt, P.G. Stwd., Sec.; Nelson Reed, P.M., S.D.; De L. Cohen, J.D.; and Emden, I.G. Bro. F. Burgess, I.P.M., completed a very effective rendering of the installation ceremony by delivering the usual addresses.

Routine business having been transacted, the lodge was closed, and an excellent banquet was afterwards enjoyed. The usual toasts were subsequently heartily proposed and received, the speeches being interspersed with musical selections by Miss Ada Patterson, Miss Amy Martin, and Mr. George Adams.

Bro. Col. Peters, P.G.S.B., returned thanks for "The Grand Officers," and said they one and all did their best to further the interests of Masonry. The purple which he and his worthy Bro. Hogard wore was conferred for services rendered in connection with the Craft, and it would be a great pleasure to find that a member of that lodge was selected for a similar honour. He was sorry not to have arrived in time to see the W.M. installed into the chair he so worthily filled. Every time he visited the lodge there seemed greater unanimity among the members, and the banquet that evening had been, if possible, better than ever.

Bro. F. Burgess, P.G. Stwd., I.P.M., said he approached the next toast with a considerable amount of trepidation. As they were aware, he was suffering from hoarseness, and it was difficult to proceed, so that he hoped they would exercise their forbearance. It had been with the greatest difficulty that he had been able to get through the work, and they would no doubt excuse him from making a long speech. The toast he wished to propose was "The Health, Happiness, and Long Life of the esteemed W.M." It needed no eulogy from him, for Bro. Langridge was well known and endeared to every member for his kindness of heart, generosity, and open heartedness. The W.M. had provided them with a charming musical entertainment, and therefore he (the I.P.M.) could not do better than abbreviate his speech, and afford the artistes an opportunity of displaying their talents.

Bro. H. Langridge, P.G. Stwd., W.M., thanked the I.P.M. and brethren for the cordiality with which the toast had been received, and said that when a brother was called upon to be W.M. of so well known, so old, and so exalted a lodge—for every year they added one to the number of officers of Grand Lodge, and therefore it was an exalted lodge—he could not but feel that he had a great deal to do, and that he should be pleasant and agreeable to all, and show himself to be a Mason and a man. That he might do so was his hope, and at a later date they would be better able to express an opinion than on the present occasion. He thanked them for anticipating what he trusted to prove himself to be.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The I.P.M. and Past Masters," and said he ought to have given a special toast for the I.P.M. as Installing Master, for when one went to the enormous pains and trouble the I.P.M. had done he deserved a special recognition, but Bro. Burgess, with the humility always associated with intelligence and kindness, had said he did not want more speechmaking than he could help. It was absolutely necessary in giving the toast of the Past Masters to specially couple the name of Bro. Burgess, who had well earned from every member the utmost praise. He could not but give the I.P.M. his personal expression of opinion that he had done all he could to advance the lodge in its working, and had at all times sacrificed his personal comfort for its welfare.

Bro. F. Burgess, P.G. Stwd., I.P.M., in reply, said he had but few words in which to express his gratitude for the kindly remarks made, although he was afraid he was not worthy of them. He had endeavoured during his year to fulfil his task to the best of his ability, and he trusted he had partially succeeded in doing it to their satisfaction. It had been a labour of love, and he only wished a greater portion of work had fallen to his lot. He had to return them the thanks of the P.M.'s for the kindly manner in which the toast had been received.

Bro. J. Fernandez, W.M. elect Drury Lane Lodge, replying for "The Visitors," said he thought it best to copy the W.M., and at once rise on the spur of gratitude to return thanks. On behalf of the visitors he thanked the brethren for the compliment paid them and for the warmth and cordiality of their fraternal greetings. He echoed the thoughts of all in saying they felt delighted and gratified to be present, and so delighted were they that they would carry away such pleasant recollections of the admirable working of the lodge. He thanked the I.P.M., to whom he owed his presence that evening, and must say that he was prepared to see some excellent working on Bro. Burgess's part, for he knew how well he performed everything he undertook, but his expectations were surpassed. The I.P.M.'s work was admirable, and was a lesson for him (Bro. Fernandez) to try and do as well. Recollection and anticipation filled up the whole of their being, and one of the more pleasant among his Masonic recollections would be the pleasant time he had spent in the St. Albans Lodge, and one of his eager anticipations would be of the time when he should again be their guest.

Bro. P. Waterlow, S.W., speaking on behalf of "The Officer," said they would do all in their power to make the W.M.'s year as brilliant as possible. The splendid working which the I.P.M. had set them must be an incentive to all to endeavour to do that portion which fell to their lot as well as their power could attain to. He believed that every brother who entered Masonry should have an ambition in front of him, and if that ambition—as Colonel Peters had remarked—should be to become a member of the purple, he should endeavour to do all he could in whatever branch of Masonry to attain such qualifications as might induce those at the head of Grand Lodge to appoint him.

The Tyler's toast then closed a very pleasant and enjoyable evening.

Old Concord Lodge (No. 172).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when Bro. Robert Steele, S.W., W.M. elect, was most ably installed by Bro. Carl Fleck, the outgoing Master. The W.M. then invested in faultless style the following officers: Bros. Fleck, I.P.M.; Evans, S.W.; Sykes, J.W.; Hancock, Treas.; King, P.M., Sec.; Hunt, S.D.; Street, J.D.; Jordan I.G.; Stedman, P.M., O.g.; Barrett, Stwd.; and Couchman, Tyler. Other lodge business being ended, the brethren adjourned to Holborn Restaurant, where 117 partook of an excellent banquet.

In proposing "The Queen," the W.M., Bro. Steele, said that that toast was always enthusiastically received by Englishmen, particularly Masons. They all hoped that her Majesty would long be preserved to rule over them.

In proposing "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," the W.M. said that the Craft was very fortunate in having such an able ruler, one who was always ready to do such splendid work for the cause.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The D.G.M., the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." He referred in feeling terms to the death of the Earl of Carnarvon last year. He said the Grand Officers ably did their duty. He was sorry he had been disappointed, and had no Grand Officer present to respond.

Bro. Fleck, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M., Bro. Steele," said that the lodge had done very well in electing so able a brother to fill the chair. He had watched his very careful and earnest work as an officer, and was sure he would do the work as well as any of the able Masons who had before occupied the chair.

Bro. Steele, W.M., said he was most delighted to be able to fill that position. It was a proud day for him. He should do his very best to deserve the confidence placed in him, and be a credit to the lodge.

In proposing "The Visitors," the W.M. said that they were very pleased at all times to have visitors present, and were particularly honoured by the 40 present that evening. The visitors were always welcomed, and he trusted they were satisfied with what they saw.

Bro. F. Hilton, P.M. Peckham Lodge, in response, said that it was not the first time he had been a visitor, and he trusted that it would not be the last. He met there many who were well known to him commercially as well as Masonically. He never failed to enjoy himself when he came there. They had seen excellent working that evening, and were proud of the same. He always had an excellent banquet when he attended there, for the hospitality of the lodge was very well known. In addition, the lodge had a speciality in always providing an excellent program of music at each meeting. He hoped the lodge would still flourish as it had done in the past.

Bros. Pilditch and Butt also responded.

In proposing "The I.P.M.," Bro. Steele, W.M., said that they had had a most able Master in Bro. C. Fleck, and one of whom they were proud. He had great pleasure in pinning on his coat the jewel of I.P.M., which had been presented to him by the lodge. He hoped he might very long wear it.

Bro. C. Fleck responded, thanking the brethren for their confidence in him. He was glad to see the very substantial balance at the bankers had been increased during the past year.

Bro. King, P.M., Sec., responded to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary."

Bro. Dottridge, P.M., responded for "The Past Masters."

Bros. Evans, S.W.; Sykes, J.W.; Street, J.D.; and Barrett, Stwd., responded for "The Officers."

The Tyler's toast closed a meeting that was in every respect a success.

A capital programme of music, under the direction of Bro. Stedman, P.M., Sec., was performed by Miss Edith Winn, Master Warwick Major, and Bros. Chilley, Egbert Roberts, Victor Buzian, and Mr. Peskett.

The following were among the visitors present: Bros. F. Hilton, P.M.; Pilditch, P.M.; Butt, P.M.; Donaldson, Treas., 1963; Folkard, J.W. 2345; Woods, Sec. 2345; Lyell, Stwd. 2345; Roberts, 1614; Humphrey, Bowley, Lasky, and others.

Wellington Lodge (No. 548).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the White Swan Hotel, Deptford, on the 13th inst., when a large gathering of brethren assembled on the occasion of the installation of Bro. F. W. Hancock. In addition to the members of the lodge, the following visitors were present: Bros. H. Nuding, W.M. 1924; Hattersley, P.M. 2262; Youldon, P.M. 1981; Wingham, P.M. 25; Lancaster, P.M. 534; James, P.M. 957; Johnson, S.D. 169; Edwards, 217; London, Union of Malta Lodge; Howlett, 929; Fryer, 1624; Frost, 1728; Hanson, 1706; and Kempton, 1706.

The lodge having been opened, the balance-sheet was submitted, which showed the lodge to be in a very flourishing condition. The W.M., Bro. Youldon, P.M., then very ably installed Bro. F. W. Hancock as W.M. for the ensuing year. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. J. Smith, S.W.; E. W. Hathersich, J.W.; J. J. West, P.M., Treas.; G. Newall, P.M., Sec.; C. Atkins, S.D.; J. Macgregor, J.D.; W. Rimington, I.G.; T. G. Higgins, D.C.; F. H. Wybourn, Stwd.; and Goddard, Tyler. The lodge was then closed, and a banquet followed.

Eclectic Lodge (No. 1201).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 9th inst., when the following brethren were present: Bros. Chauffourier, W.M.; R. H. Lyon, S.W.; Surridge, S.W.; J. Mander, P.M., Treas.; A. E. Taylor, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks. Surrey, Sec.; Le Y. Durell Anley, S.D.; H. P. Anley, I.G.; R. Jourden, D.C.; C. J. Richardson, P.M., Org.; J. Leach Barrett, I.P.M.; J. H. Watts, P.M.; A. T. Foreman, P.M.; G. W. Saul, P.M.; J. Amsden, P.M.; W. H. Munday, P.M.; M. Boutroy, P.M.; Dr. S. Lloyd, P.M.; R. J. Goldspink, P.M.; W. Parker, P.M.; W. H. Paddle, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Surrey; R. Glasspool, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Hants and Isle of Wight; F. Pedlar, J. Bowden, A. A. Almeida, J. D. Frölich, S. H. Lloyd, R. E. Baker, J. R. Davis, W. Faulkner, Jas. Wright, and H. J. Pellatt. Visitors: Bros. J. R. Johnson, D.G.M. India, S.C.; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br.; Lee, 2309; A. J. Lane, 704; E. Mitchell, 1275; G. Mullen, 332; J. R. Gartley, P.M. 295; Chief Kofi Assam, 773; J. V. Green, P.M. 1687; J. N. Frye, P.M. 1694; J. Ramsay,

P.M. 163; T. Steer, 1287; W. Lincoln, S.W. 534; S. Cooper, P.M. 1647; G. Rawle, P.M. 1685; T. C. Allengaim, 858; Frank Langdon, S.W. 214; F. Southernland, P.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge; J. H. Pasmore, 2205; R. P. Stevens, 901; W. Omney, I.P.M. 1296; J. Moor, 813; J. W. Norris, 733; and E. Whitworth, 704.

The lodge being opened, the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee adopted, the ballot was taken for Messrs. Wm. Faulkner, James Wright, and Arthur George Theobald, who were afterwards duly initiated. Bros. Almeida and Bowden were raised to the Third Degree. Bro. Captain Ralph Harvey Lyon, S.W., being presented, was installed in the chair of K.S., and appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Surridge, S.W.; Le Y. D. Anley, J.W.; J. Mander, P.M., Treas.; Arthur E. Taylor, P.M., Sec.; Haworth (by deputy), S.D.; H. P. Anley, J.D.; Jourden, I.G.; C. J. Richardson, P.M., Org.; Dr. S. Lloyd, P.M., D.C.; Reside, A.D.C.; W. H. Munday, P.M., and W. Parker, P.M., Stwds.; and Potter, Tyler. The ceremonies were worked in a most able and impressive manner by Bro. C. H. Chaufourier. Bro. Johnson, Deputy Grand Master (S.C.), India, who, on entering the lodge as a visitor was saluted according to his rank, was elected an honorary member. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M., and a Past Master's collar and jewel to Bro. J. Leach Barrett.

The proposition of a gentleman for initiation at the next meeting brought the arduous labours of the evening to a close, and after something like four hours continuous work the brethren were quite ready for, and did ample justice to, the banquet prepared for them in the adjoining establishment.

Great Northern Lodge (No. 1287).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 15th inst., when members and visitors attended to the number of about 105 to celebrate its coming of age. The former included Bros. J. Paul, W.M.; H. Bell, S.W.; Rev. J. H. Rose, Chap.; S. Webb, P.M., Treas.; F. Osborne, S.D.; C. Kempton, P.M., D. of C.; J. Baston, I.G.; T. Owen, P.M.; R. Cane, P.M.; H. J. Reid, P.M.; J. B. Lancaster, P.M.; J. Elgar, P.M.; J. Hemming, P.M.; E. Lancaster, P.M.; P. J. Jupe, P.M.; James Terry, P.G. Sword Bearer, Sec. R.M. Benevolent Institution; and many others. Visitors: Bros. R. C. Wilson, J.D. 766; H. Needing, P.M. 140; C. Luckwood, 1679; B. Stone, P.M. 65; R. A. Bradshaw, 1802; W. Jordan, 1708; J. H. Marsh, 1892; C. J. Turner, P.M. 157; J. Avery, P.W. 511; W. E. Wellby, J.W. 538; H. Massey, P.M. 619; C. Lloyd, 1141; M. T. Tuck, J.W. 1343; C. F. Benneritz, 2030; A. Portway, P.M. 1769; R. S. Richeter, 1706; H. H. Nuding, W.M. 1924; C. Wheeler, 1329; K. H. Paul, P.W. 197; P.G.S.; W. Lloyd, W.M. 145; H. T. Rouchetti, 1687; J. M. Cabe, 1200; W. Baker, 2205; A. Flint, 2012; E. H. Gale Crowdy, W.M. 2317; W. Parker, P.M. 1851; G. A. Fletcher, P.M. 186; J. H. Rutnerington, J.D. 1648; F. Bevan; W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381; and others.

Lodge being opened, and the minutes confirmed, Messrs. G. Scarman and W. Northam were impressively initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. Henry Bell was then installed into the chair as W.M. by Bro. J. Paul, and invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. Flint, S.W.; F. Osborne, J.W.; Rev. J. R. Rose, Chap.; S. Webb, P.M., Treas.; W. Cleghorn, P.M., Sec.; G. Ridout, S.D.; J. Baston, J.D.; C. Kempton, P.M., D.C.; J. C. Smith, P.M., Org.; C. Davis, I.G.; H. T. Reid, P.M., Steward; Doughty, A.D.C.; and J. Rawles, Tyler. An able rendering of the addresses by the Installing Master, Bro. Paul, I.P.M., and the adoption of a highly satisfactory Auditors' report concluded the business of the lodge.

The brethren afterwards assembled in the Crown Room, Freemasons' Tavern, where an excellent banquet was enjoyed, and the usual toasts honoured.

Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., replying for "The Grand Officers," said that when the W.M. spoke of the late Earl of Carnarvon he was speaking of as good and true a man as it was possible to know, and one who did more to cement the bonds of Masonry than any man who had lived during the past 100 years. In Australia the late Pro Grand Master cemented the District Grand Lodges into one Grand Lodge, and they all owed him a debt of gratitude for such a splendid task. On behalf of the Grand Officers he thanked them for the compliment paid that body, and hoped that that lodge, which that night celebrated its coming of age, would have a long and prosperous career in the future, and at its centenary meeting might the recollections of its 21st anniversary be regarded in such a way that it would give the brethren of the lodge the impression that the founders were not unmindful of the duties devolving upon them, and that they carried them out in a proper manner.

Bro. J. Paul, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said that Bro. Bell in undertaking the duties of the 22nd Master would do his utmost to uphold the good name and good working of the lodge. The W.M. was a regular attendant at the lodge of instruction, which was the proper school where the working of Freemasonry was learned, and had met with his due reward in being installed as the W.M. of their lodge. He (the I.P.M.) appreciated a similar honour a year ago, and that evening he appreciated the honour of installing such a good Mason into the chair. If a Mason attended regularly at lodges of instruction and took an interest in the ritual they knew he would prove himself a good Mason. Bro. Bell had done all that, and the members would be pleased with his working.

Bro. H. Bell, W.M., in reply said the events of the evening had served to remind him of a good many years ago when a boy stepped up to receive his first good conduct prize. He was that little boy, and he remembered with what feelings of awe and proud satisfaction he stepped up to the chair to receive the coveted distinction conferred upon him, but he never knew why he had been successful beyond the fact that he had done the best he could. On the present occasion the boy was reflected in the man, for as he stood there, some feelings which thrilled him then now somewhat filled his breast, and he felt that the honour received was altogether beyond his merits. He, however, undertook, and was determined as previously to do all that lay in his power to enhance the reputation of his school and his lodge. He remembered the kindly assistance and instruction he received from his masters, and he had to thank the Past Masters for all the kindly help he had received from them. He had also to thank Bro. Paul and the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had drunk

his health, and which reminded him of the flattering approval of his masters and the applause of his fellow scholars in those happy by-gone days.

"The Initiates" was next cordially given, and responded to by Bros. Scarman and Northam.

The Worshipful Master then said he had to perform a little ceremony, which he sincerely wished was placed in more able hands. It would be within the recollection of every brother present at the November meeting that Bro. Steer proposed, the J.W. seconded, and it was resolved unanimously that the founders should be decorated. The two months that had elapsed had been used in preparing the two handsome jewels which he proposed to pin on the breasts of Bros. Webb, P.M., and Reid, P.M. He would call the attention of the brethren to the fact that those two brethren were the only remaining founders, and he did not know of any function in Freemasonry which had given him greater or more genuine pleasure than to be the channel through which those gifts were to pass. They were celebrating the coming of age of the lodge, and the past 21 years had seen Bros. Webb and Reid, month in and month out, constantly in attendance, always ready and willing to bring their great experience to bear for the interests of the lodge, and ever watchful that the child which they had brought into the world should continue in the paths of virtue, and should be efficiently brought up. The lodge figuratively shook Bros. Webb and Reid by the hand, and wished them long life, prosperity, and many years to be with the lodge, and when the time came for those two worthy brethren to give up the gavel, he felt sure that St. Peter, who keeps the keys, would not refuse them admittance into the Grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for ever. They would be pleased to hear a few words from Bro. James Terry, who performed the ceremony of consecration 21 years ago.

Bro. H. T. Reid, P.M., having returned thanks, said he had no hesitation in saying that the jewel given to him and the cordial greeting he had received would go a long way towards colouring the rest of his life a little brighter. He believed his steps in life, after that compliment, would be a little lighter, and he thought that in all probability he should be a little prouder. For the very kind way in which the W.M. had spoken of them, he thought he ought to give some return, and the return he had to offer was to advise any brother who, for his future happiness, was desirous of doing something that would bring comfort to him in middle age, he did not mind whispering that the best thing he could do if, anticipating a return, was to found a lodge. He was happy to say that, having been a constant attendant at the lodge for 21 years, the whole of his experience had left him without a single regret. He certainly had one regret, which was that someone else who helped to form the lodge, and whom they loved very sincerely, had gone from them. Any man might well be proud to have helped in founding such an institution as that lodge, which was stalwart in its growth and with broad shoulders, but, not only that, it was a lodge with good manners and good credit. Reasonably they were proud of such a lodge, for Masonry was practised in its pure form, and the Charities had benefited by hundreds of pounds. The contemplation of the jewel presented to him would do something towards making him happier all his life, and would remind him of the 21 years of happy Masonry he had spent in the lodge.

Bro. S. Webb, P.M., Treas., also replied, and said the founders had always endeavoured to the best of their ability to maintain the honour and dignity of the lodge. The lodge was established by Bro. Reid and himself, and his colleagues were initiated by him whilst Master of the Confidence Lodge, No. 193. He hoped the lodge would go on and prosper for the next 21 years as well as it had during the past term. There could be no doubt in the mind of any brother present that the lodge had succeeded, and was in a good financial condition. He was most anxious that the general prosperity should be maintained. He thanked them very much for the jewel, which he should consider a memento as long as he lived. It would not be long before he proposed a resolution to give more money to the Charities. They had always given 5 per cent. from their receipts, but he hoped they would give 10 per cent. They were Vice-Presidents of all the Institutions, but he trusted that before 10 years had passed they would be Presidents.

Bro. J. Terry, P.G.S.B., having responded, "The Installing and Immediate Past Master" was proposed by the Worshipful Master, who remarked that the work of Bro. Paul, I.P.M., had been so recently in evidence that it would be impossible to say anything to enhance their good opinion of him. During Bro. Paul's Mastership they had had a good year, and a most successful financial year of the lodge. The I.P.M. had presided in an amiable manner, with a quiet dignity, and an unmistakable desire to make them happy. It therefore afforded him (the W.M.) great pleasure to pin the Past Master's jewel upon Bro. Paul's breast, and to express the wish that he would long be spared to give them the benefit of his great experience.

Bro. J. Paul, I.P.M., said that date would always be a red-letter day in his memory. He felt he had arrived at the acme of his profession, and had attained the highest position in the lodge, and he was gratified to hear he had performed his duties to their satisfaction. He had done his best, as he promised, for the interests of the lodge, and if anything more was expected or desired, he was willing to fulfil any office required.

"The Visitors" was acknowledged by Bros. Paul, Lloyd, Nuding, and Stone, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Under the direction of Bro. J. C. Smith, P.M., Organist, an excellent programme of music was carried out by Bros. F. Bevan, W. Lloyd, S. Webb, P.M., Peck, Shuter, and others.

Emblematic Lodge (No. 1321).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. Bro. J. H. Price, W.M., presided, and was supported by, among others, Bros. F. J. Potter, S.W. and W.M. elect; W. G. Kent, J.W.; and H. Esling, I.P.M.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. F. J. Potter was then installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being very ably and creditably performed by Bro. J. H. Price. The newly-installed W.M. then presented Bro. Price with a handsome Past Master's jewel, and, in doing so, gracefully alluded to the very valuable services of Bro. Price to the lodge, and

the success of his year of office. The W.M. then invested the following as his officers for the year: Bros. W. G. Kent, S.W.; W. J. Harris, J.W.; W. B. Fendick, P.M., Treas.; R. G. Cooper, P.M., Sec.; G. E. Grimes, S.D.; J. Wheatcroft, J.D.; W. O. Welsford, D.C.; J. Howell and J. Evans, A.D.C.'s; T. M. Clark, Org.; A. A. Barnes, I.G.; H. Matthews and E. L. Berry, Stwds.; and G. Austin, Tyler. The Audit Committee's report was received and adopted, after which the lodge was closed.

The brethren then partook of an excellent banquet, among the visitors sitting down being Bros. J. P. Fitzgerald, 2168; H. Luff, 1624; W. Weston, 1624; J. E. Burman, 1572; C. Hurter, 2150; W. Thomas, 2045; W. H. Rice, 2269; D. A. Mostyn, 2168; S. A. Caldwell, 1489; J. W. Sparrow, 1489; A. E. Towers, 15; A. Lundie, 1381; W. M. Mead, 1805; J. D. Hunt, 15; W. J. Goode, 2096; R. Bird, 869; C. Butcher, 1728; J. Greenway, 1310; J. G. Churchill, 1507; W. Fowler, 1728; W. Hamlyn, 1622; W. W. Fletcher, 1365; H. Marks, 1349; A. Edwards, 2148; H. Tildesley, 1585; F. T. Ridpath, 1790 and 2096; E. Stimson, 15; W. Truman, 957; J. Hopps, 1900; R. P. J. Laundry, 2309; J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B.; A. Freeman, 1614; Wm. T. Massey, 160 and 1928; F. Smith, 1963; S. A. Cooper, 1637; R. D. Cummings, 2168; R. W. Steggles, 1987; R. P. Stevens, 901; and N. Robinson.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Queen and the Craft."

In proposing the second toast, that of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," the W.M. said he ventured to think that the success of Freemasonry was in a great measure due to the interest his Royal Highness took in the Craft, and he had done probably more than anybody else for the good of the Craft.

The toast having been enthusiastically received,

The Worshipful Master rose to propose "The Health of the D.G.M., the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." He said they all knew what they owed to the Grand Officers, and the valuable assistance they always rendered to them, and of their willingness to come amongst them whenever it was possible. He had hoped that evening to have seen Bros. Edward Terry, P.G. Treas.; Augustus Harris, G. Treas.; and George Everett, G. Treas. nominate, but those brethren were unable to be present.

In proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," Bro. J. H. Price, I.P.M., said he was sure that everybody who was associated with Bro. Potter in Masonry and in daily life loved him, and they were delighted to see him in the position in which he was that night. They all hoped that he might have health and strength to perform the duties of that office; if he had health he would perform his duties in the right way. The W.M.'s geniality, kindness, and courtesy must have been felt by everyone, and it needed no words of his (Bro. Price) to tell them that they were only doing an honour which was due to the W.M. in electing him to that position. The W.M. saw his way through his duties, and Bro. Price concluded by saying he hoped he should have the privilege of seeing the W.M. do the duties of his office during the year.

In responding, the Worshipful Master thanked the I.P.M. most sincerely for the way he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had received it. They had heard so much of his voice that evening that he would not trouble them with a long speech, for if he were to speak for a week he could not tell them how grateful he was for their kindness to him. In putting him in that position, the only assurance he could give them was that he would do his best; he could not do more.

"The I.P.M. and Installing Master" was the next toast. The W.M. said, in proposing it, that he wished it could be proposed by someone much more qualified to give the honour to it which was due. If the I.P.M. would excuse him in saying so, he thought Bro. Price had fairly excelled himself during his year. For his valuable services he (the W.M.) had the great pleasure of presenting to the I.P.M. a second jewel which had been unanimously voted by the brethren. Bro. Price would have the satisfaction of knowing that the jewel had been given him for services well rendered. He deserved it, and as long as he lived, and all hoped he would live many years, he would have the satisfaction of saying he deserved it, he prized and honoured it.

Bro. Price said he hardly knew how to reply in any adequate form for the kind way the toast had been proposed and received. His feelings at that moment were those of sincere gratefulness, and when he said the lodge had worked as one he was sure he was speaking the truth. Bro. Price alluded to the consecration of the Emblematic Chapter, for which they had now 25 or 26 exaltees. He must admit he had done but his duty. He undertook to do his best, and conscientiously he had done it according to his capabilities, said he was pleased to leave the chair with the good opinion of the brethren.

The toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. said, was one which was always well received in the Emblematic Lodge. They were always pleased to see them, and liked to see them more often round their board.

Bros. J. P. Fitzgerald, William Thomas, Cummings, Stevens, Nathan Robinson, Stimson, Butcher, Cooper, Mostyn, and Chas. Hurter responded.

In proposing the toast of "The Masonic Charities," the W.M. said it was not mentioned in the lodge that he had undertaken to go up at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys as Steward. He wished to say the Institution required funds very badly. He asked the brethren to give as much as they could, so that the Emblematic Lodge should be in no way behind in representing the Charities.

Bro. McLeod, the Secretary of the R.M.I. for Boys, in a very able and forcible speech, dwelt on the good the Institution was doing and of its present wants. He urged the brethren to give freely, so that the Institution might wipe off arrears and begin anew.

The toast of "The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary," was responded to by Bro. Fendick, Treas., and Bro. Ingfield, P.M.

Bro. W. G. Kent, S.W., responded to the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge," proposed by the W.M., and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

The following ladies and gentlemen having kindly tendered their valuable services appeared during the evening: Mr. Frank Percival, Bro. Howard Reynolds, Bro. Harry Freeman, Mr. Paul de Lara, Mr. Giles, Mr. Dudley Causton, Mr. Norman Appleton, Miss St. Quinten, Miss Marie Le Blanc, Mr. Theodore Distin, and Bro. W. J. Harris, J.W.

Kennington Lodge (No. 1381).—This lodge met at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 6th inst. Among those present were Bros. W. W. Westley, W.M.; J. La Feuille, S.W.; Dennis, J.W.; George Everett, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Lundie, S.D.; Meham, I.G.; Foalè, I.P.M.; Henry Higgins, P.M.; Capt. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W.; Cockburn, P.M.; R. La Feuille, P.M.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Springthorp, A. Williams, and Clowes were raised to the Third Degree, and Bro. Braddie passed as a F.C. The ballot having been taken, Messrs. H. V. Pyefinch and A. Durie were duly initiated, the whole of the ceremonies being exceedingly well performed by the W.M. Bro. J. La Feuille was unanimously elected W.M.; Bros. G. Everett, Treas.; and Reinardt, Tyler. Bros. Davies, Chisholm, and Springthorp were elected Auditors. A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. Westley. It was resolved—"That this lodge desires to express to Bro. George Everett, P.M. and Treas., its hearty congratulations on his being nominated unopposed to the high office of Grand Treasurer of English Freemasons, and that the same be recorded on the minutes."

The lodge was then closed, and the members and their visitors adjourned to the banquet. Among the latter were Bros. B. Perkins, P.M. 192; H. B. Smith, 72; W. Smith, 72; Phillips, 157; Newton, 186; Hudson, 975; Arnold, 1624; Bott, 1638; and King, 1641.

The banquet was admirably served by Bro. Buxton, the host, and his assistants. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts followed.

In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," the I.P.M. said that Bro. Westley's year of office, now fast drawing to a close, had been a most successful one. They had all seen that day how well the W.M. had carried out the three arduous ceremonies of raising, passing, and initiating without a single hitch.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, modestly said that he had only endeavoured to discharge his duty. He had taken an obligation to that effect, as Masters had done from all time, and therefore personally he could claim no particular praise. However, he appreciated highly the compliment that they had paid him that afternoon in voting him a Past Master's jewel, and he hoped to live long to wear it in the Kennington Lodge.

Other toasts followed.

In giving "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. said that since their last meeting Bro. Everett had been nominated as Grand Treasurer, and he felt confident that no brother was better entitled to such an honour. The members of No. 1381 had again elected Bro. Everett to be their Treasurer, a position which he had filled for many years with credit to himself and to the undoubted advantage of the lodge. Bro. Stuart, the Secretary, was also a very worthy brother, and he (the W.M.) took that opportunity of thanking him for his attention, advice, and assistance during his year of office.

Bro. Everett, in reply, said that in the lodge room he had thanked the brethren for their congratulations and vote, and he would not detain them at that late hour by further expatiating on the signal honour that had been passed upon him by the Craft at large. However, he had to thank them upon the confidence they had placed in him by again electing him to the Treasurership of the lodge, and he was confident that when the balance-sheet was presented to the Audit Committee it would show that he had not neglected his duties.

Bro. Stuart having said a few words, the toast of "The Officers" terminated the proceedings, which were enhanced by the instrumental and vocal contributions of Bros. Burn, Lundie, Davies, Everett, and others.

Islington Lodge (No. 1471).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 8th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when the following officers and brethren were present: Bros. Sidney Napper, W.M.; H. Hunt, I.P.M.; J. M. Scarlett, P.M., Prov. J.G.W. Essex, S.W.; H. B. Harding, J.W.; J. L. Mather, P.M., P.A.G.D.C., Treas.; E. Blinkhorn, P.M., Sec.; C. M. Coxon, S.D.; R. Loomes, J.D.; A. Cox, I.G.; H. S. Trego, Org.; J. A. Blount, Stwd.; G. Couchman, Tyler; H. Cox, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; A. C. Halestrap, P.M.; J. Petch, P.M., Prov. G. Std. Br. Herts.; C. Hiller, W. G. Hiller, E. J. Harrison, C. Isler, E. H. Bury, T. E. Newman, J. Amand, G. Walker, W. Taylor, C. Horst, F. Meyer, E. A. Beer, G. A. Hull, C. Chapman, C. H. Stevenson, D. C. Ritchie, P. Faber, C. Weber, F. W. White, F. Simmonds, A. Fearnhead, G. W. Hooker, and B. Bridgewater. Visitors: Bros. J. E. Powell, 991; W. J. Holmes, 1981; and R. Jourden, U.C. 1201.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bros. Meyer, Bury, and Newman were raised to the Degree of M.M. A ballot having been taken, Messrs. Thomas William Brown and Thomas James Hinton were duly approved and initiated. The election of a W.M. for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, the choice of the brethren proving unanimous in favour of Bro. J. M. Scarlett, S.W., who was declared duly elected. Bro. J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C., was also unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. G. Couchman was re-appointed Tyler of the lodge. An Audit Committee was also appointed. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the W.M., Bro. Napper, in recognition of his services in the chair.

Several letters were read acknowledging assistance given by the lodge, and this concluding the business of the evening, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, after which the usual toasts were given and responded to.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing the toast of "The Visitors," mentioned the name of Bro. J. E. Powell, and said that brother had passed through trying times since he last visited the lodge. He had been shipwrecked on the coast of North Devon, and landed by the rocket apparatus; he was the last to leave the ship, with the exception of the captain. Unfortunately eight lives were lost, and to show the violence of the storm, on the next morning not a vestige of the ship was to be seen.

Bro. Powell was warmly greeted by the brethren, and congratulated on his escape.

Several excellent songs were given during the evening by Bros. Stevenson, Newman, and others.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Leopold Lodge (No. 1571).—This lodge held its installation meeting on Monday, the 12th instant, at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, when the following were present: Bros. Kemble, W.M.; Dormer, S.W.; Morgan, J.W.; Bartlett, P.M., Treas.; Penney, P.M., Sec.; Colley, S.D.; Johns, J.D.; H. Youngman, P.M., Org.; Duffield, P.M., D.C.; Gregory, I.G.; Young, Tyler; Packer, P.M.; Carey, P.M.; Maud, Low, Lee, Meadows, Pummell, Wells, Davey, Hampson, Horwill, Watts, Langford, Skinner, Copper, Elliott, Goad, Tucker, Hermann, Gee, and Presland. Among the visitors were Bros. J. Terry, 228, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; Irons, 1579, P.P.S.G.W.; Beavis, 879, P.P.G.S. Middlesex; Pitt, P.M. 463; Ives, P.M. 1472; Mann, P.M. 144; C. E. Packer, P.M. 862; Harbord, P.M. 901; Loftus, P.M. 1306; Martin, P.M. 879; Thompson, P.M. 742; Rich, S.W. 1524; Smyth, S.W. 1982; Talbot, J.D. 65; Whitehead, Stwd. 1329; Purkis, Stwd. 879; Williams, 228; Hearson, 1185; Hughes, 1306; Mansfield, 871; Bear, 169; Saxby, 879; Parkinson, 879; Phillips, 704; Marrow, 879; and Budd, 101.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. J. T. Dormer was installed as W.M., and afterwards received the congratulations of the brethren, the ceremony of installation being performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. Kemble, in a very able manner. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Kemble, I.P.M.; Morgan, S.W.; Colley, J.W.; Bartlett, P.M., Treas.; Penney, P.M., Sec.; Johns, S.D.; Gregory, J.D.; Duffield, P.M., D.C.; W. F. Packer, P.M., Org.; Davy, I.G.; Watts and Hampson, Stwds.; and Young, Tyler. The ballot having proved satisfactory for Messrs. Martin, Marshall, Morris, Dray, and Davis, they were duly initiated into Freemasonry by the new W.M. in a manner which left little to be desired. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Kemble, P.M., for his services in the chair during the past year, and some other business having been transacted, the W.M. received "Hearty good wishes" from the numerous brethren present, and the lodge was closed.

At the banquet which followed, the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," and "The D.G.M. and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," were duly honoured.

Bro. James Terry, P.M., P.G.S.B., in responding for "The Grand Officers," remarked that they were always ready to give any assistance they could by their presence to any lodge, but from what he had seen of the work during the evening, the Leopold Lodge appeared to need but little help in the way of ceremony, and he wished the W.M. a continuance of the growth of the strength of the lodge with which he had started on his career.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master," was proposed by the I.P.M., who claimed for his successor that support he had himself received in the lodge, for the W.M. had, by his assiduous attendance as Warden, merited the choice of the brethren. The work that evening was an earnest of what the brethren might expect in the future.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, thanked the brethren for the manner in which the toast had been received, and hoped that when his year of office was ended, he would retire with the same good feelings which followed his predecessor.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing the toast of "The Masonic Charities," coupled with the name of Bro. James Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I., mentioned the fact of his approaching Stewardship in aid of that Institution, and claimed the assistance of the brethren in making it successful and well worthy of the lodge.

Bro. James Terry, P.M., Sec. R.M.B.I., in replying, remarked that the W.M. had called attention to the size of the Institution at Croydon, but it should be remembered that the annuitants of the Institution were scattered over the world, and that if a building were to be built to accommodate all the recipients of the Charity, it would have to be very large indeed, and need far more than was at present subscribed to it. He then mentioned several facts in connection with the Charity, and pleaded for all the assistance the brethren could give, so that the number of annuitants might be increased.

The toast of "The Initiates" was responded to by the five newly-initiated brethren; that of "The Installing Master," by Bro. Kemble, P.M.; that of "The Visitors," by Bros. Mann, P.M., Harbord, P.M., Irons, P.M., Thompson, P.M., and Loftus, P.M.; that of "The Past Masters," by Bros. Duffield, P.M., Penney, P.M., Carey, P.M., and Packer, P.M.; and "The Officers," by Bros. Morgan, S.W., and Colley, J.W.

The Tyler's toast brought the evening to a close in the customary way.

During the evening an excellent programme of music was got through, under the direction of Bro. Packer, P.M., by Bros. Horwill, Budd, Johns, Morgan, and Mr. Vincent Ives.

New Cross Lodge (No. 1559).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Portland Hotel, Greenwich, on the 13th inst., Bro. C. N. McIntyre North, W.M., occupying the chair. The lodge having been opened, Bro. Unwin was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., and Messrs. Birshweiler and Gérard were unanimously approved as candidates for initiation.

The brethren having partaken of refreshment, Bro. Jas. Stevens delivered his lecture on "The Ritual and Ceremonial of Freemasonry," and, in giving a brief but comprehensive *resumé* of the condition of Freemasonry prior to the formation of the United Grand Lodge of England, Bro. Stevens disclaimed any authority to speak on the subject, save that of his own 33 years' varied and extensive experience of the working of lodges in different parts of the country, a life-long study of the ritual, a love of the beautiful ceremonial, a determination to preserve the ancient landmarks sacred and inviolate, and to exercise the right which every Master Mason had of protesting in the name of common sense against the omission of words here and there from, and the insertion of so-called grammatical improvements in the ritual, which had been introduced in the course even of his time by well-meaning, but ignorant and incompetent, enthusiasts. The worshipful brother then proceeded with the main portion of the lecture, which consisted of an admirable exposition of the symbolical meaning of the different parts of the ritual of the First Degree, interspersed with many humorous, but kindly, sketches of "Masonry as she is worked" in some lodges, at the same time, step by step, clearly pointing out and explaining by convincing and closely reasoned

argument the seeming inconsistencies which puzzle the beginner, and at the close of an eloquent peroration the brethren were astonished to find that the lecturer had exceeded the allotted time. The W.M., in proposing that a vote of thanks be accorded to Bro. Stevens for his admirable lectures, said he was able to confirm many of the points advanced by the lecturer. The lecture was a proof of the increasing vitality of Freemasonry. Rivals had risen, flourished, and decayed, in spite of their magnificent regalia and show of ceremonies, because they had only appealed to the eye and appetite. Freemasonry had a far surer foundation; some were apt to look only at its social side, others to the mystical and antiquarian aspect, but to the thoughtful majority of its members its ceremonies appealed to the holiest and noblest feelings of the heart, and the able discourse they had listened to that evening could not fail to awaken a responsive echo in the heart of all those who appreciated the beauties of Freemasonry. The lecture had convinced him (the W.M.) of the high importance of the steps taken by Bro. Stevens to enlighten the brethren; he had cast the stone of wisdom and experience into the placid turpitude of the Masonic waters of indifference and apathy, and the impetus would increase in ever-widening circles until the members of every lodge would be eager to avail themselves of the experience of their worthy and esteemed brother. The proposition was seconded by Bro. Faulkner, J.W., and put to the meeting by Bro. Meyer (W.M. elect), and carried unanimously. Bro. Stevens, in thanking the brethren, expressed the great satisfaction he felt at the W.M. having so far recovered from his serious accident as to be able to take the chair that evening, and trusted that the G.A.O.T.U. would preserve his life for many years to come. The Secretary was empowered to write to Bro. Cash, P.M., expressing the sympathy of the brethren at his bereavement, and the lodge was closed.

After the usual refreshment,

The Worshipful Master proposed the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and "The Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

The I.P.M., Bro. Graham, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who briefly responded.

Bro. Snell, in responding on behalf of "The Visitors," thanked the New Cross Lodge for the opportunity afforded them of hearing the admirable and impressive address of Bro. Stevens, and he felt sure that they could not fail to carry away with them a more exalted idea of the duty they owed to the Order to which they were proud to belong.

This being the first meeting of the year, Bro. Boncey produced the "vin d'honneur," and it transpiring that one of his sons would attain his majority this month, the W.M. took the opportunity of expressing (in a manner which would have done no discredit to the eloquence of the I.P.M. or Secretary of the lodge) the respect the brethren felt for Bro. Boncey, and the hope that the son would continue to follow in the footsteps of his worthy father.

Several admirable songs were sung, and Bro. Stevens, by his eloquent rendering of "The Level and the Square" and "For ever and for ever," so intensified the impression made on his audience by his lecture that that impression will not be easily effaced from the memory of those present at the first meeting of the New Cross Lodge in 1891.

London Rifle Brigade Lodge (No. 1962).—The annual meeting of this lodge for the purpose of installing a new W.M. was held on the 16th instant, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, and it was very numerous attended. Bro. Henry Francis Bing, P.M. 1597, P.P.G.D. Middx., W.M., presided, and the Past Masters of the lodge who supported him were Bros. Neville Green, A. McDowall, Tilt, Walker, Walter C. Claridge, and Haig-Brown, and among a long list of visitors was Bro. Cook, of Tokio, District Grand Treasurer of Japan.

After the opening of the lodge, and the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the W.M. installed Bro. J. Geen, S.W. and W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge, and the following brethren were appointed and invested his officers:—Bros. H. F. Bing, I.P.M.; Geo. Gregory, S.W.; H. H. Nuding, J.W.; A. McDowall, P.M., Treas.; W. C. Claridge, P.M., Sec.; W. G. Lowe, S.D.; C. Stein, J.D.; H. L. Thomas, I.G.; A. Haig-Brown, P.M., D.C.; D. McNish, A.D.C.; S. W. Morris and R. T. Swinscow, Stewards; and J. S. Lackland, Tyler. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M. The report of the Audit Committee, which was highly favourable, was adopted, and the lodge was then closed.

Banquet, served in splendid style, followed, and the usual toasts were honoured in their turn.

Bro. Bing, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," said it did not require many words to introduce it to the brethren, because Bro. Geen had been known to the London Rifle Brigade Lodge for many years, and in the London Rifle Brigade he was known as a good and genial comrade. Since he had joined that lodge they had seen that he was a good Mason. He was the second initiate in the lodge, and he had regularly passed through the various offices until he had attained to his present position, which had been the ambition of his Masonic life. The brethren would see really good work from him. If they wanted him to show his capabilities they should bring him work to do. He was sure it would be turned out in workmanlike style.

The Worshipful Master, in response to the toast, said he had looked forward with pleasure and pride to occupy the chair of W.M., which they had honoured him by placing him in, and he should feel great pride in presiding over the brethren for the coming year. He had known many of the brethren for a long period. He would do his very best to fulfil his duties properly during the year, and if he performed his work as well as the I.P.M. he should be satisfied with himself.

The Worshipful Master, in giving "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," observed that, as he said before, the I.P.M. had honourably earned his laurels. He had gone through his year of office in a highly satisfactory manner, to the great credit of himself and the satisfaction of the brethren generally. In no case did he know where the Past Master's jewel was more merited or more heartily accorded. In that sentiment a good deal was summed up: it meant that Bro. Bing had done his duty well and faithfully. It was no slight matter to fulfil the duty of W.M. in a lodge like the London Rifle Brigade Lodge. Bro. Bing had earned the undying esteem of every member of the lodge. No greater reward could a man desire to achieve.

Bro. Bing, in reply, said while he occupied the chair he had only done what was the duty of every Master, as it was of every member of any association, to do the best he

could for it. He ought to feel contented, as the brethren were satisfied with him. Still, he fancied he had his feelings, as every man had. People were not always in the same favourable state of health, and the performance of their duties frequently suffered on that account. But he did what he could towards upholding the reputation of the London Rifle Brigade Lodge, and caused it to be looked up to in Masonry. It was only 10 years old, and yet it had done a great deal. His predecessors in the chair had effected much, and he had tried to emulate their example. Now that he had passed the chair, he would be only too pleased to go on working for the lodge, and assisting in any way the junior officers who might require it. He should look with pride on the Past Master's jewel they had kindly voted to him, as it was a cementing of many friendships formed before he was a Mason. There were friendships which had been cemented in the lodge, some of them of 30 years, others of 20 years' standing.

Bro. Cook, of Tokio, replying to the toast of "The Visitors," said he supposed he was the only brother in the room who had come from so long a distance. He had been invited to that hospitable lodge, and he considered it a very great favour, not only because it gave him a chance of seeing how the lodges were worked in England, but also of assisting in the installation of Bro. Geen. About this time last year he assisted in such a ceremony with a member of Bro. Geen's family in Kobe. On behalf of the brethren in Japan and district, and of the Lodge of the Rising Sun at Kobe, of which he was Treasurer, he returned the Master and brethren of the London Rifle Brigade Lodge his best thanks. If any of the brethren should happen at any time to be out there he might not perhaps be able to give them such a grand banquet as they had just partaken of, but they would receive the right hand of fellowship and a hearty welcome. He wished all the brethren a happy and prosperous New Year.

Bros. Cowell, Beddall, Dehane, Carpmal, and Kirby also replied.

Bros. Neville Green and Tilt replied to the toast of "The P.M.'s," and Bros. McDowall and Claridge to that of "The Treasurer and Secretary."

The W.M. made a forcible appeal on behalf of the Charities, and subsequently gave the toast of "The Officers."

This was responded to by the Senior and Junior Wardens, and Bro. Lackland having given the Tyler's toast, the proceedings terminated.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BATTLE.

Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. W. A. Raper, W.M.; J. B. Foster, S.W.; J. W. Pepper, J.W.; the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, D.D., P.M., P.G.C., G. Chap., Chap.; H. G. F. Wells, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; R. Hughes, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; George Smith, as S.D.; T. W. Avis, J.D.; W. T. Jordan, P.M., D.C.; F. W. Hotham, I.G.; W. J. Newman, Tyler; R. T. Davison, M.D., I.P.M.; W. Lamborn, P.M., P.P.G.P.; W. C. Till, C. Martin, J. Chance, C. J. Honisett, J. Bellchamber, J. Hodson, L. F. St. John, F. E. Towner, and others. Visitors: Bros. F. C. Edwards, W.M., W. S. Allen, I.P.M., H. Boyce, and H. J. Russell, all of 40; and F. Duke, 1842.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. F. E. Towner was passed to the Degree of F.C., the ceremony being performed by the W.M., Bro. Raper, in his usual excellent manner. The explanation of the second tracing board was given by Bro. W. T. Jordan, P.M., in an exceedingly lucid and impressive style, and the charge was delivered by Bro. J. B. Foster in a manner which showed that he is well prepared for the duties of a higher position. A very pleasing incident occurred in the course of the evening—the presentation to the lodge by Bro. W. Lamborn, P.M., P.P.G.P. (one of the founders of the lodge), of a large coloured photograph of himself, very elegantly and appropriately framed. Bro. Lamborn, in making the presentation, reviewed the early history of the lodge and its subsequent prosperity, and regretfully alluded to the many worthy brethren who had assisted at its consecration, and who had now passed away to the majority. He concluded a very eloquent and impressive speech by hoping that when he also had gone to the Grand Lodge above, the brethren, in looking upon the picture, would bestow a pleasant thought to his memory. The W.M., on behalf of the lodge, thanked Bro. Lamborn for his suitable present, and earnestly hoped he would be with them in the flesh for many years to come. A candidate having been proposed for initiation, the lodge was closed.

BRADFORD.

Acacia Lodge (No. 2321).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 8th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Darley-street, when there were present Bros. S. A. Auty, P.M., W.M.; A. Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G. D. of C., I.P.M.; E. P. Peterson, as S.W.; J. Niven, J.W.; J. Haigh, P.M., Chap.; C. H. Ellis, Treas.; J. T. Last, Sec.; J. Thornton, S.D.; A. J. Boyle, J.D.; A. Holmes, I.G.; G. Robinson, Org.; G. A. Bailey, P.M., D.C.; T. W. Holmes, P.M., P.P.G.O.; G. Root, Supt. of Works; J. Morton and J. B. Fearnley, Stewards; J. Wilson, P.M., Prov. G. Steward; M. Hayes, R. S. Hird, and J. Hill, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. W. J. Kaye, B.A., P.M. 1522; A. T. Akeroyd, P.M. 1432, P.F.G.D.C. Shropshire; Wm. Oddy, P.M. 387; Wm. Leach, 408; and W. H. F. Schutte, Sec. 2330.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., after which the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. R. S. Hird, which proved in his favour, and he was initiated by Bro. Thos. W. Holmes, P.M., P.P.G.O., the working tools being explained by Bro. Niven, J.W., and the charge delivered by Bro. Bailey, P.M., D.C. The duties of the respective officers were discharged in a very satisfactory manner. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the candidate (Bro. Harris), the ceremony of raising had to be deferred. The annual returns for Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge were presented by the Secretary, and certificates were delivered to several of the brethren who had been initiated in the lodge. A candidate was proposed for initiation, and apologies tendered for the absence of several of the brethren, and after "Hearty good wishes" from the brethren and visitors, the

lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment, and spent a very pleasant evening.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured; and, in responding for "The Visitors," the visiting brethren congratulated the W.M. on the working of the lodge.

Bros. Akeroyd, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Shropshire; Holmes, and Fearnley contributed to the harmony of the evening by their music and songs.

CAMBRIDGE.

Scientific Lodge (No. 88).—The installation meeting of this venerable lodge, which was consecrated in 1754, was held on Monday, the 12th instant, at the Lion Hotel, when there was a large attendance of members and visitors, including Bros. A. H. Moyes, D.P.G.M.; Col. R. T. Caldwell, Grand Superintendent; E. M. Money, G. Stwd.; Rev. T. B. Nichols, P.M.; F. C. Wace (Mayor of Cambridge), P.M.; W. Liddall, P.M. 157; the Worshipful Masters of the five lodges in the Province of Cambridgeshire; and many others from various parts of the county. About 70 brethren were present.

The lodge having been opened, the outgoing W.M., Bro. W. Purchas, passed Bros. Morley, Ransom, Bunning, and Allsop to the Second Degree, and then proceeded to install Bro. Frank Piggott, P.P.G.S.B., S.W., in the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year, which ceremony was performed in an efficient manner. The charges were delivered by Bro. A. H. Moyes, D.P.G.M. The following officers were appointed and invested in appropriate terms: Bros. W. Purchas, P.P.G. Reg., I.P.M.; W. P. Spalding, P.P.G.S. of W., S.W.; W. B. Redfern, P.P.G.P., J.W.; T. Nichols, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Chap.; T. Hunnybun, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; A. E. Chaplin, P.G.S.B., Sec.; C. H. Banham, P.P.G. Stwd., S.D.; J. L. Rutter, J.D.; G. McCallum, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., D.C.; F. Fawcett, Std. Br.; W. James, Org.; B. W. Beales, jun., I.G.; B. W. Beales, sen., P.G. Treas., Stwd.; and C. H. Ellis, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel, the gift of the lodge, was subsequently presented to Bro. W. Purchas, the W.M., thanking him for his many services, and expressing the hope that he might long live to exhibit their present in the lodge. Mr. A. R. Hill was balloted for and elected. A proposal was made to recognise the efficient services of Bro. T. Hunnybun as Treasurer. After "Hearty good wishes" from the various visiting brethren, the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards assembled at banquet, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and responded to, Bro. E. M. Money acknowledging the toast of "The Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past," and Bros. A. H. Moyes and B. W. Beales, sen., responding for "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past."

In the unavoidable absence of Bro. B. Chennell, P.M., who had to leave to catch a train to Newmarket,

Bro. T. Nichols, P.M., gave "The Health of the W.M." in most felicitous terms, and Bro. F. Piggott responded in a happy vein, after which he gave "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. W. Purchas, and the Past Masters of the Lodge," to which the I.P.M. and Bro. E. Hills replied.

Bro. E. Hill, the senior P.M. present, proposed "The Visiting Brethren," and ample responses came from Bros. J. F. Symonds, I.P.M. 441; Whitehead, W.M. 809; W. H. Francis, 859; F. C. Wace, 1492; Rev. T. B. Nichols; and W. Liddall, 157.

"The Newly-passed" (four in number) having been duly toasted,

Bro. C. A. Vinter, P.M. 441, proposed "The Masonic Charities," and Bro. Oliver Papworth, P.M., the Hon. Sec. of the Cambridgeshire Masonic Charities Association, strongly appealed to the brethren of the province to support him in keeping up the province to the standard it had attained.

Bro. W. P. Spalding responded for "The Officers of the Lodge," and a most pleasant evening was closed with the Tyler's toast.

The proceedings were interspersed with songs of an agreeable character by Bros. J. H. Baxter, Rev. T. B. Nichols, W. Purchas, W. James, C. F. Charlton, R. Bullen, and others.

CHINGFORD.

William Shurmur Lodge (No. 2374).—The second meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Royal Forest Hotel, on Tuesday, the 20th inst., when there were nearly one hundred brethren present. Among the visitors were Bros. J. H. Wildash, P.M. 1662; H. Gross, I.P.M. 1314; J. Young, P.M. 1745; Urban Smith, P.D. G. Sec. Argentine; R. Brookman, P.M. 1426; W. Brookman, 1471; B. Jacob, P.M. 1766; J. J. Perkins, S.W. 1278; H. Walter, 217; J. E. Cosham, 217; E. Gray, jun., 2318; H. J. Drane, 2318; Eli Wilson, 1228; and James Bird, 2256. Bros. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., D.P.G.M., G.R., and Lennox Browne, P.P.S.G.W. Essex, were unanimously elected honorary members.

By virtue of dispensation granted by the Prov. G. Master, Bro. Lord Brooke, 12 gentlemen were initiated, they having been unanimously approved at the last meeting. Bros. W. Fortescue, J. Drysdale, H. F. Waring, J. H. L. Bishop, and A. H. Wilson were passed to the Second Degree, and 10 fresh propositions were received for initiation and joining.

A banquet afterwards took place, which was all that could be desired, and reflected great credit upon the hotel management.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured, interspersed with some capital music, vocal and instrumental, by Bros. Young, Banks, Snow, Bishop, and the Epping Forest Glee Union.

The proceedings, which were of a very harmonious and enjoyable character throughout, were then terminated by the Tyler's toast.

CLEVEDON.

Coleridge Lodge (No. 1750).—The installation of Bro. A. F. Rose as W.M. of the above lodge took place on Thursday, the 8th inst., at the Public Hall. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. T. Barnes, P.M., P.S.G.W., and afterwards the newly-installed W.M. proceeded to appoint his officers as follows: Bros. E. G. Rogers, I.P.M.; Col. Montague, S.W.; A. B. Wicken, J.W.; Jupp, Sec.; C. A. Hayman, S.D.; Sawyer, J.D.; Michael H. Clarke, D.C.; D. Charles, I.G.; H. Amos and W. T. Male, Stwds.; and Stephens, Tyler.

The usual banquet at Regent House was attended by about 30 brethren, under the genial presidency of the W.M., and there were visiting brethren from the Agriculture Lodge, No. 1199, and St. Kew Lodge, No. 1222.

The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured, and an excellent spread was provided by Bro. Wickenden, and a very pleasant evening spent.

COWES.

Medina Lodge (No. 35).—The annual meeting of this lodge, which is the oldest lodge in the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and stands 35th in the Register of the Grand Lodge of England, was held on Monday, the 8th inst. Among those present were Bros. H. H. Wheeler, P.M., P.G.S. of W., W.M.; J. Leftwich, I.P.M.; G. F. Werry, S.W.; T. M. Taylor, J.W.; T. W. Faulkner, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; G. A. Mursell, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; J. C. Ains, P.P. D.G.D.C., Reg.; G. W. Day, J.D.; W. H. Bartlett, I.G.; E. Young, Tyler; F. Rutland, P.M., P.P.G.O.; J. H. Dawson, P.M.; A. Perry, I.P.M. 2169; G. Cottell, W. T. Mahy, H. Lashmar, C. Long, F. R. Ransome, G. T. Bartlett, W. J. Shepperd, A. Clarke, John Pirie, F. Osborne, G. Fellows, Joseph Reed, W. Snellgrove, W. H. Halliday, C. Brown, and Hurman Longman. Visitors: Bros. T. Attwood, 76; G. A. Brannon, W.M., C. E. Lock, P.M., J. H. Wavell, P.M., N. Armstrong, H. W. Horan, and W. L. George, of 151; C. W. Hudson, P.M. 315; P.J.G.W. Sussex; R. Loughton, 319; J. S. Ineson, W.M., A. Scott, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., F. Trueman, P.M., F. H. Sheppard, J.W., and R. Cole Norman, Sec., of 551; G. T. Cluett, W.M. 1869; J. Chinchin, S.W., W. H. Brading, S.D., G. Rogers, J.W., James Parke, and G. Groves, I.G., of 2169; J. H. Irving, 223 (S.C.); E. V. Lynam, 140, U.S.A.; H. T. Deacon, W.M. 2169; and A. Hyams, 151.

After the retiring W.M. had ably conducted two initiation ceremonies, the W.M. elect, Bro. Mursell, P.M., P.P. G.D., was installed by Bro. Faulkner, the ceremony being characterised by all the impressiveness with which that veteran Provincial Officer so well knows how to invest his Masonic work. Subsequently a presentation was made to Bro. H. Wheeler as a mark of the appreciation of the lodge of his services, and as he had already received a Past Master's jewel on the conclusion of a similar term of office nine years ago, the article now selected appropriately took the form of the jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning) of a Past Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works. The following is the complete list of the officers of the lodge for the ensuing year: Bros. H. H. Wheeler, P.M., P.G.S. of W., I.P.M.; T. W. Faulkner, P.M., P.P.G.W., Treas.; J. C. Ains, P.M., P.P.D.G.D.C., Sec.; Rev. G. Pickering, P.M., P.P. G.C., Chap.; T. M. Taylor, S.W.; G. Day, J.W.; G. Cottell, S.D.; H. Longman, J.D.; G. Fellows, sen., I.G.; F. Rutland, P.M., M.E.Z., P.P.G.O., Org.; J. Leftwich, P.M., D.C.; W. H. Halliday, A.D.C.; F. Osborne and C. Brown, Stwds.; Wheeler, P.M., Charity Stwd.; and E. Young, Tyler.

After the lodge business, a banquet was served in splendid style at the Gloster Hotel by Host Mursell, which was attended by most of the brethren above mentioned, as well as by Bros. H. C. Damant, P.M.; H. Whyatt, J. Duke, and C. Odell.

The Worshipful Master presided, and submitted the leading loyal and Masonic toasts, which were received with all the honours.

Bro. Damant proposed the toast of "The Prov. Grand Officers," which was responded to by Bros. Wheeler, Scott, Ains, Mursell, Rutland, and Faulkner.

In proposing "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Mursell," Bro. Wheeler bore eloquent testimony to his services to the lodge and Masonry in general. He at the same time presented two handsome portraits of Bros. Mursell and Faulkner to those brethren, which had been voted by the lodge.

The toast and presentations were duly acknowledged. "The Masonic Charities" was proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bros. Faulkner and Wheeler, and nearly £10 was announced as collected for the Charities.

The visiting brethren were welcomed in a toast by the W.M., the compliment being acknowledged by the visitors present.

"The I.P.M. and Installing Master" was proposed by Bro. Ains, and acknowledged by Bros. Wheeler and Faulkner.

Other toasts were "The Secretary and Past Masters," proposed by the W.M., and replied to by Bros. Ains, Leftwich, and Rutland; "The Officers of the Lodge," proposed by the W.M., and acknowledged by those present; and the Tyler's toast.

The enjoyment of the evening was much enhanced by a recitation by Bro. Hudson, and excellent songs by Bros. Clarke, George, Werry, Hyams, Wheeler, Cole, Norman, Longman, and others.

Much regret was expressed at the absence of Bro. A. Barfield, P.M., P.G. Treas., through indisposition, and many London brethren.

GAINSBORO'.

Yarborough Lodge (No. 422).—The installation of the W.M. of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday evening, the 5th instant, brethren being present from Leeds, Lincoln, and other places. Bro. W. Mason was duly installed in the chair by Bro. C. F. Liversidge, Installing Master, and the W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. Wright, I.P.M.; F. J. Sowby, S.W.; C. Shipham, J.W.; Rev. C. E. Laing, Chap.; A. Kirk, P.M., P.Z., Treas. and D.C.; C. F. Liversidge, P.M., P.Z., Sec.; J. F. Johnson, S.D.; B. I. Adlard, J.D.; G. Robinson, P.G.O., Org.; T. Cassan, I.G.; C. E. Laing and R. W. Forrest, Stwds.; and G. Scott, Tyler.

The usual banquet was afterwards held at the Sun Hotel, the W.M., Bro. Mason, presiding, and the customary Masonic toasts were given.

GUERNSEY.

Mariners Lodge (No. 168).—On Wednesday, the 7th inst., being the first regular meeting of this lodge for the year, the installation of the Worshipful Master for the present year took place. The brethren met at the Masonic Temple, Le Marchant-street, under the presidency of Bro. W. H. Foote, W.M. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, the ceremony of installation was proceeded with, when the W.M.

elect, Bro. Rev. H. Millican, was placed in the chair of this good old lodge (its warrant bearing date March 9th, 1784) in the presence of 80 members of the Craft, including 21 Past Masters, being one of the largest assemblies that has ever taken place at these annual gatherings. Amongst those present were the following visitors: Bros. Dr. J. B. Cockburn, P.M., P. Hamel, W.M., H. W. Stickland, P.M., T. C. Royle, P.M., H. Rougier, A. J. Hay, and H. C. Longman, of 84; W. Hilman, W.M., P. Le Page, P.M., F. Weyson, P.M., W. H. Bohn, P.M., T. Pethers, P.M., E. M. Le Huray, P.M., J. Stranger, S.W., W.M. elect, J. D. Robilliard, J.W., and P. Tourtel, I.G., of 243; W. Stranger, W.M., T. W. Palmer, P.M., T. Le Ray, P.M., W. Newberry, P.M., T. R. Ogier, I.G., W. Sutton, and P. Bichard, of 1809; Rev. P. G. U. Pickering, P.M. 35; L. Jones, 292; J. Ford, S.W., W.M. elect 958; G. W. Stone, 1003; and others.

The ceremony of installation was most effectively and impressively performed by Bro. A. C. Quick, P.M., in the unavoidable absence of the I.P.M., who was prevented from being present through a sad domestic bereavement, assisted by the retiring W.M. The W.M. appointed and invested the following as his officers: Bros. R. B. Rowcliffe, S.W.; P. J. Benett, J.W.; A. C. Quick, P.M., Chap.; W. de Jersey, P.M., Treas. (10th time); R. M. Smythson, P.M., Sec. (12th time); M. Le Ray, S.D.; H. E. Marquand, J.D.; W. H. Courtenay, P.M., D.C.; G. Caines, A.D.C.; J. B. Nicholls, Org.; P. Geraghty, I.G.; W. G. Mann and C. Mellish, Stwds.; and E. Biddiscombe, Tyler. Bro. J. B. Nicholls presented the report of the Treasurer's accounts, which showed the lodge to be in a thoroughly prosperous condition. Two candidates were then proposed for initiation. The W.M. thus begins his year of office under most favourable auspices, which we hope will continue to the end.

The business of the evening being ended, the lodge was closed, and the brethren, in company with their guests, then repaired to the banqueting-room, which, with warm hearts and willing hands, had, as usual, been tastefully decorated by the officers of the lodge, the whole producing a most charming effect, which certainly did them credit. Here a most sumptuous repast awaited them.

The loyal toasts were received with musical honours by the assembled brethren.

Then followed several Masonic toasts, viz.: "The Grand Lodge of England," "The Worshipful Master," "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," "The Visitors," and "The Past Masters," the intervals between the toasts being enlivened by singing, &c.; but as the best of friends must part, so must Masons, the brethren therefore drank the last toast, one and all declaring they had never enjoyed themselves better, and with many an expressed wish that good old Mariners might exist to attain another centenary, indeed, one brother was bold enough to hope that he might live to assist at its celebration. So came to an end one of the most enjoyable and harmonious of meetings ever remembered in the lodge.

HAMPTON COURT.

Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—This highly prosperous lodge met at the Greyhound Hotel on the 15th inst., when there were present Bros. R. Eales, P.M., acting W.M.; A. F. Scholding, S.W., W.M. elect; W. Fisher, P.M. 834, J.W.; J. C. Jessett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., Sec.; J. Smith, J.D.; J. W. Clarke, I.G.; R. Kent, Org.; W. Spearing, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; Trotter, A.D.C.; H. Wheatley, P.M., H. Robinson, W. Hopkins, and G. J. Tagg, Stewards; G. Ransford, I.P.M.; Plimsaul, P.M.; and others. Among the visitors were Bros. H. Pritchard, P.G. Treas. Middlesex; Moorman, P.P.G.P. Surrey; Thom, W.M. 2331; Bye, P.M. 1238; Harvey, P.M. 1314; J. N. Frye, P.M. 1694; Norman, J.W. 1658; W. Middleweek, S.D. 1793; Lane, J.D. 2202; J. E. Ruffe, Org. 1793; C. Gammon, 704; Simpson, 957; Griffiths, 1310; Ellis, 1314; Gindee, 1563; Broom, 1658; Iridge, 1733; Dore, 2139; Mason, 2206; J. Gammon, 2331; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Schultza was raised to the Third Degree by the I.P.M. Bro. Scholding having been presented by Bro. Jessett, was ably installed as W.M. by Bro. Ransford, assisted by Bros. Eales as S.W.; W. Fisher as J.W.; Spearing, D.C.; and H. Wheatley, I.G. The following appointments and investitures then took place: Bros. Fisher, S.W.; J. Smith, J.W.; Jessett, Treas.; Capt. Walls, Sec.; J. W. Clarke, S.D.; Robinson, J.D.; Trotter, I.G.; G. Ransford, D.C.; H. Wheatley, P.M.; W. Hopkins, A.D.C.; G. J. Tagg, Cronin, Kent, and C. Wheatley, Stewards; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. The ballot having been taken, Mr. Whicher was duly initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M. In consequence of the sudden death of his youngest child, the I.P.M., Bro. E. Clark, was unable to attend, and a vote of condolence was passed to him, and the presentation of a Past Master's jewel was postponed. A vote of condolence was passed to the widow and family of the late Bro. Inspector Moss, and also to Bro. Superintendent H. J. Jones, P.M., on the death of his wife. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously carried that the honorary membership of the lodge be conferred upon Bro. H. Room, P.G. Sec. Middx. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. J. F. H. Woodward, P.G.S.B.; H. Room, P.G. Sec.; F. C. Frye, L.C.C., P.M. 1642; E. Clark, I.P.M.; T. W. Ockenden, P.M., P.P.G.D.; H. J. Jones, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; and many others. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officer, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary loyal toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. H. Pritchard, P.G. Treas., acknowledged the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

In proposing the toast of "The W.M.," the acting I.P.M. said that, as one of the oldest initiates in the lodge, it afforded him great pleasure to propose the health of Bro. Scholding, who was also an initiate of No. 1512, and who had been installed that day in the chair by him. They had seen how well the W.M. had initiated the candidate that evening, and he believed that he was also capable of performing the other ceremonies equally as well.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said that he was particularly gratified in being placed in the chair that evening by one of his oldest friends. He (the W.M.) had not been many years in the lodge, and therefore he was fortunate in

being so soon elected to the chair. They had lost many members by death and resignation through adverse circumstances, but the lodge was still a very strong one, and, as they had heard that evening, financially prosperous. He hoped to do his duty entirely to their satisfaction, and to leave the chair with the same amount of respect as the I.P.M. had received, and whose absence, through a severe domestic affliction, they all deplored.

"The Installing Officer" followed. In giving the toast the W.M. paid a high compliment to the services of Bro. Ransford.

Bros. Pritchard, J. N. Frye, Harvey, and Thom replied to the toast of "The Visitors." In their respective speeches they more or less eulogised the lodge, its working, and its hospitality.

The remaining toasts, in consequence of the lateness of the hour, were quickly disposed of.

During the evening Bros. J. Ruffe, J. N. Frye, Gammon, and others instrumentally and vocally amused the brethren.

HASTINGS.

Derwent Lodge (No. 40).—A meeting was held on the 12th inst. at the Castle Hotel, when there were present Bros. W. S. Allen, W.M.; F. C. Edwards, S.W.; C. Randell, J.W.; J. Puttick, P.P.G. Chap., Chap.; F. Rossiter, P.P.G.D., Treas.; J. Pearce, Prov. G.S.B., Sec.; R. Walmsley, S.D.; G. H. Gage, J.D.; C. E. Botley, P.M., acting D.C.; C. J. Ticehurst, I.G.; L. J. Jukes, Stwd.; C. M. Norris, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; T. H. Cole, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. H. Russell, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. Lamborn, P.M., P.P.G.P.; R. Townsend, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Herts; F. H. Hallett, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; Boyce, Hickman, Russell, Tyrrell, Heaphy, Tendall, Veness, Mc ormick, Guy, Horton, Reinmann, Weston, E. C. Hallett, and Muscat. Visitors: Bros. Hedges, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.G.; W. H. Huckell, 1636; J. Foster, S.W. 1184; J. Trinder, P.M. 592, P.P.G.D.C.; W. T. Jordan, P.M. 1184; F. Duke, 1842; L. F. St. John, 1184; J. P. Slingsby Roberts, W.M. 1466; V. P. Freeman, P.G.D., Prov. G. Sec.; W. Morrison, W.M. 1110, Prov. J.G.W.; B. Meadows, W.M. 1842; J. Brill, 780; and W. Holloway, J.W. 1842.

The lodge having been opened, the installation of Bro. Edwards as W.M. of this old and successful lodge was ably done by the retiring W.M., Bro. Allen, who was immediately after presented with a Past Master's jewel as a small token of esteem and for the efficient manner in which he had conducted the affairs of the lodge during his term of office. The W.M. appointed and invested the following as officers: Bros. C. Randell, S.W.; R. Walmsley, J.W.; Rev. J. Puttick, P.P.G. Chap., Chap.; F. Rossiter, P.P.G.D., Treas.; J. Pearce, Prov. G.S.B., Sec.; G. H. Gage, S.D.; C. J. Ticehurst, J.D.; C. W. Duke, P.P.S.G.W., D.C.; E. C. Botley, P.M., A.D.C.; L. J. Jukes, I.G.; and E. J. McCormick, Stwd. Bro. C. W. Duke was re-elected Charity Steward. The smallness of number present is accounted for by the many who are ill and those suffering bereavement.

After the business of the lodge was finished, the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where repast was served by Bro. Boyce in his usual excellent style. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

HEATON MOOR.

Prince Edward Lodge (No. 2109).—The installation Festival of St. John was held on Thursday, the 8th instant, at the Assembly Hall, when there was a numerous attendance.

After the opening of the lodge, and confirmation of the minutes, the installation ceremony was proceeded with. The Installing Master was Bro. T. A. Hopewell, P.M., P.D.G.D.C., assisted by Bro. E. Broadbent, P.M., the musical portion of the ceremony being rendered by Bros. W. H. Mortimer, G. Seager, W. Fogg, G. Spilsbury, and E. Broadbent. Bro. S. Irwine Thomson, W.M., then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. E. Barton, I.P.M.; J. W. Berra, S.W.; T. T. Shann, J.P., J.W.; Rev. W. H. Smart, B.D., and Rev. John Henn, B.A., Chaplains; J. H. Wells, P.M., Treas.; E. Broadbent, P.M., Sec.; A. W. Reynolds, S.D.; G. Seager, J.D.; W. H. Mortimer, Org.; S. B. Broadbent, D.C.; J. Hurst, I.G.; W. Caffey, G. Garnett, J. Spilsbury, and Dr. F. Jordan, Stewards; and C. Birchall, Tyler.

After the lodge was closed, the ladies began to arrive, and assembled in the drawing room, which was most tastefully furnished, and the walls were beautifully decorated with pictures, mirrorettes, brackets, &c.

The banquet was served in the large hall (catered by Bro. G. Hallmark), which was also hung with pictures, and about 80 and 90 ladies and brethren sat down.

The usual toasts were given by the W.M. The toast of "H.R.H. Prince Edward" was given by Bro. S. B. Broadbent, P.M., who mentioned that the day was the birthday of his Royal Highness. As usual the lodge had wired to their patron wishing him many happy returns, and his reply, by telegram, was just to hand, thanking them for their good wishes, &c.

The toast of "The Masonic Charities" was given by Bro. Rev. John Henn, who mentioned that the lodge during its five years' existence had given about £210 to the various Institutions, in which they now possessed 135 votes.

A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. E. Barton, I.P.M., and consisted of the arms of Prince Edward with the usual Past Master's square and pendant.

After the banquet the company assembled in the drawing room, where they were entertained for some time with music and singing, which was contributed by Bros. Greenwood, Seager, Mrs. Seager, Miss E. Webster, and Bro. McElroy. Dancing was enjoyed in the large hall until about two a.m.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

PENDLETON.

Albert Victor Lodge (No. 1773).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, on the 16th inst., when there were present Bros. E. Holland, W.M.; F. Townson, I.P.M.; J. R. Smith, S.W.; Thos. Threlfall, J.W.; R. H. Berry, Treas.; T. T. Sifton, Sec.; Wm. Mosley, J.D.; W. Hardcastle, D.C.; J. Clough, I.G.; T. M. Brown and W. Lambert, Stewards; B. W. Sifton, P.M.; J. Harrop, P.M.; S. Statham, P.M.; Winterbottom, P.M.; Thos. Kay, P.M.; R. Duxbury, P.M., P.P.G.D.; H. Carver, Wm. Thos. Blease, John Walker, W. Barnsley, John Lawton, 1004; V. M. Killchoff, W.M. 317; C. M. Collingwood, 1437; J. S. Kitchen, 1773; and Lees Knowles, 859.

PLYMOUTH.

Brunswick Lodge (No. 159).—At the annual banquet of this lodge, held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 7th inst., Bro. Thomas Stoner presided, and a large attendance also included Bros. H. J. Price, I.P.M.; J. E. Davis, S.W.; H. Roberts, J.W.; H. Warren, Chap.; H. Mortimore, P.P.G.S.B., Treasurer; N. Radmore, Secretary; W. S. Luscombe, S.D.; W. Smeeth, J.D.; J. Dyer, D.C.; R. F. Batstone, A.D.C.; J. Mitchell, Organist; J. Endacott, I.G.; J. Corrick, J. Spurr, and A. K. Douglas, Stewards; J. Bartlett, Tyler; J. C. Stephens, P.M.; A. R. Lethbridge, P.M., P.P.G. S. of W.; B. S. Johns, P.M., P.G.S.B.; and R. Selmon, P.M. Among the visiting brethren were Bros. Rev. Dr. Lemon, P.P.J.G.W.; J. H. Evans; J. Dupre, P.P.G. D. of C.; J. Bray, 1212; J. Rendle, P.P.G.S.B.; H. J. Barter, 1247; G. F. Watson, 1350; and E. Britain, 1681.

An electro-plated tea and coffee service, a binocular glass in case, and an address were presented to Bro. F. J. Price, the I.P.M., from the members of the lodge, on his leaving Plymouth to take up a Government appointment at Barbados, in token of their esteem and appreciation of his Masonic zeal and ability, and as an expression of their good feeling towards him, and fraternal wishes for his continued prosperity.

After the banquet a capital musical entertainment was given by Bros. Rendle, Barter, Douglas, Mitchell, R. F. Davis, W. Cutler, G. Andrews, F. Webber, H. Mortimore, and others.

Friendship Lodge (No. 202).—The installation banquet of the above lodge was held at the Freemasons' Club on the 7th inst., and was attended by 75 brethren. Bro. Harvey and his wife received a special vote of thanks for excellent catering. The W.M., Bro. J. Oldfield, presided, supported by all his officers, with the exception of the retiring W.M., who was unavoidably absent. Among the Past Masters of the lodge present were Bros. H. Welch, P.P.G. Purst.; E. J. Knight, P.P.G. Purst.; W. J. Taylor, William Allsford, C. H. Price, J. F. Burns, P.P. G.S. of W.; J. Leonard, and R. Carter. Among the visiting brethren were Bros. the Rev. Dr. Lemon, 189, P.P.J.G.W., P.G. Chap.; J. R. Lord, 1247, P.P.G.T.; J. B. Gover, 70, P.P.G. Sec.; W. H. Burt, K. W. Pitcher, E. H. Littleton, 230; W. Browning, 223, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Bassett, P.S.G.D.; W. Fowler, 1212; and J. Osborn, 934.

A capital entertainment of melodies and recitations was given between the toasts, and the members of Devonport lodge left at a late hour very highly pleased with the first holding of their installation banquet at that Plymouth club.

St. John's Lodge (No. 1247).—The members of this lodge held their annual meeting at the Freemasons' Hall on the 15th inst., when the W.M. elect, Bro. W. H. Mayne, was installed. Bros. J. R. Lord, P.P.G.T.; J. Kinton Bond, P.P.G.D.C.; H. J. Barter, T. S. Eyre, Major M. Tracy, R.A., P.P.S.G.W., P.P.G. Sec. Jersey, assisted by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Lemon, P.P.J.G.W., P.P.G. Chap., were the Installing Officers. The Board of Installed Masters also included Bros. B. R. P. Elliott, P. G. L. Pearce, P.S.G.D., R. A. Penrose, T. R. E. Olver, W. H. Hamblyn, and R. C. Wyatt, of 1247; J. W. Cornish, P.P.G.T., T. C. Lewarn, P.P.J.G.D., E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.G.S. of W., W. J. Stanbury, A.D.C., and S. Panter, of 1099; T. Goodall, P.P.G.O., A. C. Titherley, 1550; J. Kitt, P.A.G. Purst., C. A. Nicholson, and T. C. Rook, of 1847; R. Pike, P.P.G.O., W. E. Chapell, 156; J. Wallis, 1255; F. R. Thomas, 1891; and J. Gidley, P.P.G. Stwd. The officers invested were Bros. T. S. Eyre, I.P.M.; A. Parkhouse, S.W.; G. Gurney, J.W.; J. Kinton Bond, Chap.; J. R. Lord, Treas.; P. G. L. Pearce, Sec.; H. T. C. Tucker, S.D.; S. A. Maitland, J.D.; J. A. A. Cousins, D.C.; J. Bishop, A.D.C.; F. A. James, Org.; J. Simmons, I.G.; C. H. F. Menhinick, A. Luck, and J. Gee, Stwds.; and W. H. Phillips, Tyler. Bros. J. R. Lord and T. R. E. Olver were re-elected, the former as representative at the Committee of Petitions, and the latter as Charity Steward.

The annual banquet was appointed to be held at the Freemasons' Club on the 4th prox.

Ebrington Lodge (No. 1847).—The members of this lodge held their installation banquet on the 7th inst., at Routly's Farley's Hotel, when over 50 brethren were present. The W.M., Bro. J. Harvey, presided, supported by the following: Bros. J. T. Rook, I.P.M.; G. W. Street, S.W.; H. Roberts, J.W.; S. Jew, P.P.G.T., Chap.; C. A. Nicholson, Treas.; James Lose, Sec.; E. Dawe, S.D.; J. Keast, J.D.; C. J. F. Williams, D.C.; F. Burner, A.D.C.; J. G. Gibson, Org.; G. Milford, I.G.; S. Davis, P.M.; J. Mitchell, P.M.; W. O. Hosking, P.M.; A. R. Lethbridge, P.P.G.S. of W.; R. Lose, jun., P.P.G.P.; W. H. W. Macey, W. H. Williams, and J. Griffin. Among the visitors were Bros. Major M. Tracy, R.A., 1247, P.P.S.G.W.; R. B. Twose, 105, P.P.G.T.; C. J. Livermore, 105, 244, P.P.G. Purst.; C. H. Cooper, P.P.G.D.; T. R. E. Olver, 1247; W. R. Rawling, 1071; T. S. Eyre, 1247; R. Blight, P. H. Bridgman, F. R. Goodyear, 223; H. E. Sitter, 1205; H. Reynolds, S.W. 2025; W. Sweet, J.W. 1212; S. A. Maitland, Clarke, J. Pike, Harding, Leigh, L. James, A. Dyer, A. Matthews, G. Easterbrook, 1847; Groves, 1212; T. Gidley, 1205; and Dr. W. H. Waterfield, 70.

The catering was in the usual creditable style of the hotel.

Among the vocalists of the evening were Bros. C. J. F. Williams, J. Lose, R. B. Twose, W. R. Rawling, W. Hosking, W. H. W. Macey, R. Blight, L. C. J. Livermore, Hayward, and Harding.

A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring W.M., Bro. J. T. Rook, by the brethren of the lodge in appreciation of his Masonic zeal.

SALFORD.

Zetland Lodge (No. 852).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at The Crescent. There was a large gathering of brethren and visitors present. In the absence of Bro. Woolley, W.M., through domestic bereavement, the chair was taken by Bro. T. Pike, P.M., Installing Master for the occasion.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, also minutes of an emergency meeting. The ballot was taken for Messrs.

J. Mann and Julius Hulton, which proved favourable. The former was initiated by Bro. Wheeler, P.M., and the latter by Bro. T. Pike, P.M. The ceremonies being completed, the installation was proceeded with, and Bro. Pike appointed the following as his Installing Officers: Bros. W. Corney, P.M., S.W., and Wheeler, P.M., J.W. Bro. J. W. Booth, S.W., elect, was presented to the Installing Master S.W., W. A. elect, was presented to the Installing Master S.W., G. S. Smith, P.M., and was duly installed, by Bro. Pike presenting the working tools and also gave the addresses to the W.M. and brethren, Bro. Wheeler, P.M., addressing the Wardens and officers. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. A. Woolley, I.P.M.; J. Blackwell, S.W.; J. Beardmore, J.W.; J. G. Edge, Treas.; J. H. Wood, Sec.; J. S. Willis, S.D.; P. B. Robinson, J.D.; Hackin, Chap.; W. Corney, P.M., D.C.; J. Ward, Org.; A. W. Sidebottom, I.G.; and W. W. Riddell, P.M., Tyler. We have had occasion before to speak of the great ability of Bro. T. Pike as an Installing Master, and can only repeat that he is, if possible, more perfect than ever.

The following brethren were present: Bros. W. H. Fulford, I.P.M.; J. W. Booth, S.W.; J. Blackwell, J.W.; A. W. Sidebottom, Sec.; J. Beardmore, S.D.; John Willis, J.D.; R. B. Robinson, I.G.; H. Wood, Thos. Pike, P.M.; C. H. Wheeler, P.M.; John Corney, P.M.; W. W. Riddell, P.M., Tyler; Wm. Sherlock, J. R. Leach, J. Bradbury, W. R. Hawkes, G. Sidebottom, G. Hackin, James Ind, E. J. Stevens, J. Cooper, T. Williams, J. Robinson, T. Bradbury, W. Greenhalgh, C. W. Jones, T. Watson, W. Ison, J. Illingworth, W. Barrington, R. Walkinson, and John Griffiths. Visitors: Bros. J. H. Jenkins, P.P.G.S.B.; T. J. Hooper, P.P.G. Treas.; E. Holland, W.M. 1773; J. H. Leresche, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; T. Renshaw, 1387; W. Richardson; A. H. Duffin, W.M. 1134; G. S. Smith, P.M. W.M. 2359; J. Haworth, P.M. 1077; Peter Royle, P.M., P.G.D.; J. W. Nichols, P.M. 1134; Wm. T. Blease, 1773; and L. J. Griffiths, P.M., W.M. 935.

TORQUAY.

Jordan Lodge (No. 1402).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 13th inst., when there were present, together with others, Bros. John Taylor, W.M.; Jno. Chapman, P.M., P.P.G.D., S.W.; S. Wills, J.W.; Jno. Lane, P.M., P.P.G.R., Treas.; T. H. Wills, I.P.M., Sec.; W. Hersey, S.D.; W. Winget, J.D.; G. West, I.G.; Jno. Dodge, P.M., P.P.G.T., D.C.; E. J. Pratt, Org.; J. W. McKellar, J. G. Furlie, V. Lauzell, W. Thomas, E. J. Nosworthy, W. T. Gale, R. W. Scholes, F. J. Crocker, C. P. Waite, F. J. W. Crowe, J.W. and Org. 2189; and J. E. Newton, Tyler.

The lodge being opened, the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, when Bro. Scholes was impressively raised to the Degree of M.M. by the W.M., and Bro. F. J. Crocker passed to the Degree of F.C., this ceremony being also worked by the W.M. Through the kindness of the distinguished Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. England, honorary member of the lodge, the members were presented with a copy of the oration recently delivered by him at Dawlish. The usual lodge business was then disposed of, and the lodge closed.

TROWBRIDGE.

Lodge of Concord (No. 632).—The installation of a W.M. of this lodge for the ensuing year took place at the Masonic Hall, Silver-street, on Monday, the 12th inst. The W.M. elect was Bro. F. W. Selfe, the S.W., and it must have been very gratifying to him, that, notwithstanding the inclement weather, such a large number of brethren, including visitors from Devizes, Frome, Warminster, Bradford, &c., assembled to mark their appreciation of the earnestness and assiduity which has always characterised his Masonic career. Amongst the brethren and visitors present we noticed Bros. W. R. Brown, W.M.; H. Chapman, J.W.; W. J. Mann, Treas.; T. S. Hill, and H. H. White, Secs.; H. Mundy, S.D.; G. L. Palmer, P.P. J.G.W., D.C.; J. Lansdown, Org.; F. M. Garlick, I.G.; G. Snailum, Stwd.; John H. Foley, P.M.; E. B. Norris, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. W. Jones, P.M., P.P.G.S., Asst. Purs.; J. Chapman, C. H. Ryles, Jas. Huntley, A. J. G. Stancomb, H. Millington, P.P.G. Org., H. B. Norris, J. Applin, E. Williams, C. J. Offer, W. Collins, C. J. Jones, M. Millard, and I. K. Rogers, all of the lodge; T. Reeve, W.M. 2227, P.P.J.G.D.; W. H. Francis, 199; W. H. Frankham, D.C. 973; H. Reeves, I.P.M. 2227, P.G. Stwd.; C. W. B. Bryant, P.M. 1271; A. Scammell, S.W. 1271; G. J. Farrington, P.M. 663, P.P.S.G.W. Wilts; F. S. Hancock, P.M. 663, P.P.S.G.D. Wilts; F. Sloper, W.M. 633; J. W. Aukett, 56; W. J. Wilkins, J.D. 1271; J. Hillman, Treasurer 2227; E. Lewis, S.W. 1478; A. P. Hall, S.D. 2227; H. Hower, J.D. 1478; H. H. W. Wyndham, 132; T. Ponting, 1478, P.P.G.R. Wilts; J. Sparks, 1271, P.P.G.R. Wilts; and others. The chair was occupied by the popular W.M. of the past year, Bro. W. R. Brown, and lodge having been duly opened the W.M. elect was presented for installation, which ceremony was ably performed by Bro. J. H. Foley. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. H. Chapman, S.W.; H. White, J.W.; Rev. S. T. Wood, Chap.; W. J. Mann, Treas.; H. Mundy, Asst. Sec.; F. M. Garlick, S.D.; A. Cox, J.D.; H. E. Bishop, D.C.; G. Snailum, Org.; J. Lansdown, I.G.; R. Gowing and J. Huntley, Stewards. The charge to the newly-elected W.M. and to the officers was impressively rendered by Bro. W. R. Brown, who was subsequently presented by the W.M. with a Past Master's jewel.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the annual banquet at the George Hotel, provided by Miss Wade. Between 40 and 50 brethren sat down, the chair being filled by the W.M., and the vice-chair by H. Chapman, S.D. After the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, Bro. Brown proposing the health of his successor in witty and felicitous language.

A very pleasant evening was spent, enlivened by some capital songs given by Bros. Williams, Frankham, Mackrell, Stanley, Scammell, and others; Bro. H. Millington accompanying on the pianoforte.

URMSTON.

Urmston Lodge (No. 1730).—The installation meeting of this very successful lodge was held on Monday, the 12th inst., at the Victoria Hotel, the occasion being the installation of Bro. John Bowers, S.W., W.M. elect, by

Bro. Goodacre, P.M., P.G.S.B. Eng., Prov. Grand Sec.

There was a large number of brethren and guests present. The lodge was opened by Bro. G. A. Myers, W.M. The minutes of the previous regular meeting, and also those of an emergency meeting, were read and confirmed. The Auditors' report was read and adopted. There being a considerable balance in hand, £10 10s. was contributed to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. On a motion by Bro. E. L. Littler, P.M., P.P.G.P., seconded by Bro. J. Slyman, P.M., P.P.G.D., a sum of £10 10s. was devoted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Bro. E. L. Littler, P.M., was unanimously elected Charity Representative, and Bro. N. Jones elected Tyler. Bro. Goodacre, Installing Master, took the chair, and appointed for his Installing Officers Bros. J. Slyman, S.W.; E. L. Littler, J.W.; and Heaton, I.G. Bro. J. Bowers was presented by Bro. G. A. Myers, Worshipful Master, and was duly installed into the chair of K.S. The Worshipful Master invested his officers. The Senior and Junior Wardens were addressed by Bro. G. R. Lloyd, P.M., and the rest by Bro. John Slyman. The following is a list: Bros. B. Swindells, S.W.; J. H. Marsh, J.W.; G. A. Myers, I.P.M.; E. L. Littler, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; G. R. Lloyd, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Jolliffe, S.D.; F. Stretch, J.D.; J. Walton Bowers, Org.; A. Christie, I.G.; G. G. Mends, R. W. Fowler, J. Ploverman. The addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were delivered by Bro. Wm. Goodacre. The whole ceremony as performed by the Installing Master was simply perfect, and was a most intellectual treat. All business being terminated, the lodge was closed.

Subsequently the brethren dined together to celebrate the event. The banquet was a great success, being admirably served, and the tables laid with great taste and beauty, under the immediate direction of Bro. John Walton, P.M., the proprietor of the hotel.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

There were several presentations made during the evening to the lodge, consisting of a volume of "Kenning's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry," presented by Bro. Wm. Bowden, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., and Bro. J. H. Marsh, J.W., presented a die with the name and number of the lodge, also a very handsome gold Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. G. A. Myers, I.P.M., for the very valuable services he had rendered to the lodge during his year of office.

There were present Bros. G. A. Myers, W.M.; J. Bowers, S.W.; R. Swindells, J.W.; E. L. Littler, Treas.; J. H. Marsh, Sec.; W. H. Jolliffe, J.D.; Fred. Stretch, D.C.; J. Walton, jun., I.G.; N. Jones, Tyler; Wm. Goodacre, P.G.S.B. England, Prov. G. Sec.; P. Heaton, P.M.; J. Slyman, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. Walton, P.M.; W. Bowers, Stwd.; A. Christie, G. Mends, A. B. Wheeler, R. N. Fowler, James Ploverman, J. Artingstall, and the following visitors: Bros. J. Chadderton, P.M., P.A.G. Sec.; Wm. Y. Martin, M.D., P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. Bowden, P.P.G.D.; S. Heyes, W.M. 1814; C. P. Dunkerley, J.W. 1147; J. Sharples, 2359; F. G. Goodacre, W.M. 2331; C. Martyn, W.M. 1387; Geo. S. Smith, P.M., W.M. 2359; W. A. Hammond, 2231; C. W. Maybury, P.M.; and A. R. Boothroyd, J.D. 2359.

The jewel presented to Bro. G. A. Myers was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE.

St. Kew Lodge (No. 1222).—The installation meeting of this important lodge was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, which, by the way, is one of the most convenient, complete, and elegantly appointed Masonic halls in the kingdom, the decorations and furniture being of the most *recherché* character. There was a numerous attendance of the brethren. After the disposal of some formal business, the W.M., Bro. W. E. Perrett, handed his gavel to Bro. John Glass, P.M. 453 (brother of the W.M. elect), who installed Bro. Wm. H. Glass, P.M., into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being performed in a very complete and impressive manner. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. W. E. Perrett, I.P.M.; S. Sellick, S.W.; J. P. Capell, J.W.; G. H. Perrett, P.M., Chap.; S. Lewis, P.M., Treas.; W. E. Perrett, P.M., Sec.; H. Butt, S.D.; F. Blackmore, J.D.; C. E. Alford, P.M., D.C.; J. Cooper, I.G.; Lovel and Lalonde, Organists; Webb and Dart, Stewards; Jones, P.M., Almoner; and Cornelius, Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. John Glass, P.M. 453, P.P.G.S. of W. Essex; G. Corble, P.P.J.G.W. Essex; J. Haddon, P.M. 1966; and W. A. Glass, 453.

A sumptuous banquet was provided by the Stewards, and the usual toasts were heartily responded to, particularly that of "The W.M."

In responding, Bro. William Glass expressed the pleasure he had experienced from the brethren of Weston (which place he had come to reside in only a few years since) by the cordial reception and friendly welcome they had given to one who was a stranger in the land. He should always have a warm corner in his heart for the brethren of St. Kew.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Installing Officer, Bro. John Glass," alluded to the fact that that brother had undertaken a very long journey in inclement weather to install him, by special desire of the lodge. Reference was also made to the services rendered by Bro. John Glass with regard to the R.M.I. for Boys.

Bro. John Glass, in reply, stated the pleasure he had experienced in installing their W.M., particularly as Bro. W. Glass had some years ago initiated him into Freemasonry. Bro. Glass (who is a member of the Provisional Management Committee Boys' School) took the opportunity of making an earnest appeal for funds so urgently needed for the much desired improvements at the Institution at Wood Green, and reminded the brethren of the Province of Somerset that there were six boys now in the Institution from that province, and alluded to the fact that during the last seven years the Boys' Institution had received £50,000 less than either of the other two Institutions and, while feeling that neither the Girls nor the Old People had received one penny less than the merits of those Charities were entitled to, considered that it was high time the Craft felt their responsibilities with regard to providing adequate funds for the Boys' School, which was now in such a position as to reflect the highest credit upon Freemasonry and to take high rank among Institutions of a similar kind in the country. He sincerely hoped that the St. Kew Lodge would send a Steward to the next Festival.

Bros. Geo. Corble and W. Glass, jun., responded for "The Visitors."

Bro. J. Haddon, P.M. 1966, in responding for "The Charities," made a very eloquent speech supporting the appeal made by Bro. John Glass. Bro. Haddon stated that he was Provincial Steward for the Boys' School, and that he had received considerable support from the members of the lodge. He knew, however, the importance of sending a Steward from the lodge. He would willingly transfer the support he had received to direct representation if it could be obtained.

Bro. S. Lewis, P.M., Treas., thereupon volunteered to serve as a Steward. This offer was heartily received and responded to by many brethren.

Some capital songs and recitations contributed to one of the most pleasant and successful gatherings of Freemasons in the West of England held for a long time.

WIGAN.

Lindsay Lodge (No. 1335).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. H. Riddellworth, W.M.; W. Rigby, S.W.; R. P. White, J.W.; J. D. Murray, P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; T. Knowles, Sec.; C. A. Cromshaw, S.D.; A. Crastan, J.D.; J. Browne, P.M., D.C.; R. O. Burland, I.G.; C. Cockson, Stwd.; A. Swallow, Tyler; R. Betley, P.M., P.P.A.G. Sec.; G. L. Campbell, P.M., P.P.G.O.; W. Johnson, P.M.; R. B. Seddon, P.M.; W. Simpson, W. H. Irving, E. H. Monks, E. Franks, A. H. Lamb, A. E. Johnson, and A. H. Leech. Visitors: Bros. T. Stranger, W.M. 178; G. Scarborough, T. Milligan, P.P.G.D.; and J. Phillips.

Owing to the unavoidable absence in the early part of the evening of the W.M., Bro. Murray took the chair and opened the lodge. After the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. R. Betley took the chair, and the W.M. elect, Bro. W. Rigby, was presented by Bro. Murray, and duly installed as Master for the ensuing year, Bro. Betley's rendering of the installation ceremony being appreciated by all present. The newly-installed Master invested as his officers Bros. William Rigby, W.M.; R. Prosser White, S.W.; T. Knowles, J.W.; H. Riddellworth, I.P.M.; R. Tebbs, Chap.; J. D. Murray, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; C. A. Cromshaw, Sec.; J. Browne, P.M., D.C.; J. W. Potter, Org.; A. Crastan, S.D.; R. O. Burland, J.D.; C. Cockson, I.G.; E. H. Monks, jun., and W. H. Irving, Stwds.; and A. Swallow, Tyler.

The brethren afterwards dined in the adjoining room, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

Wigan Lodge (No. 2326).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P., P.P.S.G.W., W.M.; W. Simpson, S.W.; H. Ackerley, J.W.; W. Taberner, Sec.; W. Tomlinson, S.D.; R. Betley, P.M., P.P.A.G.S., J.D.; J. D. Murray, P.M. 1335, P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; R. P. White, I.G.; A. Swallow, Tyler; G. L. Campbell, P.M. 1335; R. C. Snape, P.M.; Col. R. A. Farrington, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; W. Goodacre, P.M., P.G. Sec., P.G.S.B. England; G. A. Harradon, P.M., Prov. G. Treas.; W. J. Thomson, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. Smith, R. Halliwell, P. Speakman, H. T. Folkard, W. R. Wilkinson, and Carter. Visitors: Bros. Dr. Bentley, P.M.; T. Margison, J. McConnell, S. Grime, and A. McConnell.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. D. Murray took the chair, and raised Bro. W. R. Wilkinson to the Degree of M.M. The W.M. relieved Bro. Murray, and initiated the Rev. H. Bluet. Bro. W. Simpson, S.W., was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. J. Browne, P.M. 1335, re-elected Treasurer.

The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where full justice was done to the viands provided. The after proceedings were much enhanced by the excellent songs and duets rendered by Bros. McConnell, jun., and Margeson, accompanied by Dr. Bentley in a most able manner.

WINCANTON.

Science Lodge (No. 437).—The installation of the W.M. of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall on the occasion of the regular monthly meeting in January. The ceremony was performed by Bro. R. C. Elise, Deputy P.G.M. There was unusual interest attached to the event, as Bro. J. L. Bewsey was inducted for the second time. A large number of brethren from neighbouring lodges were present, including Bros. N. J. Nosworthy, P.M. 814 and 329; C. H. Coombs, P.M. 814; J. F. Lock, J.D. 976; T. D. Vincent, P.M. 976; C. Phippen, S.W. 976; H. J. Phillips, 472; A. Hiscok, 472; W. Roberts, S.W. 1168; E. Creed, S.D. 976; G. English, 437; and others.

The W.M. invested the following with collars of office for the ensuing year: Bros. S. W. Bewsey, P.P.G.D.C., I.P.M.; F. J. Lintern, S.W.; J. W. Sandell, J.W.; the Rev. M. Shackleton, P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; R. R. Hutchings, P.M., P.P.G. Org., Treas.; W. H. Good, P.M., P.P.G.D., Sec.; R. H. Hoyle, S.D.; C. F. White, J.D.; G. Lock, I.G.; C. W. A. Goodfellow, D.C.; F. R. Wadman, Org.; and H. Wadman and A. Sims, Stewards.

The banquet was held at the Greyhound Hotel, when about 40 were present.

Royal Arch.

Westbourne Chapter (No. 733).—A convocation of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Holborn Restaurant, when there were present Comps. W. C. Williams, M.E.Z.; G. March, H.; L. Ascott, acting J.; T. W. Allen, S.E.; G. Swann, P.S.; C. A. Cottebrune, Treas.; F. Larner, I.P.Z.; Shepherd, Janitor; J. H. Hayden, J. Cox, F. Arnold, Thos. Haynes, E. Wright, C. Hatt, C. Betts, C. J. Davison, F. West, J. W. Belsham, and W. A. Smith. Visitors: Comps. H. Dehane, P.Z. Sgo, and F. W. Heath, Mount Sinai.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The following brethren were exalted: Bros. F. F. Thomas and K. F. Lines. The usual chapter jewel was voted to Comp. W. C. Williams, and Bro. Barber, of 1535, was proposed for exaltation next convocation. The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Comps. March, Z.; J. Davies, H.; Swann, J.; Allen, S.E.; Wright, S.N.; Davison, P.S.; Cottebrune, Treas.; Hatt, 1st A.S.; Arnold, 2nd A.S.; and Shepherd, Janitor. A communi-

cation from Bro. Davies was read regretting his inability to be present. The M.E.Z. rose the usual number of times, and after "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

The companions adjourned to banquet, and after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts,

Comp. Lerner, in proposing the toast of "The M.E.Z.," said it had always met with favour, and he need hardly say that he congratulated Comp. Williams on his excellent work, and on the success that had attended him during his tenure of office, he having had no less than eight or nine exaltees, showing that he had his friends around him both at home and in the chapter, and expatiated on his excellent work both as a friend and Mason.

The M.E.Z., in reply, said he appeared in a new character. He was not aware that he was endowed with such virtues and qualifications that had been imputed to him by their I.P.Z., but he had always worked with a will, and was glad he had been the means of bringing together good men and true, and hoped Comp. March would have as good a year of office, and he should be only too delighted at the end of his year to say of him what had been said of himself, and he hoped the officers would serve him as faithfully as they had hitherto done.

Comp. March expressed his thanks, and promised to do his best to emulate Comp. Williams.

The M.E.Z. said without the presence of visitors the Westbourne Chapter would be strange, and congratulated Comp. Heath upon the high distinction and honour that had just been conferred on him, namely, a Lieutenantcy and command of the North London Volunteer Brigade Supply Corps, and trusted that the discharge of the duties attached to the appointments would in no way prevent him continuing his progress in Royal Arch Masonry, and hoped he with the other companions of the Westbourne Chapter would rally round Comp. Dehane, their other esteemed visitor, at the Hornsey Chapter of Improvement, where he would, he was certain, do all he could to help them to perfect themselves in the beautiful ceremony and ritual of the Degree.

Comps. Dehane and Heath acknowledged the compliments paid to them in suitable terms.

The M.E.Z. said it had given him great pleasure to exalt Comps. Thomas and Lines that evening, and felt sure they would never regret it.

Comp. Lines was very pleased to have been exalted, and would do his utmost to be a credit to Royal Arch Masonry.

The M.E.Z., in giving "The P.Z.'s," complimented them on their good work during the time they were in office.

Comp. Lerner responded.

Comp. Cottebrune, in responding for "The Treasurer and S.E.," said it gave him great pleasure to do so, and thought the M.E.Z. had been a little too free in expatiating on him as Treasurer. He certainly must say that as their Treasurer for so many years he had always endeavoured to do justice to all. He then recounted the history of the chapter in its earlier days, and compared it with the present time—fully established, good officers and workers, and in a solvent condition.

The S.E. also responded, stating there were no arrears. Formerly it was not so; in fact, a complete new leaf had been turned over, owing doubtless to the exertions of a good M.E.Z. and officers.

The Janitor's toast followed.

The evening was enlivened by harmony, in which Comps. Hatt, Hayden, and Davison took part.

Orpheus Chapter (No. 1706).—An interesting meeting of this chapter was held at the Holborn Restaurant on Saturday, the 17th inst. There were present Comps. P. H. Waterlow, M.E.Z.; F. W. Imbert Terry, P.Z. 24, H. (who was installed that evening in his chair); Geo. Cooper, P.Z., P.A.G.S., as J.; George Cowell, F.R.C.S., P.Z., Scribe E.; Wilhelm Ganz, P.Z., P.G.O.; Rev. Dr. Stamer, P.Z.; Richard Eve, P.G. Treas., Treas.; G. C. Barry, S.N.; Henry Bullock, F.R.C.S., P.S.; J. Pollard, M.D., A.S.; H. R. Rose, J. W. Miller, Herbert F. Adams, and Henry Work Dodd, F.R.C.S. Visitors: Comps. Clifford, M.E.Z. 2182; A. W. Hubbard, Sir Hugh Myddelton Chapter; W. Lewis Barrett, 1319; and W. de Manby Sergison, 1383.

The chair having been taken, Bros. Sir J. Somers Vine, 2190, Grand Deacon of England; Peter P. Fraser, J.P. of Victoria, Australia, of the Dimboola and Marina Lodges of Victoria; and the Rev. Harry A. Hebb, Master of the Boys' School, Wood Green, of the St. George's Lodge and the Lodge of Union, No. 444, were duly exalted to the Supreme Degree of a Royal Arch Mason. Comp. Bullock did his work as P.S. Comp. Richard Eve, the Treasurer of the chapter, undertook to represent the chapter as Steward at the Festival of the Boys' School.

At the banquet afterwards, the M.E.Z. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, and, in proposing that of "The Exaltees," said that the Orpheus Chapter might consider that that was a red-letter day in its history, as it was rarely that a chapter could boast of having three such important exaltees as had fallen to their lot at that meeting. He remarked that Sir Somers Vine had been known to him for the past 20 years. He had only recently returned from the dangers and hardships of an important mission to our Colonies on behalf of Imperial interests, which had been entrusted to him by the M.E.G.Z. The M.E.Z. also said a few appropriate words with regard to Comps. Fraser and Hebb.

Comp. Sir Somers Vine, in replying, said that he had much pleasure in joining the Orpheus Chapter, which contained many of his old friends, and which had at its head a companion whom he had known for so many years. He was particularly grateful to Comps. Eve and Ganz for having introduced him to the chapter. Remarking upon his recent journey to the Colonies, he said it had fallen to the lot of few men to have seen so much of the British Dominions as he had done, for, with the exception of a few unimportant islands, he might say that he had visited every British possession upon which the sun shines, and he was particularly struck with the power of Masonry in those Colonies, and the extent to which it had spread even in the most outlying districts. When at Kimberley he was invited, as a member of Grand Lodge, to attend a special convocation, at which there were present no less than 300 Masons, some of them having travelled 180 miles on horseback to be in attendance, and he found wherever he went that Masons were the most loyal of her Majesty's subjects, and he considered their influence was of considerable importance in consolidating the unity and integrity of the empire. He also gave some further interesting Masonic reminiscences of his recent travels.

Comp. P. P. Fraser said he could endorse every word that had fallen from the lips of Comp. Sir Somers Vine, especially with regard to the loyalty of Masons in the Colonies to the Mother Country.

Comp. H. A. Hebb, in replying, said that although his experience was not such as to enable him to speak as the two previous speakers had done of the influence of Masonry, he looked upon himself as having charge, to some extent, of the future of Masonry in training so many of the sons of Masons at the Boys' School.

The other usual toasts followed, and a most enjoyable evening was spent, which was enlivened by some very excellent glees, under the direction of Comp. Barry, Comp. Ganz contributing a solo on the piano, and Comp. Barrett, a visitor, kindly giving a flute solo.

Sir Charles Bright Chapter (No. 1793).—A regular convocation was held at the Clarence Hotel, Teddington, on Wednesday, the 14th inst., when there were present Comps. C. Stevens, P.G.P.S. Middx., M.E.Z.; R. R. Collick, H.; H. Sapsworth, J.; Hopwood, P.P.G. S. of W., Treas.; Austin, P.G.D.C. Middx., S.E.; A. Simmonds, S.N.; W. J. Porter, D.C.; Mitchell, Janitor; and R. W. Forge, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. This being the night of election, the following were elected to fill the several offices for the ensuing year: Comps. Collick, M.E.Z.; Sapsworth, H.; Simmonds, J.; Hopwood, Treas.; Austin, S.E.; Marjason, S.N.; Covell, P.S.; Warner, 1st A.S.; Porter, 2nd A.S.; Sage, D.C.; Hoddinott, Org.; and Mitchell, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel was, on the motion of Comp. Hopwood, unanimously voted to the outgoing M.E.Z. Comps. Plaford and Crewe were elected to audit the accounts.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to refreshment, which was served in Messrs. Hale's well-known style, a most enjoyable evening being spent.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE (No. 22).—A meeting was held at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham, on Monday, the 12th inst., when there were present Bros. Russell, W.M.; Lyell, S.W.; Steele, J.W.; Westley, Preceptor and Treas.; Poole, acting as Sec.; Livett, S.D.; Rashleigh, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Cochrane, Woods, Balcombe, Wyer, and Esling. Visitor: Bro. H. Pohl, 1381.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was announced, and it was worked by Bro. Westley. The 3rd Section of the Lecture was announced, and it was worked by Bro. Gilbert. The ceremony of passing was announced, and Bro. Woods having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Woods was duly passed to the Second Degree. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and it was proposed by Bro. Westley, and seconded by Bro. Cochrane, that a vote of condolence be passed with Bro. Ellison in his recent illness, but from which he is now happily recovering—carried unanimously. The dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and it was proposed by Bro. Westley, and seconded by Bro. Steele, that Bro. King be W.M. for the next meeting, he being unfortunately absent that evening—carried unanimously. Bro. Westley asked the indulgence of the lodge in allowing him to work the ceremony of installation on the 26th instant—carried unanimously. Bro. Westley gave notice that the audit meeting would be held next week, at 7 p.m., and that Bros. Livett, Gilbert, and Cochrane were appointed Auditors. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, when there were present Bros. F. Klein, W.M.; R. E. Cursons, S.W.; F. J. Deaton, J.W.; R. J. Harvey, S.D.; C. Grove, J.D.; W. Shales, I.G.; F. Marx, P.M.; Deputy Preceptor; F. J. Bonham, P.M.; Sec.; R. Blum, P.M.; W. J. Harvey, P.M.; and C. Grove, P.M.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Shales answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Shales being candidate. The lodge was then resumed in the First Degree. The S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. The rest of the evening was devoted to the revision of by-laws. The lodge was then closed.

ST. LUKE'S LODGE (No. 144).—A meeting was held on the 12th inst., at the Somerset Arms, Fulham-road, when there were present Bros. W. H. Tucker, Sec. and W.M.; E. Witts, S.W.; J. Cox, J.W.; P. Coughlan, P.M.; Preceptor; Thomas, S.D.; Morrish, J.D.; Carlstrom, I.G.; Manzoni, L. Nathan, and R. O. Moody.

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. Manzoni being the candidate. Bro. Moody then took the chair, and after entrusting Bro. Morrish, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The W.M. then rose for the first, second, and third times, and nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry in general, and this lodge in particular, the lodge was closed.

A meeting was also held at the above address on Monday, the 19th inst., when there were present Bros. E. Witts, W.M.; J. Cox, S.W.; F. Thomas, J.W.; Carlstrom, Deputy Preceptor; W. H. Tucker, Sec.; C. C. Barber, S.D.; R. W. Gatliff, J.D.; C. Manzoni, I.G.; F. Stutfield, R. O. Moody, L. Nathan, and R. Ambler.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the First and Second Degrees. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Stutfield, who had previously answered the

usual questions and been entrusted, being the candidate. The 1st Section of the Third Lecture was then worked by Bro. Carlstrom, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was then resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first, second, and third times, and, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

JOPPA LODGE (No. 188).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 6th inst., at Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, when there were present Bros. H. Garrod, W.M.; Hambly, S.W.; Goodinge, jun., J.W.; Goodinge, C.C., Treas.; A. Botibol, Sec.; J. Bird, S.D.; J. Dancyger, J.D.; S. Dancyger, Preceptor; E. Ansel, I.G.; Davies, John Botibol, and Leapman.

The lodge having been opened in the First Degree, the minutes were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Davies being the candidate for raising, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge having been opened in the Third Degree, Bro. Davies was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The lodge was then resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. J. Dancyger, with the assistance of Bro. Davies, worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Bro. J. Dancyger, with the assistance of the Secretary, worked the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and Bro. J. Dancyger, with the assistance of Bro. Hambly, worked the 1st Section of the Second Lecture. Lodge being resumed to the First Degree, the W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and the Preceptor proposed, and the J.W. seconded, that Bro. Hambly be W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday—carried. The officers were appointed in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and proposed that as a mark of appreciation of Bro. S. Dancyger's services to the Joppa Lodge of Instruction, he be elected W.M. for Israel Lodge, No. 205; that the members present him with his Worshipful Master's apron, assuring him that it was the unanimous wish of the lodge that he should accept the same, and that the G.A.O.T.U. may give him long life to wear the same. The Secretary seconded the same, and stated that on account of the presence of Bro. S. Dancyger, he could not say what that member thought of him, for fear that their good wishes might make him vain, but that they had always found in him a ready and perfect instructor, and at the same time a kind and genial friend and brother, always at his post, and was perfectly assured the proposition would be carried unanimously. Bro. Gooding, C.C., Treasurer, cordially supported the vote, and spoke in highest terms of Bro. S. Dancyger's work and brotherly love, and the assistance he was to the lodge when they were in need of it. The S.W. put the motion to the lodge, adding that all he had been taught was learned at that lodge, and he was only a very young Mason, but the W.M. of his lodge told him all that he was able to do, and he had worked as S.D. in his mother lodge, and that also perfectly. The vote was carried unanimously. Bro. S. Dancyger, W.M. elect 205, thanked the brethren for their mark of esteem, especially it being done in such a kind manner and with such words of brotherly love and good wishes. He could assure them he always would be willing to help the Joppa Lodge or its members in any way, and he trusted the lodge would prosper exceedingly under his Preceptorship, and become one of the largest lodges in the City of London, and that when he wore the apron in the Israel Lodge he would always feel proud of their gift, and would never forget the Joppa Lodge of Instruction and their kindly feeling. The members were informed that the Fifteen Sections will be worked by Bro. J. Dancyger, on Tuesday, the 17th February, and he hoped they would have a good attendance. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry in general or this lodge in particular, the lodge was closed.

CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).—The members of this lodge resumed work, after an adjournment of two weeks owing to Christmas and New Year's holidays, and, although those present did not quite reach the average number, yet the meeting on Thursday, the 8th inst., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, was up to the standard of working, hence an instructive and profitable, as well as pleasant, evening was enjoyed. There were present Bros. J. B. Corp, W.M.; J. Corp, S.W.; F. H. Sykes, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; W. Baker, Sec.; D. D. West, S.D.; H. Nock, J.D.; D. G. Imlay, I.G.; Neville, Gammon, Hurst, and Elliott. Visitor: Bro. C. Grant, 3.

The lodge being duly opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Gammon volunteered to act as candidate, and after examination retired, while the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of passing was then ably rehearsed by the W.M., and an explanation of the tracing board eloquently given by Bro. J. Corp. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The duly audited balance-sheet was submitted, which showed the lodge to be in a substantial financial position. After being adopted, it was ordered to be copied into the minute book. Bro. Grant was proposed as a joining member. Bro. J. Russell was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, the work to be the third ceremony and the 1st and 2nd Sections of the First Lecture. All business being ended, the lodge was duly closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on the 9th instant, at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. A. Williams, P.M., W.M.; H. W. Dyne, S.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Middx., J.W.; James Sims, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec. (bro tem.); H. Bright, S.D.; J. Pattison, J.D.; T. Jobson, I.G.; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremonies of initiation and raising were rehearsed. Bro. Dyne was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Tuesday, the 13th instant, when there were present Bros. J. W. Clarke, W.M.; J. M. Scarlett, Prov. J.G.V. Essex, S.W.; C. G. Gray, J.W.; J. Petch, P.G. Std. Br. Herts, acting Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; T. Williams, S.D.; H. J. Kimbell, jun., J.D.; W. T. Crane, I.G.; A. Wolter, P.M.; J. Amand, T. E. Newman, R. Loomes, H. B. Harding, and H. J. Kimbell, sen.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The cer-

mony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Newman being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Scarlett, who proceeded to invest the officers. The W.M. again took the chair, and the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Williams answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Williams being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bros. J. Amand and T. E. Newman were unanimously elected members of the lodge. Bro. Scarlett was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1571).—The first meeting of the above lodge in the New Year was held at the lodge rooms, the City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, E.C., on Thursday, the 8th inst. In view of the approaching installation at the mother lodge on the 12th inst., the meeting was utilised as a "dress rehearsal." The following brethren were present: Bros. Dormer, W.M.; Morgan, S.W.; Colley, Hon. Treas. and Sec., J.W.; Duffield, P.M., Preceptor; Williams, Asst. Sec.; Meadows, S.D.; Gregory, J.D.; Watts, I.G.; Kemble, W.M. 1571; Pitt, P.M.; Ives, P.M.; Lewis, P.M.; Antunovich, Dunlop, Davey, Copper, Horwill, Langford, Graham, Stafford, and others.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Kemble as Installing Master. Bro. Dormer, W.M. elect, having been duly presented by Bro. Duffield, P.M., Preceptor, acting as D.C., was duly installed according to ancient custom. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the addresses were given in an able manner. The newly-installed W.M. then invested his officers, and the lodge was resumed. The lodge being in the First Degree, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bros. Horwill, Copper, and Stafford personating the candidates. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. Upon the W.M. rising for the second time, Bro. Morgan was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and, having returned thanks, appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and some other business having been transacted, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the W.M. received "Hearty good wishes," and the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 8th inst., when there were present Bro. S. Hewett, W.M.; G. H. Reynolds, S.W.; G. H. Foan, J.W.; J. Greenway, Deputy Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; W. Unwin, S.D.; E. J. D. Bromley, J.D.; J. R. Harnell, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; G. A. Bergholtz, H. G. Walker, W. J. Thrussell, C. O. Burgess, F. G. Jarvis, T. C. Seary, H. Matthews, G. Coleman, R. Kirk, J. W. Falkard, F. W. Buxton, F. Kedge, J. H. Warwick, A. A. Hare, F. G. Abbertini, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The whole of the ceremony of installation was rehearsed, the W.M. (Bro. S. Hewett) installing the S.W. (Bro. G. H. Reynolds) in the chair, the work being performed by the two brethren in a most admirable manner, not forgetting the appointment and investiture of officers and the charges. On rising for the first time, the following brethren were unanimously elected joining members: Bros. Alfred Hare, 511; Fred George Abbertini, 511; and Joseph H. Warwick, 765. On rising for the second time, the W.M. for the ensuing week was elected, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, the following brethren were unanimously elected as Auditors to audit the accounts of the past year: Bros. G. H. Foan, C. O. Burgess, and E. J. D. Bromley. Bro. Greenway, Deputy Preceptor, proposed that a hearty and cordial vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. S. Hewett, W.M. of the mother lodge, for his excellent rendering of the ceremony of installation. It was a credit to any brother. For many years past it had been the practice of the W.M. of the mother lodge to rehearse the ceremony of installation previous to the installation meeting of the lodge, and this was another fresh proof of the thorough good feeling between the mother lodge and the lodge of instruction. He wished the new Master (Bro. G. H. Reynolds) a happy year of office. Seconded by the J.D., and carried unanimously. Bro. S. Hewett made a suitable reply, and said he thanked the brethren sincerely for their attendance that evening and the opportunity given him of rehearsing the ceremony of installation. It had been of great service to him. Bro. G. H. Reynolds also thanked the brethren, remarking that in investing his officers it had always given him capital practice, which he hoped would not be forgotten. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. J. Wiggins, W.M.; G. Swann, S.W.; G. A. Knight, J.W.; Geo. Read, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec.; Joseph Cox, S.D.; H. Wake, J.D.; W. B. Neville, I.G.; E. J. Green, Stwd.; C. Woods, W. C. Williams, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx.; S. Cochrane, W.M. 2345; W. Hillier, C. E. Betts, and R. W. Gatliff.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a commendable manner, Bro. Betts acting as candidate. Bro. Cochrane gave the charge at its conclusion. Bro. Hillier answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was then resumed to the First Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture was worked as in the former Degree. Bro. Swann was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 8th instant, at the Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. John Davies, W.M. 169, W.M.; John Brown, S.W.; Alfred Love, J.W.; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec. (pro tem.); W. G. Jennings, S.D.; J. B. Colwill, P.M., J.D.; G. Aylett, I.G.; R. H. Rogers, P.M.; T.

Kington, R. N. Larter, J. H. Richardson, T. Stonnill, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Davies, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Richardson answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Davies acting as Installing Master, and Bro. Brown as W.M. elect. Bro. Colwill was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 7th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. J. H. Morrish, W.M.; C. E. Everett, S.W.; C. C. Barber, J.W.; Jesse Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec.; Joseph Cox, S.D.; E. J. Green, J.D.; B. H. Dames, I.G.; G. Swann, W.M. 865; W. C. Williams, P.M.; T. W. Lightfoot, and R. Ambler.

The lodge having been duly opened, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ambler acting as candidate. Bro. Dames answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. The Sections of the First Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Everett was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

EARL OF LATHOM LODGE (No. 1922).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 7th inst., at the Joiner's Arms, Denmark Hill, S.E., when there were present Bros. Sims, W.M.; Bolding, S.W.; Stanley, J.W.; Andrews, Preceptor; Harrington, S.D.; Bick, J.D.; Lord, I.G.; Bate, Hill, Kinghorn, Lynn, McQuown, and Wheeler.

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. Lynn as candidate. Lodge was called off, and entry drill practised. Lodge was called on, and the 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Bate, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bros. Bolding and Lynn were elected joining members, and they returned thanks, and promised attendance. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Bolding was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. He returned thanks, and appointed the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 16th instant, at the Town Hall, Westminster, when there were present Bros. Piper, W.M.; Smith, S.W.; Hayler, J.W.; Gibson, P.M., Preceptor; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Budd, S.D.; Green, P.M., J.D.; Barber, I.G.; Holmes, and Roberts.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Holmes, a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Holmes being candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Holmes gave the addresses to Master, Wardens, and Fellows. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and was closed down. Bro. Smith was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

WARNER LODGE (No. 2192).—The regular weekly meeting of this lodge was held at Bridge Chambers, Hoestreet, Walthamstow, on Monday, the 12th inst., when there were present Bros. G. J. Westfield, P.P.G.S.B. Essex, W.M.; C. Horst, S.W.; W. Alcock, J.W.; William Shurmer, Prov. G. Treas. Essex, Preceptor; Nathaniel Fortescue, Treas.; H. F. Bromhead, Sec.; W. J. Bastick, S.D.; T. E. Horley, J.D.; W. F. Stauffer, I.G.; C. H. Bestow, Hon. Stwd.; Dickinson, H. Jeremy, J. Ives, P.M.; McGowan, and others.

The lodge having been opened, after the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a highly manner, Bro. Dickinson acting as candidate. Bro. Christian Horst was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. Bro. McGowan, P.M., was unanimously elected a joining member. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, on Friday, the 16th inst., when there were present Comps. T. Grumant, P.Z., M.E.Z.; J. Hill, H.; W. Wingham, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; R. J. Voisey, P.Z., Hon. Treas.; C. H. Stone, S.E.; R. Davis, S.N.; G. Powell, P.Z., P.S.; Scott Young, P.Z.; Phillips, P.Z.; and Benedetti, H. 1275.

The chapter was opened, and the ceremonies of installation of Z. and H. were rehearsed by Comp. R. J. Vincent, P.Z. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Axford, P.Z., personating the candidate. Comp. Grumant was installed into the chair of Z. by Comp. Vincent, and Comp. Benedetti was installed into the chair of H. by Comp. Vincent. Comp. J. Hill, H., was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. Comp. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor, announced that the three installation ceremonies will be worked this (Friday) evening by the Principals of Sphinx Chapter, commencing at 7 p.m.

Knights Templar.

Mount Calvary Encampment (D).—This old encampment met at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields, on the 9th inst., when there were present, among others, Sir Knights H. J. Lardner, E.C.; T. Wood, 1st Capt.; Sir Love-Jones-Parry, Bart., 2nd Capt.; Capt. Walls, P.E.C., P.G.C.G. &c., Reg.; L. Steele, Expert; Slater, C. of L.; N. Prower, Std. Br.; Maple, Herald; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.E.C.; Geo. Graveley, P.E.C.; and Major F. J. Stohwasser, G.S.B., P.E.C. Sir Knights F. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Chancellor, and Dr. E. M. Lott, P.G. Org., were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the E.C. most impressively installed Sir

Knight T. Wood into the chair. Among the officers invested were Sir Knights Sir Love-Jones-Parry, Bart., 1st Captain; L. Steele, 2nd Captain; Major Stohwasser, Treasurer (vice Sir Knight W. Paas, resigned); Captain T. C. Walls, Registrar; Slater, Expert; N. Prower, C. of L.; J. H. Thomas and Maple, Standard Bearers; Capt. Hawkins and Berry, Heralds; and H. Hilton, D.C. A Past Commander's jewel was presented to the I.P.E.C., and a vote of thanks passed to him for his services as Installing Officer. The resignation of Sir Knight W. Paas, who had been a member of the encampment since 1862, was received with great regret, and he was unanimously elected an honorary member. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted.

Letters apologising for non-attendance, chiefly through illness, were received from Sir Knights Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.P.; E. Letchworth, F. Richardson, Major G. Lambert, W. Paas, J. B. Glenn, J. H. Thomas, and others.

The encampment was then closed, and the sir knights adjourned to an excellent banquet.

The customary loyal and Templar toasts were duly proposed and honoured.

Sir Knight F. Philbrick, G.C., responded in a speech of great point and humour to "The Health of the Officers of Great Priory."

Sir Knight Dr. Lott acknowledged the toast of "The Visitors," and during the evening kindly gave several pianoforte selections.

The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

The jewel was manufactured by Sir Knt. George Kenning.

MANCHESTER.

St. Joseph Preceptory (No. 9).—The regular meeting of this preceptory was held on Friday, the 9th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. The following were present: Sir Knights C. R. Beswicke Royds, Prov. Grand C.; Henry Thomas, Dep. P.G.C.; Peter Royle, M.D., 30, P.G.S.B. Eng., P.E.C.; J. H. Leresche, P.P.A.G.P., P.E.C.; W. Cartwright, P.E.C., Prelate; C. E. Hindley, 1st Captain; R. H. Robinson, 2nd Captain; E. Pike, P.G.S.B., P.E.C., Registrar; J. Gardner, F. W. Lean, P.E.C., Treas.; G. S. Smith, W. H. Hughes, P.E.C.; C. E. Towell, J. Lees Aspland, S. Warburton, P.E.C.; J. Andrews, W. H. Southern, and H. G. Small.

The minutes of the previous meeting and the Treasurer's account for the past year were received and confirmed. The balance in favour of the preceptory was very satisfactory. Comp. H. Gordon Small was duly installed a knight of the Order by Sir Knight F. W. Lean, P.E.C. Sir Knight C. R. Beswicke-Royds, Prov. G.C., having taken the chair, installed Sir Knight C. E. Hindley as E.C. for the ensuing year, who appointed the following as his officers: Sir Knights R. H. Robinson, Constable; J. Lees Aspland, Marshal; J. Andrew, Expert; Duncan, C. of L.; W. H. Southern, Almoner; J. Gardner, Herald; E. Pike, Reg.; F. W. Lean, Treas.; and G. S. Smith, Org. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by Sir Knights Hy. Thomas, D.P.G.C.; P. Royle, and J. H. P. Leresche (who were visitors), and other sir knights. A vote of thanks to the V.E. the Prov. G.C. for his kind attendance and services as Installing Commander was warmly received, and suitably acknowledged. A Committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the next meeting of Provincial Great Priory, which will be held at Manchester in April next.

The sir knights afterwards dined together, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Red Cross of Rome and Constantine.

Premier Conclave.—This old and distinguished conclave met at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 5th inst. Among those present were Sir Knights Heard, M.P.S.; N. Prower, M.A., V.E.; C. Keyser, G.S., S.G.; Purrott, J.G.; Robinson, H.P.; T. Cubitt, P.G.G., Treas.; Pakes, Prefect; Scurrah, H.; L. Steele, S.S.; W. Lake, I.P.M.P.S.; H. H. Shirley, M.A., G.S., P.M.P.S.; Capt. T. C. Walls, G.J.G., P.M.P.S.; Dr. Mickleby, G.C., P.M.P.S.; H. J. Lardner, G.S., P.M.P.S.; Robinson, P.M.P.S.; and others. Sir Knight John Read was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Comp. Cooper was impressively inducted into the Order by Sir Knight Shirley. A sanctuary of K.H.S. was then opened, and Sir Knight Cooper was installed a member of that high grade. The principal work was carried out by Sir Knights Shirley and Lardner, and left nothing to be desired. The proceedings terminated by the conferring of the Degree of St. John the Evangelist upon the aforesaid candidate. Among the apologies received for non-attendance were communications from Sir Knights John Mason, P.G.J.G.; George Kenning, C. F. Matier, and G. Graveley.

The sir knights then adjourned to the banquet, which was held at Freemasons' Hall.

The customary toasts were duly honoured.

The M.P.S., in giving the various toasts, was most eloquent and original in his remarks. In proposing "The Past Sovereigns," he paid a deservedly high compliment to the excellent services rendered to the Red Cross Order by Sir Knights Shirley and Lardner, whose knowledge and execution of its various rituals could not be too much extolled.

"The Health of the old and valued Treasurer, Sir Knight T. Cubitt," was also warmly received, and he, in his reply, regretted the absence, through indisposition, of his colleague in office, Sir Knight J. Mason.

The meeting, which was in every way successful, terminated at an early hour.

Bro. Lord Leigh, after accompanying his daughter, the Countess of Jersey, as far as Paris, on her journey to New South Wales, returned to London on Friday, the 16th inst.

The Duke of Connaught as Colonel-in-Chief of the Rifle Brigade, presented to the Queen, on Saturday last, Colonel Boyle, commanding the 4th battalion, Lieut.-Col. Howard, Major Howard, and Lieut. Mackenzie, who tendered for Her Majesty's acceptance a large bronze bell, taken near Mandalay, in Upper Burmah.

Ireland.

ENNISKILLEN.

St. John's Lodge (No. 891).—The installation of officers in connection with this lodge was the occasion of a most happy and successful Masonic re-union in the Town Hall, on Friday, the 2nd instant. The lodge having been opened, the officers for 1891 were ably installed by Bro. Wm. F. Jones, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., and were as follows: Bros. John Murray, W.M.; J. L. Carson, S.W.; S. Richardson, J.W.; Wm. Duncan, S.D.; J. Coalter, J.D.; W. Crowe, I.G.; with Bros. Wm. Ritchie, I.P.M.; Wm. F. Jones, Sec.; Wm. Teele, Treas.; and Rev. W. Abbott, LL.D., Chap.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren, over 40 in number, sat down to dinner in the "Big Room," which was most tastefully decorated. Bros. Murray, W.M., and Carson, S.W., presided over a very happy party and most excellent dinner, provided by Luigard in his customary good style.

The usual loyal and Craft toasts having been duly honoured, a number of others of a more social and local character followed.

The toast of "The Visitors," given by Bro. Carson, was the event of the evening, and Bro. Ritchie, the I.P.M., delivered a powerful and able oration, and the songs of Bros. Murray, Lockhardt, Forde, and Hunter enhanced the pleasures of a deeply interesting and gratifying meeting.

Craft Abroad.

MALTA.

Leinster Lodge (No. 387, I.C.).—Many of our readers will be interested to hear that this old and popular lodge maintains the brilliant reputation it has always enjoyed amongst Masonry in Malta. The time-honoured ceremonies incorporated with the meeting on St. John's Day, the 27th December, were this year lacking in none of their interest and enthusiasm. The lodge, which is now held at 177, Strada San Guseppe, Isola, was opened, and most of the working and other business disposed of, after which the brethren sat down to lunch.

The afternoon was agreeably disposed of by those who chose to remain, the splendid new premises overlooking the harbour and its busy shipping offering every enticement to pass a pleasant hour. The Junior Warden afterwards summoned the brethren to their labour, which was of a very agreeable nature, being the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Hamilton Sharpe, S.W. The Hiram was assumed by Bro. Dahn, P.D. Dist. G.M., E.C., well known as one of the oldest and respected P.M.'s on the island, and the installation ceremony was performed in a most able and impressive manner.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren repaired to the banqueting room, which was tastefully decorated with immense flags and evergreens, the handiwork of Bro. Lucas, of H.M.S. Don. The repast, which was laid with liberality and elegance, was done justice to, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and enthusiastically received, Bro. Sharpe being warmly received upon this, his first time of presiding in his mother lodge. The Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close, no one present but heartily acknowledged that—

Happy they had met,
Happy they had been,
Sorry to depart,
Happy meet again.

The following is a list of the officers for the year: Bros. Hamilton Sharpe, W.M.; Walter Penning, S.W.; James Barnwell, J.W.; Daniel W. Jackson, P.M., Treas.; W. E. Cook, P.M., Sec.; Samuel G. Singlehurst, S.D.; T. Duckett, J.D.; Alfred T. Davis, I.G.; and George P. Stephens, P.M., Tyler.

Obituary.

BRO. SIR JAMES MEEK, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.

The Craft in the North of England, especially within the Province of North and East Yorkshire, will regret to learn that Bro. Sir James Meek, who for many years was a prominent figure at the meetings of the Provincial Grand Lodge, died at Cheltenham—at which place he had resided during the last five years—on the 10th inst. Bro. Meek was a native of the city of York, and was initiated in the York Lodge, No. 236, on the 19th March, 1860, and continued a subscribing member down to the period of his death. He was also a trustee of the lodge, and served the office of W.M. with great ability in 1864. In 1863, Bro. Meek was appointed P.G.D.C. by the late Earl of Zetland, Prov. Grand Master, and in 1864 Prov. S.G.W. On the formation of the Provincial Charities Association of North and East Yorks, in 1880, in which he took an active interest. Bro. Meek was appointed Chairman, and continued to act in that capacity until his residence within the province ceased in 1885. He was also a Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. Meek was exalted in the Zetland Royal Arch Chapter in 1861, was First Principal in 1866 and again in 1879, and P.P.G.H. of the province. During his association with the lodge whilst in York, Bro. Meek was an energetic worker in the Craft, and, in order to mark the high esteem and regard in which he was held by the members of his lodge, an illuminated address was presented to him previous to his leaving his native city on his retirement to Cheltenham. The remains of Bro. Sir James Meek, who was thrice Lord Mayor of York, and for a long period connected with the Corporation, many of the commercial establishments, and most of the philanthropic and religious institutions of the city, were interred at the York Cemetery on Tuesday, the 13th inst. On reaching the Mansion House the Lord Mayor, Sheriff, and Corporation and magistrates joined the cortege in carriages, and many of the public institutions of the city were

also represented. The chief mourners were Bro. J. M. Meek, P.M., P.P.G.R.; Mr. W. A. Meek, Mr. E. Meek, Mr. E. E. Meek, and Mr. S. W. Meek, sons of the deceased, Mr. Meek-Dyson, Mr. J. G. Beever, Bros. W. B. Jackson, P.M., and E. H. Newton, P.M., and Mr. J. Banks. Representing the York Lodge were Bros. J. Todd, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; S. Border, P.M., P.G.R.; J. Sykes Rymer, P.M., P.P.G.R.; G. Kirby, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; G. Balmford, P.M., P.P.G.O.; E. W. Purnell, S.W.; J. Biscoomb, and W. N. Stimpson. The floral tributes were beautiful, notably the one sent by the W.M. and brethren of the York Lodge, which was triangular in form, and was composed of violets surrounded by choice lilies and other flowers.



There is undoubtedly an advantage in not being at a first performance of a new play, for often it happens that a piece is produced before it has been thoroughly rehearsed, and many actors never play well until they have performed several times in public. "Private Inquiry" at the Strand is a case in point. We saw it after it had been played a few times, and found it running smoothly, and thought it an extremely amusing piece. We are sure that old playgoer and excellent amateur critic, the Duke of Beaufort, who was present on the same occasion, judging by the way he laughed at the business, would endorse all we say. It deals with the suspicions a man has of his wife, for which purpose he engages a private detective to watch her movements, and send a report to him daily. Of course the agent is a blackleg, and, to receive double money, informs the wife of what he is set to do, and so issues a report, which practically is at the wife's dictation. The stupid husband is cajoled, and, showing the detective's bulletins to a friend, suggests to him to employ the same means with regard to his wife. A very humorous and harmless farcical comedy has been made out of this by Mr. F. C. Burnand, which had it been better played on its initial performance would, we think, have called forth better press notices. Mr. Edouin and Mr. Alfred Maltby bear the burden of the piece with great credit. The rest of the cast seem to be a little "out of it." Should Mr. Edouin find it needful to change his programme, and his wife, Miss Alice Atherton, is well enough to appear, we recommend him to revive his great success, "Our Babies."

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Bro. Thomas Thorne has re-opened the Vaudeville, which is, as far as the front is concerned, entirely rebuilt, and a handsome structure its façade is. The interior is refurnished in a most luxurious and tasteful style for the comfort of his patrons. "Woodbarrow Farm," which was played at a *matinée* two years ago, and commanded much attention then, is now put in the bill. Mr. Jerome's comedy is highly interesting, and although its plot is not new the manner in which the author has conveyed his ideas and worked out the details is fresh. Unfortunately our columns will not permit of a description of the story, as that would take up too much space, but we recommend our readers to pay an early visit to the beautiful little Vaudeville, and see for themselves the comedy which was allowed on all hands in 1889 to be far above the average of plays brought out at *matinées*. Mr. Bernard Gould, Miss Ella Bannister, and Miss Vane play and act well the chief parts. The lessee has chosen for himself a very small part.

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We think it may be taken for granted that of the many plays produced by Bro. Irving at the Lyceum "Much Ado about Nothing" and "Faust" are the favourites with the public, because they like Bro. Henry Irving and Miss Ellen Terry the best in these. Therefore Bro. Irving can have made no mistake in reviving Shakespeare's well-known comedy, which, when he brought it out some eight years ago, set all London talking as to the stage mounting and the perfection of acting the lessee and his leading lady gave. The present revival calls for nothing fresh to chronicle, unless it be that Bro. Irving and Miss Terry seem to revel more than ever in their respective characters, Benedict and Beatrice, and their audience appear to enjoy still more keenly the delightful acting of the recognised leaders of the English stage. Bro. Terriss is again the Claudio. Bro. Macklin plays Don Pedro in a stately fashion. Of the new comers Bro. Alfred Bishop is a welcome Friar Tuck. Mr. Mackintosh seems rather to be too engrossed in making all his points, and Miss Annie Irish acts and looks charming as Hero. It was surely a mistake (though a pardonable one) for Mr. Robertson to obey an encore in the middle of an act, even when sweetly sung as was "Sigh no more ladies." The synopsis of scenery, by Messrs. Craven, Cuthbert, and Telbin, looked the same wonderment and praise as when first produced. The church scene, of course, is the chief attraction. "Much Ado about Nothing" has evidently set in with another long lease of life at the Lyceum. It is a play every one must see.

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We had written, but owing to want of space it did not appear, a notice of the New Olympic, and therein recommended Bro. Wilson Barrett to give us a series of revivals of his old plays, "The Silver King," "Lights o' London," "Hoodman Blind," "Claudian,"

"Clito," "Nowadays," "Good Old Times," "The Lord Harry," &c. We find Bro. Barrett has followed our suggestion, which he never saw, and again placed "The Silver King" on the boards. It is no exaggeration of language to say that this is the finest of modern melodramas. Its story is instructive and interesting, and the character of Wilfred Denver exactly suits Bro. Wilson Barrett's style of elocution and acting. He has never been seen in a part more suitable, and we do not wish ever to see him in a better one. As long as the English stage endures there can be little reason to doubt "The Silver King" will live. Mr. George Barrett makes us weep yet more than ever in the character of dear old Jaikes. Miss Emery succeeds Miss Eastlake as Nellie Denver, but is scarcely her equal. Mr. Cooper Cliffe is the Spider, a part created by Bro. Willard, and which began his reputation. To open his new theatre we recommended "The Silver King" as the piece most likely to draw. Bro. Barrett having found "The People's Idol" did not take with the public, has gone back to what we are sure will draw, at any rate, for some time. One of the chief features of the theatre is that from every part of the theatre an uninterrupted and easy view of the stage is obtained.

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MASONIC MEETINGS (Metropolitan)

For the week ending Saturday, January 31, 1891.

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24.

CRAFT LODGE.

1679, Henry Muggerridge, Anderton's Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Cuswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, at 7.
Duke of Connaught, Navarino Tavern, Navarino-road, Dalston, at 8.
Eccleston, Bro. Dickie's, 13, Cambridge-street, Pimlico, at 7.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.
King Harold, Four Swans, Watnam Cross, at 7.
Manchester, Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, at 8.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.
Star, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E., at 7.
Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kito-road, St. Katherine's park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30.
Industry Chapter, Hanover Arms, Clapham-road, at 7.30.
Mount Sinai Chapter, Red Lion Ho., 14, King-st., Regent-st., W., 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

1329, Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall.

MONDAY, JANUARY 26.

CRAFT LODGES.

4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.
26, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Savoy Hotel.
28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
183, Unity, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
212, St. Andrew's, Albion Tavern.
902, Jurgoyne, Anderton's Hotel.
905, De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall.
1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-square.
1632, Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1745, Farringdon Without, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
1828, Shepherd's Bush, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, at 8.
Doric, White Horse Tavern, White Horse-lane, Mile End-road, 8.
Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Atlantic Road, Brixton, at 8.
Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.
Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, at 8.
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.
Marquess of Ripon, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.
Perseverance, Ye Old Cheshire Cheese, 23, Adde-street, Wood-street, E.C., at 7.
Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 203, Whitechapel-road, at 7.
Queen's Westminster and St. Marylebone, The Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, 8 till 10.
St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance), at 8.
St. Luke's, Somerset Arms, 214, Fulham-road, at 8.
St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, at 8.
Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, at 8.
Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.
Strong Man, Bull and Bell, Ropemaker-st., Moorgate-st., E.C., 7.
Unique, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 7.30.
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Church-rd., Upper Norwood, 8.
Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., at 8.
Warner, Bridge Chambers, Hoe-street Railway Station, Walthamstow, at 8.
Wellington, White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, 8 to 10.
West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.
Zetland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8.
North London Chapter, Grosvenor Hotel, Canonbury, at 7.30.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.
Hope Chapter, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 8.
Israel Chapter, Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, W.C.

JAN. 24, 1891.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
 188, Joppa, Guildhall Tavern.
 188, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
 1201, St. Peter's Westminster, Criterion.
 1537, MARK LODGE.
 4, Prince of Wales, Mark Masons' Hall.
 RED CROSS.
 2, Plantaganet, Cafe Royal, Regent-street.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
 46, Old Union, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
 16, Moira, Albion Tavern.
 92, Faith, Anderson's Hotel.
 141, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
 145, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
 186, Israel, Cannon-street Hotel.
 205, Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond.
 255, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms.
 259, Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel.
 115, Ebury, Cafe Royal, Regent-street.
 134, Ebury, Masonic Hall.
 144, Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall.
 1744, Empire, Criterion.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Brixton, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, S.E., at 8.
 Capper, Railway Tavern, Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 7.
 Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8.
 Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Corner of Queen's-road and Middle-ton-road, Dalston, E., at 8.
 Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.
 East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, High-street, Croydon, at 8.
 Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
 Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe.
 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 8.
 Finsbury, London Coffee House Tavern, Ludgate Hill, at 7.
 Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.
 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
 Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30.
 Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edward-square, Kensington, at 8.
 Mount Edgumbe, Crown Tavern, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.
 Nelson, Royal Mortar Hall, Woolwich, at 8.
 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.
 Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.
 Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, at 8.
 Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
 Robert Burns, Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, W.C., at 8.
 South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, S.W., at 7.30.
 St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma-road, S.W., at 8.
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
 Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
 Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, at 6.30.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
 224, United Strength, Guildhall Tavern.
 890, Horsey, Anderson's Hotel.
 1275, Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
 1395, Clapton, St. Botolph's Chambers.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

- 128, Oxford and Cambridge University, 33, Golden-square.

ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES.

- 16, Stewart, Mark Masons' Hall.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.
 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.
 212, Euphrates, Holborn Restaurant.
 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham.
 898, Temperance in the East, 6, N. W. by-place, Poplar.
 1017, Montefiore, Cafe Royal, Regent-street.
 1056, Victoria, Guildhall Tavern.
 1360, Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon.
 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel.
 1584, St. Dunstan's, Anderson's Hotel.
 1718, Centurion, Inns of Court Hotel.
 1768, Progress, Freemasons' Hall.
 1818, Clapham, Criterion.
 2332, Borough of Greenwich, King William IV. Hotel, Greenwich.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
 Burgoyne, Essex Head, Essex-street, Strand, 6 to 8.
 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 7 till 9.
 Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Cray, 8.
 Duke of Albany, Masons' Arms, 169, Battersea-park-road, at 8.
 Earl of Lathom, Joiner's Arms, Denmark Hill, S.E., at 8.
 Fidelity, The Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8.
 Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.
 Heaton, Lower Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8.15.
 Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 8.30.
 Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford, at 8.
 La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Great Portland-street, W., at 8.
 Lonsborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.
 Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse, 7.30.
 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High-street, Boro', at 7.30.
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.
 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.
 Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516, Old Kent-road, at 8.
 Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45.
 Prosperity, City Arms Tavern, 2, St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.
 Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8.
 Royal Jubilee, The Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.
 Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.
 St. Ambrose, Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Ken-sington, at 8.
 St. Leonard, Pr. of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-road, Victoria Park, 8.
 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Putney, at 8.
 Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.
 United Mariners, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, Nunhead.
 United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.
 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W.
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.
 Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 12, Union Waterloo, New Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
 435, Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
 704, Camden, Anderson's Hotel.
 753, Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
 1299, Stanhope, Surrey Masonic Hall.
 1471, Islington, Railway Hotel, Highbury.

ROSE CROIX CHAPTER.

- 67, Studholme, 33, Golden-square.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29.

General Committee Girls' School at Freemasons' Hall, at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tavern.
 1524, Duke of Devonshire, Anderson's Hotel.
 816, Victoria Park, London Tavern.
 2192, Highbury, Cock Tavern, Highbury.
 2264, Chough, Cannon-street Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
 Camden, Levisham Masonic Rooms, adjoining White Hart Hotel, 116, High-street, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.
 Clarence, Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham-court-road, at 7.30.
 Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
 Creation, Wheatsheaf Hot., Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., 8.
 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, 9.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern (opposite Lime-house Church, E.), at 7.
 Ebury, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, at 8.
 Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
 High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.
 Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
 Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
 Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, 8 to 10.
 Langton, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 5.30.
 Leopold, City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7.
 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House, London Bridge, at 7.
 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte-st., Fitzroy-square, W.,
 Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch Lane, at 7.30.
 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Rail-way Station), at 7.30.
 Rose, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
 Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool-road, at 8.
 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-road, at 8.
 Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-street, Kennington.
 Stuart, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, at 7.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 6.30.
 Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-road, Bow-road, at 7.30.
 Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.
 Victoria Park, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 8.
 West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30.
 Chaucer Chapter, George Hotel, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida-vale, at 7.30.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.

MARK LODGE.

- 211, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30.

Quarterly Meeting Boys' School at Freemasons' Hall, at 4.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Albion, The Mitre, 125, Chancery-lane, at 7.
 All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, at 8.
 Clapton, Navarino Tavern, Navarino-road, Dalston, at 8.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Kensington Park Hotel, Lancaster-road, Notting-hill, W., at 8.
 Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8.
 Great Northern, Bervick Arms, Bervick-street, Oxford-st., at 8.
 Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.
 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 7.30.
 Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.
 Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7.
 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.
 Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, N.
 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
 Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.
 St. George's, Globe Tavern, Greenwich, at 8.
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.
 St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8.
 Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.
 The Abbey, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, at 7.30.
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
 Westbourne, Swiss Cottage Tavern, St. John's Wood, N.W., 8.
 Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George-street, Baker-st., W.
 Hornsey Chapter, Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-gardens, Paddington, W., at 8.
 Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at 8.
 Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.
 Strawberry Hill Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, S.W.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

- 26, Faith and Fidelity, Cannon-street Hotel.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, at 12.

CRAFT LODGE.

- 1706, Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant.

MASONIC MEETINGS (Provincial)

For the week ending Saturday, January 31, 1891.

The following is a list of Towns in which the Lodges, &c., whose numbers are appended, meet at the dates given. Further particulars of places of meeting, &c., of Craft Lodges, and R.A. Chapters, will be found in "The Freemasons' Calendar," and that of Mark, Rose Croix, &c., in "The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar," both published annually at the office of *The Freemason*.

MONDAY, JANUARY 26.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 27.

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| Devonport ... 954 <td>Havant ... 1958 <td>West Hartlepool 39 </td></td> | Havant ... 1958 <td>West Hartlepool 39 </td> | West Hartlepool 39 |
| Maldon ... 1024 <td>Stonehouse ... 2025 <td>Stoke, Devon ... 96 </td></td> | Stonehouse ... 2025 <td>Stoke, Devon ... 96 </td> | Stoke, Devon ... 96 |
| Alfreton ... 1038 <td>Bakewell ... 2129 <td>Hereford ... 243 </td></td> | Bakewell ... 2129 <td>Hereford ... 243 </td> | Hereford ... 243 |
| Chipping Norton ... 1036 <td></td> <td>Maidstone ... 255 </td> | | Maidstone ... 255 |
| | | ROSE CROIX. |
| | | Leicester ... 92 |

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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| Newcastle ... 24 | Aylesbury ... 591 | Edmonton ... 1237 |
| Wutenaven ... 119 | Cleckheaton ... 603 | Redcar ... 1244 |
| Margate ... 127 | Lee ... 704 | Waterloo ... 1380 |
| Truro ... 131 | Crewkerne ... 814 | Harrington ... 1400 |
| Jatley ... 204 | Wotton-under-Edge ... 855 | Saltburn-by-Sea 1618 |
| Maryport ... 371 | Stockton ... 940 | Huddersfield ... 1783 |
| Broadstairs ... 429 | Tredegar ... 1098 | Dartford ... 1837 |
| Hatifax ... 448 | Jarrow ... 1119 | Beckenham ... 2266 |

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28.

- | CRAFT LODGES. | Tiverton ... 1125 | Swinton ... 2216 |
|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Cheltenham ... 82 | Manchester ... 1219 | Castleton ... 2320 |
| Shrewsbury ... 117 | Sowerby-ridge 1483 | Cadoxton ... 2357 |
| Bury ... 128 | Winoledon ... 1300 | R.A. CHAPTERS. |
| Manchester ... 163 | Chipping Solbury ... 1363 | Plumstead ... 13 |
| Garston ... 220 | Ormskirk ... 1493 | Stonhouse ... 159 |
| Hull ... 250 | St. Columb ... 1529 | Dinton ... 20 |
| Portsmouth ... 257 | Camborne ... 1544 | York ... 236 |
| Berkeley ... 270 | Manchester ... 1643 | Ashton-under-Lyne ... 268 |
| Huddersfield ... 301 | Slaithwaite ... 1645 | Lewes ... 311 |
| Alcester ... 301 | Camberley ... 1714 | Mottram ... 320 |
| Budleigh ... 372 | Bolt ... 1723 | Birkenhead ... 805 |
| Bingley ... 439 | Sunbury ... 1733 | Barrow-in-Furness ... 1225 |
| Newton Moor ... 441 | Rayleigh ... 1734 | Cleveland ... 1750 |
| Berkhamstead 504 | Liverpool ... 1756 | MARK LODGES. |
| Congleton ... 533 | Scarborough ... 1790 | Rochdale ... 24 |
| Bedford ... 540 | Church ... 1715 | Brighton ... 75 |
| Framlingham ... 555 | Hurstpierpoint 1,97 | Haywards Heath ... 164 |
| Carnarvon ... 608 | Manchester ... 1798 | E. Stonehouse 169 |
| Chesterfield ... 681 | North Walsham ... 1808 | Swansea ... 179 |
| Liverpool ... 724 | Tinterden ... 1854 | Douglas ... 323 |
| Chorley ... 730 | Oldham ... 1865 | Liverpool ... 359 |
| Whitecliffe ... 750 | Chard ... 1953 | Ilkeston ... 373 |
| Tottenham ... 754 | New Brompton 1977 | Choriton-cum-Hardy ... 394 |
| Worthing ... 854 | Watford ... 1994 | Rose Croix. |
| Birmingham ... 857 | Cleator Moor ... 1919 | Newport ... 34 |
| Lichfield ... 1039 | Tunstall ... 2004 | |
| Manchester ... 1053 | Hanley ... 2149 | |
| Jarrow ... 1119 | Chepstow ... 2180 | |

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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| Chatham ... 20 | Newbury ... 574 | Liverpool ... 1356 |
| Jover ... 199 | Worthing ... 851 | Ormsley ... 1005 |
| Bingley ... 439 | Derby ... 1035 | Herne Jay ... 2099 |
| Havertownwest 404 | Liverpool ... 1204 | Hendon ... 2216 |
| | Sowerby Bridge 1283 | |

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29.

- | CRAFT LODGES. | Hyde ... 1166 | Colne ... 116 |
|----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Exeter ... 39 | Souhport ... 1313 | Kendal ... 129 |
| Colchester ... 51 | Ashton-under-Lyne ... 1322 | Dewsbury ... 208 |
| Darlington ... 111 | Matlock Bath ... 1445 | Heywood ... 263 |
| Kendal ... 129 | Lindley ... 1514 | Teignmouth ... 303 |
| Ringwood ... 132 | Coventry ... 1630 | Hebden Bridge 307 |
| Haslingden ... 215 | Pembroke ... 1745 | Abindon ... 945 |
| Bacup ... 280 | Shoeburyness ... 1817 | MARK LODGES. |
| Stalybridge ... 324 | Shanklin ... 1854 | Frome ... 155 |
| Jersey ... 590 | Hazel Grove ... 1957 | Blackpool ... 296 |
| Glossop ... 625 | Wigan ... 2169 | KNIGHTS TEMPLAR. |
| Morpeth ... 630 | Hull ... 57 | Rochdale ... 34 |
| Ulstonbury ... 772 | | RED CROSS. |
| Norwich ... 807 | | Landport ... 35 |
| Tywardreath ... 1151 | | |

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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| Gravesend ... 77 | Rochester ... 1050 | Stratford ... 1816 |
| Merthyr Tydvil 110 | Sudbury ... 1244 | Sandown ... 1869 |
| Deptford ... 147 | Wimbledon ... 1360 | Sharncliffe ... 1694 |
| Jatley ... 204 | Roumora ... 1437 | Wallingford ... 1837 |
| Leeds ... 289 | Hatfield ... 1500 | Dover ... 2195 |
| Uxbridge ... 382 | Leyton ... 1635 | Bradford ... 2321 |

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30.

- | CRAFT LODGES. | Leicester ... 1391 | Newport, Mon. 471 |
|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Lewes ... 1303 | Nottingham ... 1435 | Newark-on-Trent ... 1661 |
| ChippingBarnet 1385 | Doncaster ... 242 | |

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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| Newbiggin ... 123 | Jristol ... 326 | York ... 1991 |
| Bristol ... 187 | Bradford ... 1034 | Manchester ... 1993 |
| Keighley ... 205 | Saltash ... 1071 | Bristol (Province) 1604 |
| | Gosforth ... 1604 | |

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31.

(No Meetings.)



Bro. Lord Mayor Savory, W.M. 21, has signified his intention of visiting the Alliance Lodge, No. 1827, in state on Wednesday, the 11th of March, when his lordship and the officers of Grand Lodge will be entertained at a banquet. This fixture was recently postponed, owing to the sudden and painful bereavement sustained by Bro. E. F. Fitch, the W.M. of the lodge.

Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Vice-President of the Society for the Encouragement of the Fine Arts, has accepted the office of President, in succession to the late Sir R. Wallace, Bart.

The Earl of Pembroke has sent a donation of £100 to the Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, City-road, E.C., a charity doing much good in a poor and crowded neighbourhood.

At the next festival dinner of the Earlswood Asylum for Idiots the chair will be taken by Bro. J. Blundell Maple, M.P. The date fixed for the gathering is Wednesday, May 20th, the rendezvous being the Hôtel Métropole.

Bro. Lord Mayor Savory has nominated Mr. H. Kemp Avory as clerk of the arraigns at the Central Criminal Court, in succession to Mr. E. J. Read, retired. Mr. Avory's father occupied the post for several years.

The officers elect of the Westbourne Lodge have been invited to the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, when it is expected the outgoing W.M. will rehearse the ceremony of installation, after which the officers will be invested by the W.M. elect.

A marriage has been arranged between the Hon. George Keppel, third son of Bro. Viscount Bury, and grandson of the veteran Earl of Albermarle, and Miss Alice Edmonstone, the youngest and only unmarried daughter of the late Admiral Sir William Edmonstone, M.P. for Shropshire from 1874 to 1880.

The three installation ceremonies will be rehearsed at the Industry Chapter of Instruction, No. 186, by Comp. H. J. Wicks this (Friday) evening, at 6.30, at the Hanover Arms, Kennington Park-road (opposite Kennington Church). Exaltation ceremony at 7.30. All Royal Arch Masons will be welcomed, particularly Principals and Past Principals.

A successful ball, under the auspices of the Rutland Lodge took place on the 14th instant, in the Town Hall, Ilkeston. The room was effectively decorated, rows of Chinese lanterns adding materially to the general effect. There was a large attendance, and the members of the Craft were in full regalia. Mr. Wardle's quadrille band supplied the music; and Bro. J. E. Whitehead, P.M., acted as M.C.

Bro. Richard Warner on Monday last had the pleasure of entertaining at his new residence, 64, Clapham-road, on the occasion of his 35th birthday, the following gentlemen: Bros. C. F. Hogard, Harry J. Hitchins, F. Binckes, Capt. W. T. Purkiss, Captain Warren Wright, H. Barnato, H. Warner, Sam Adams, G. A. Farini, C. Brighten, Romano, F. Phillips, L. Benjamin, E. Warner, Allen, H. Day, J. Somers, and others.

On Tuesday evening, the 13th inst., the officers and brethren of Lodge Friendly, No. 1513, entertained their wives and sweethearts to a banquet and entertainment at the Masonic Hall, Barnsley. There was a good attendance. The proceedings opened with an entertainment, consisting of glees, duets, &c., and afterwards the company partook of a capital repast. Short addresses, &c., brought to a close a very enjoyable evening.

Bro. J. E. Shand, P.M., Sec. 1563 and 2030, who has been staying at Ventnor, Isle of Wight, for several weeks in search of health, reports that even in that warm sheltered part of the undercliff the cold has been unprecedented, but notwithstanding this nearly every day during the past week there has been sunshine from four to six hours, and on Monday last visitors were to be seen seated and reading their newspapers and books on the esplanade, so warm were the rays of the sun. Bro. Shand returns next week much improved in health.

The supper of the New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction was held on Tuesday evening, at the Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, when there was a numerous assemblage of the members and brethren. The chair was occupied by Bro. Gush, the Preceptor, and the vice-chair by Bro. Bury, the Secretary. After doing justice to an excellent supper, provided with Bro. Foale's usual care and attention, the brethren spent a very enjoyable evening. The musical brethren who kindly assisted were Bros. Syckelmoore, Powell, Lynn, Mullord, Rushton (vocalists), Allen, J. D. White, and H. Coxhead (instrumentalists).

Bro. Harry Seymour Foster, L.C.C., M.L.S.B., who is a candidate along with Mr. Alderman Tyler for the Shrievalty 1891-2, gave a dinner at the City Carlton Club on Thursday last to a few friends, including Mr. Sydney Gedge, M.P., Bro. Capt. Henry Wright (who supported him respectively on his right and left), Bro. Barrow Emanuel, M.A., Past Master of Pattenmakers' Co.; Bro. J. Pallaher, C.C., who has just been elected a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society; Lieut.-Col. Bowen, Commanding 4th Battalion East Surrey Regiment; Bro. Deputy R. C. Halse, Chief Commoner; Mr. Ingersall, Mr. J. Rock, J.P., Bros. Thomas, C.C., E. S. Lardner, Secretary Temple Lodge; Harris, and others.

It may interest such of our brethren as are also Volunteers to learn that the "First Surrey Rifles Gazette" for the present month contains a record of long service members still serving with the battalion, the list being headed by our worthy Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., who, with 31 years' service, is now the father of that regiment. The "First Surrey's" is a distinguished Metropolitan corps, and either the third or fourth on the roll of those formed under the Royal Warrant of May, 1859. Bro. Stevens is still a private, having, however, held nom. com. rank in the earlier days of the movement, and it would be interesting to know whether or not the claim put forward by his comrades that he is the senior effective private in the Volunteer force, as constituted in 1859, can be maintained.

Bro. Frederick Kent, of Cheapside, has just undergone a painful operation. He is progressing favourably, but it will be some time before he is able to leave the house.

The Prince of Wales, attended by Rear-Admiral Stephenson and Bro. Sir Francis Knollys, left Marlborough House on Saturday afternoon last for the purpose of rejoining the Princess at Sandringham.

The prices of admission to the several parts of the Globe Theatre, which were augmented by the late management, have been reduced by Mr. Norman Forbes to the standard which formerly obtained at this house.

In condoling with Bro. Lieut. G. S. Q. Carr, R.N., H.M.S. Scout, in the sad circumstance of the death of his father, Capt. Carr, R.N., late Superintendent of the Ports Malta, we much congratulate Bro. Carr upon his election as W.M. of Lodge St. John and St. Paul, No. 349 (E.C.), Malta.

The Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, No. 20, held its installation meeting on Wednesday last, the 21st inst., at the Sun Hotel, Chatham, when Bro. W. G. Wiggins was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year. A report of the evening's proceedings will appear in our next week's issue.

The highest but one in the land and the highest but one in the Church are Masons. We refer to the Prince of Wales and the new Archbishop of York. We believe Dr. Magee is the only Bishop on the English Bench who belongs to our Fraternity. His Dean, Pury Cust, is well known in Masonry.

Wednesday week is the date fixed for the fancy dress "opera ball" to be given by Bro. Sheriff Harris at Covent Garden Theatre. The ball promises to be one of the great social events of the season. It is understood that M. Walteufel will come specially to England for the purpose of conducting the orchestra, which is to consist of 100 performers.

Bro. H. S. Foster, L.C.C., who is a candidate for the office of junior Sheriff, now held by Bro. Augustus Harris, has been elected a member this week of the Alliance Lodge, No. 1827, and Emulation Lodge, No. 21. In the latter he was proposed by Bro. the Lord Mayor, the newly-installed Master, who warmly supports Bro. Foster in his candidature for the Shrievalty.

The Irish Distress Fund amounted at the close of last week to some £29,000, among the latest contributors being the Goldsmiths' Company, 500 guineas; the Skinners' Company, 200 guineas; the Ironmongers' and Carpenters' Companies, each 50 guineas; the Duke of Devonshire, 200 guineas; the Earl of Derby, £200; the Earl of Rosebery, £100; and the London and City Banking Company, £105.

"The Drapers' Diary for 1891"—London: Office of the "Warehousemen and Drapers' Trade Journal," 148 and 149, Aldersgate-street, E.C.—is intended to be a counting-house record of business transactions throughout the year. It is handy in size, and contains a mass of information intended for the special benefit of tradespeople. It is neatly got up, and is, in fact, good value for the money.

Bro. Augustus Harris has arranged for a series of popular promenade concerts at the Royal Italian Opera, Covent Garden, to be held on the Saturdays falling between now and the beginning of Lent, the first part of the programme being on each evening devoted to Wagner, while on the four Saturdays occurring during Lent, the four oratorios, "The Creation," "Judas Maccabæus," "The Messiah," and "Elijah," will be performed.

Bro. Dr. Lott, Organist of St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, has been appointed to the Chair of Music at the University of Trinity College, Toronto. The new Professor will have to visit Toronto annually to deliver a course of lectures, and to examine the Canadian candidates for degrees in music. Professor Lott sails on March 14th, in the Aurania, for New York, en route for Toronto, returning to England about the middle of April.

On Friday, the 16th inst., the St. Stephen's Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1802, was consecrated at East Retford, Notts. The ceremony took place in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, the officers officiating being Comps. the Rev. F. Vernon Bussell, P.G.P. Soj.; Lieut.-Col. Newton, H.; H. Sadler, P.Z. 169, Grand Janitor; H. George, 47 and 1661; Rev. A. J. L. Dobbin, 402; F. A. Powell, Z. 1446, and H. 457; and a number of visitors from Nottingham, Southwell, Newark, and Doncaster. The principal officers of the new chapter invested were Comps. J. G. Dimock, Rev. O. C. Cockrem, S. Pegler, and J. Walker.

An extraordinary surgical operation has been performed at Chicago. A member of the Order of Knights Templars had been operated upon for cancer, and a wound nearly a foot square was left. The doctors in attendance on him declared that if their patient was to recover the wound must be covered with new human skin. Thereupon 132 members of the brotherhood volunteered to submit to an operation, which should consist of the removal of a small strip of skin from their arms, so that it might be transferred to the wound of their comrade. This operation was performed on Wednesday. The majority of the self-sacrificing Knights Templars bore the surgeon's knife without flinching, but several of them fainted.

The annual ball given by the Masonic lodges in Doncaster was held at the Mansion House, Doncaster, on the evening of the 15th inst. The splendid apartments contained in this building were kindly lent by the Mayor, thus adding very greatly to the success of the ball, as it enables the members of the Craft to be more liberal in other respects, and to give more to the Charities. The company numbered over 200, and the ball was honoured with the presence of Bro. Henry Smith, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire. There was in addition a large number of visitors from outside towns and other places. Bros. J. H. Pawson and Tom Anelay efficiently discharged the duties of M.C.'s, and the brethren generally acted as Stewards and attended to the comfort of the company. At the conclusion Bro. Henry Smith, D.P.G.M. of West Yorkshire, proposed a vote of thanks to the Mayor for having allowed them the use of the Mansion House. An excellent programme of dances had been arranged, and the music was supplied by Mr. Wilson's band.

Of the many preparations for the teeth that have been brought before the public during the past few years we know of none that has been so successful as "Salvine," and as far as we have been able to judge the esteem in which it is held is owing to the intrinsic merits of the article, which claims to be prepared on scientific principles, and to really preserve as well as whiten the teeth.

The annual supper of the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65, will take place on Wednesday, the 28th inst., at 7 p.m., at the City Arms Restaurant, 2, St. Mary Axe, Bro. F. W. Ruse, W.M. 65, in the chair.

The Prince and Princess Christian, accompanied by their daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Louise of Schleswig-Holstein, and Prince Aribert, of Unhalt, left Cumberland Lodge for Osborne, on a visit to the Queen, and after a few days' sojourn returned to their residence at Windsor.

The Christmas vacation of the ladies' division of the Crystal Palace Company's School of Art, Science, and Literature closed as usual on the 5th inst., when the various classes were resumed. The studies in the junior section commenced on Monday, the 19th inst.

The London office of the *Sydney Morning Herald*, 78, Queen Victoria-street, E.C., has issued their annual time tables of the Australian and New Zealand mails for 1891, covering the whole of the services between Europe and Australasia in a very neat and handy form for the pocket. Copies may be had gratis upon application as above.

The regular convocation of the Architect Chapter, No. 1375, was held at the Town Hall, Withington, on Monday, the 19th inst. There were present Comps. W. W. Wilson, P.Z., P.G.R., M.E.Z.; J. G. Bromley, P.Z., H.; W. T. Hesketh, J.; H. G. Small, S.E.; D. Murray, P.S.; J. B. Kirk, Janitor; H. Vollmer, P.Z.; H. Everett, P.Z.; John R. Reffery, T. Markland, and J. W. Wilcock, Visitor: Comp. H. Nall, P.S. 317.

The annual ball in connection with the Fitz-Alan Lodge, No. 1432, was held at the Victoria Rooms, Oswestry, on Thursday, the 13th instant, and, thanks to the excellent arrangements which had been made, everything passed off most satisfactorily. There was a very good attendance, and this is a matter of congratulation, as the ball was in aid of the Masonic Charities. The following were the Committee, who acted as M.C.'s: Bros. Lewis, Parsons, Martin, Roberts, England, Crittall, A. C. Minshall, Drew, and Owen. Much of the success of the ball was owing to the energetic efforts of the Hon. Secretaries, Bros. Gardner and Whitridge.

At the usual meeting of the Hamer Lodge, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Thursday, the 15th instant, a valuable and handsome ormolu drawing room timepiece and pair of vases were presented to Bro. Walter C. Erwin, P.M., P.P.A.G.S. The gift was from past and present members of the Hamer Lodge of Instruction, No. 1393, on Bro. Erwin's retirement from the Preceptorship, a position which he has filled for the last 10 years. In the absence of Bro. J. C. Brookes, W.M., Bro. J. R. Hankey, I.P.M., made the presentation, and paid a high tribute to Bro. Erwin's services on behalf of the lodge. Bro. Erwin, who is also one of the Secretaries of the West Lancashire Alpass Benevolent Fund, suitably responded. The meeting was largely attended.

The Clarence Lodge, No. 2386, which has been established principally for the benefit of the military brethren connected with the headquarters at Chester, was consecrated at the Masonic Hall, Foregate-street, Chester, on Monday, the 19th inst. The important function attracted a large number of visiting and provincial brethren from all parts of the county. Owing to the absence, in consequence of the severe weather, of the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, the duties of Consecrating Officer were discharged by Bro. Sir Horatio Lloyd, Deputy Prov. Grand Master. At the conclusion of the ceremonial, Bro. W. H. Finchett, P.M. 721, was installed the first W.M. of the lodge. We hope to give a fuller report in our next.

By the departure of Lord Connemara from Madras "local" Freemasonry loses its head, his lordship being the District Grand Master of Craft Masonry in Madras. As the leading "light" of Madras Masonry, his lordship has been of distinguished service to most of the "lodges" in the Presidency, which are supposed to be in a "flourishing" state in consequence. This is particularly displayed in the number of "new" members who have joined the Society during the last two years, which increase is generally attributed to the avidity with which the example of the illustrious chief of the local branches of the Brotherhood has been noted and followed. Masonry, as practised in Southern India, suffers a loss on the resignation of Lord Connemara, and it is with much interest that the selection of a worthy successor will be watched.—*Madras Times*.

The W.M. and officers of the Royal Alfred Lodge held a highly successful ball in the Town Hall, Alfreton. A special dispensation having been obtained, the brethren appeared in their Masonic regalia. There were over 100 ladies and gentlemen present. The room had been most tastefully decorated. Dancing commenced at about half-past eight o'clock to the strains of Mr. J. H. Barnes's quadrille band. The supper was provided on a lavish scale by Bro. Alfred Schofield, of the George Hotel. The Stewards were Bros. Wild, W.M. (M.C.); W. D. Cupit, I.P.M.; H. Rowbottom, P.M., D.C.; T. Hardstaff, S.W.; J. T. Shallow, J.W.; James Stuart, Sec.; T. E. Bridson, S.D.; W. B. Taylor, J.D.; A. H. Welbourne, Org.; A. C. Brentnall, I.G.; W. Peel, Steward; and J. Diamond.

The Philadelphia *Public Ledger* says there is much excitement in Canada over the affairs of the Northwestern Masonic Aid Association, whose head-quarters are at Chicago. The organisation has in force in Canada over \$2,000,000 of insurance among the Masons. It has been doing purely a Masonic business in Canada, but it is coming to the knowledge of the Dominion Government that the association was accepting non-Masons as risks in the United States. It was notified to quit business in Canada or put up the statutory \$5,000,000 deposit at Ottawa. The latter it would not do so it has been peremptorily ordered to withdraw from Canada. It is said that after the withdrawal from Canada the association can snap its fingers at the Canadian patrons who have paid in many thousands of dollars in assessments.

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