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## THE RECENT SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

The Autumn School Elections last week passed off as we anticipated. There was some heavy voting, but no great amount of excitement, and though it is impossible that the friends of all the candidates could have been satisfied with the result, those who failed in carrying their cases are not greatly disheartened. They have other chances of success still left them, and as we have remarked on sundry occasions, now that the lists are within manageable compass, it only needs the exercise of a little tact supplemented by a certain amount of kindly consideration in order to ensure the admission into our Schools of every child who has once had its case approved by the Committee. The four *last* cases in whose behalf we made an earnest appeal for support to the Governors and Subscribers were all carried, and there is no reason why the same success should not attend all children who may be similarly circumstanced.

The ballot for the admission of 21, from an approved list of 26, candidates into the

### GIRLS' SCHOOL.

took place at Freemasons' Tavern, on Thursday, the 13th inst. London furnished nine candidates and the Provinces 15, while there were two girls whose claims were partly London and partly Provincial. Of these London had the satisfaction of electing seven and the Provinces 13, while London and Gloucestershire carried the one in which they were jointly interested. The three highest on the poll who scored 4545, 4004, and 3803 votes respectively, hailed from London, and were all new cases, while a Kentish girl, who had this one and only chance available, was placed next with 3164 votes. Then followed three more London candidates, the highest of them standing at No. 5 with 3100; the next, who brought forward from the April election 1321 votes, increasing her total to 3070, and the next, with 53 votes in hand, coming seventh with a total poll of 3062. The London and Gloucestershire candidate was eighth with 3030 votes, of which 1884 were brought forward, and then followed another Londoner, who increased her poll of 704 from April last to 3023. Thus out of the nine highest on the list of successful London claims seven and shares with Gloucestershire in the triumph of an eighth. The Oxfordshire girl was placed at No. 10, with 2941 votes, the case from Madras being next with 2875 votes, and that from Sussex close at her heels with 2814 votes. Then followed a child who had claims on the two Provinces of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and West Lancashire, and as she started with 1732 votes to the good, her friends experienced little difficulty in winning a place for her, her total of votes being 2779. No. 14, in which Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and Kent had each an interest, polled 2654 votes, and then followed a Hants and Isle of Wight girl, pure and simple, with 2650 votes, the East Lancashire and West Yorkshire child obtaining the 16th place with a total of 2529 votes. No. 17, from East Lancashire, scored 2444 votes; No. 18, from Essex—who was a *last* case—2424 votes, of which 1917 votes were brought forward; and No. 19, 2nd Battalion, 1st Royals, 2170 votes, of which 817 were obtained in April last. Nos. 20 and 21, the former from Essex and the latter from Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, completed the total of successful candidates, with 2021 and 1867 votes respectively. The two highest Unsuccessful girls were both Londoners, and, as they carry forward the one 1779 votes and the other 1424 votes, they will both stand an excellent chance of gaining admission at the election in April, 1893. As regards the aggregate of votes, 8428 were brought forward from April and 63,863 were issued for this election, of which 56,617 passed the Scrutineers. Thus there were 7246, or rather more than usual, unused and spoiled votes.

### THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

Election was held at Freemasons' Tavern on the 14th instant, when 24, from a reduced list of 37, candidates were elected. In this case London furnished only six cases, of whom three succeeded and three failed. No. 1, who started with 1147 votes in hand, increased his total to 3852, while No. 2 polled 3102 votes right off the reel. These were both London boys, the next in order hailing from the Mauritius with a score of 2870 votes. Then came the Staffordshire candidate with 2632 votes, the West Lancashire with 2615 votes, and one of three hailing from Kent with 2613 votes. A second Kent boy obtained the seventh place, his poll being made up of 2121 votes brought forward, and 478 additional—or together 2599, while the Gloucestershire boy stood eighth with 2509 votes, and the Bucks and Herts boy next with 2504. No. 10, who hailed from Berkshire, had nine votes in hand at starting, and closed the day with 2461, while Warwickshire and one of the East Lancashire lads were placed 11th and 12th with 2444 and 2407 votes respectively. Cambridgeshire secured the next admission with

2376 votes, and Shropshire the 14th with 2366 votes, the second East Lancashire lad scoring 2342, and thereby winning the 15th place, and the third boy from Kent the next place with 2314 votes. No. 17 (Herefordshire) stood next on the list of candidates, having stood two previous ballots, but with very indifferent results. However, on this occasion his friends rallied round him, and increased his 49 votes from last April to 2273, while a third London lad, who started with 637 votes to his credit, finished the day with 2220. One of two Dorsetshire candidates who brought forward 89 votes, raised his total to 2203, and so won the 19th place, while one of three Suffolk lads stood next with 2201 votes. No. 21 hailed from Cornwall, and scored 2181; and No. 22, from Lincolnshire, who made his first attempt in April last and his last on this occasion, his total poll being 2036 votes. Hampshire and the Isle of Wight placed its candidate at No. 23 with 1967 votes, and Suffolk carried a second of its three candidates by standing 24th with 1669 votes. The three highest Unsuccessful cases, who polled 1479, 1476, and 1085 votes respectively, all hailed from London, and, of course, stand a capital chance of procuring admission in April next, and so, too, do the Sussex boy, who obtained 1067, and the Dorsetshire boy, who finished up with 837 votes. But the most gratifying feature about this, as about the Girls' School Election, is that the two *last* cases—Nos. 7 and 17—were both successful, the third *last* case being the boy Thornber, whose name was withdrawn from the list a short time before the election. In this case the votes brought forward were 5048 and the votes issued 67,251, of which 5927 were unused or spoiled.

## CONSECRATION OF THE SELWYN CHAPTER, No. 1901.

On Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Montpelier Hotel, Choumert-road, Peckham, was witnessed by a number of Royal Arch Masons a most imposing and impressive ceremony—the consecration of the Selwyn Chapter, No. 1901, attached to the Selwyn Lodge, one of the most distinguished in South London. The Consecrating Officer was Comp. E. Letchworth, G.S.E., who was ably assisted by Comps. T. Fenn, P. Pres. Com. G.P., as H.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.A.G. Soj., as J.; F. Mead, D.G.D.C., as S.N.; and J. H. Matthews, P.G.D.C., as D.C.

The other companions present were—

Comps. Walter Davies, 1st A.S. 1348, M.E.Z. designate; Edwin Gauntlett, 1329, H. designate; John Lightfoot, 1329, J. designate; W. H. Hook, P.Z. 186; C. H. Stone, 1275; J. Evans, 1348; H. R. Hobbs, 1348; W. J. Alford, 1348; F. H. Ford, 1348; F. E. Pow, 1348; A. R. W. Powles, 1297; A. H. Fraser, 188; Geo. Russell Natalia, P.Z. and D.C.; J. Warren, P.Z. 1343; H. Sadler, Grand Janitor; F. Hilton, P.Z. 1275, M.E.Z. 1622, H. 172; R. J. Voisey, P.Z. 1329, M.E.Z. elect 1226; E. A. Whitby, P.Z. 1329; R. C. Davis, J. 1216; V. F. Murché, J. 1329; W. Vail, 169; J. A. Braik, 1st A.S. 1216; C. Thomson, S.N. 1297; J. Spencer, 720; and Wm. Wills, 1348.

The chapter having been regularly opened by the Principals and Past Principals, and the companions admitted, the CONSECRATING PRINCIPAL addressed the companions on the nature of the meeting, and called upon the D.C. to state the wishes of the companions, and the proceedings they had taken with respect to the chapter.

The petition and charter having been read, the CONSECRATING PRINCIPAL inquired if the companions of the new chapter approved of the officers who were nominated in the charter to preside over them.

On signifying their approval, the following oration was given by Comp. the Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF, P.A.G. Soj.:

Companions,—I have every assurance that the establishment of a new chapter is an evidence that the lodge to which it is attaching itself has done such good work as to encourage the Masons within it to seek for more light. It will, therefore, in very great measure depend upon you whether those Masons who are seeking to advance in our Order are either encouraged and further interested in our Craft, or are discouraged, and I venture to think that the present occasion will not only further promote the good fellowship existing among you, but will induce you all to seek to make your chapter a success. I am afraid that it cannot be denied that there are some among our Order who, when they are advanced to the Degree of the Royal Arch, are sometimes disappointed. It is difficult to understand this, because the Degree is itself an impressive one. Our ceremonies are full of historic interest, and I fear, therefore, the true cause of the disappointment must be found within ourselves; certainly not in the Degree. Is not, perhaps, the reason this? That of all the Degrees in Freemasonry there is none which requires so much study and such careful rendering as the Royal Arch. I venture to think it is more difficult to give this Degree perfectly than any other Degree in Freemasonry, as it requires more careful study and greater attention. You will not, therefore, I trust, misunderstand me if I give you a few short common place instructions which useful in every Degree of Freemasonry are I venture to think specially applicable to the Degree of Royal Arch. First of all, be accurate. Study the ritual of this Degree with care, remembering that every word is well placed, every word is of importance. Slovenly rendering mars every Degree, this Degree perhaps more than any other. Secondly, be impressive. It is not given to every one of us like him whom we have mourned this week, a master of our English language, but it is possible for all to learn so to impart their views, and so to render the ceremonies as to avoid the dullness of repetition.

It is quite possible for a letter perfect Mason to be a bad worker. Every one should be clear and distinct. There is no language so beautiful as the English, none more difficult to speak; every word requires its proper motive, every word requires the most distinct articulation. Lastly, be brief. It is unfortunately very common indeed for inexperienced Masons to call themselves Preceptors. Trying to improve they mar our ceremonies. Remember, we have none of us any right to add one particle to our ancient ceremonies. We have no right to say badly in ten minutes what we could say better in five if we adhered to our ancient ritual. I must apologise for having spoken thus in the presence of so many experienced Masons, but I am conscious, if I may use the words, that I am only endeavouring to strengthen others, like the hone which gives edge to a razor, but itself has none.

The ceremony was then resumed, and the chapter solemnly dedicated and constituted in the usual form.

The installation of Principals then took place as follows: Comps. W. Davies, M.E.Z.; Edwin Gauntlett, H.; and John Lightfoot, J.; after which the election and investment of the following officers took place: Comps. W. H. Hook, acting I.P.Z., Treas.; C. H. Stone, S.E.; J. Evans, S.N.; H. R. Hobbs, P.S.; W. J. Alford, 1st A.S.; T. H. Ford, 2nd A.S.; A. H. Fraser, Steward; and T. Bowler, Janitor.

The M.E.Z. rose and proposed "That the heartiest thanks of the companions be given to the G.S.E. and the rest of the Grand Officers for their eminent services in consecrating the chapter," remarking that it had been most beautifully performed, and that they were all deeply grateful to them for their great kindness and for the great ability they had witnessed. He trusted that the chapter would imitate and make its record in South London.

This was ably seconded by Comp. E. GAUNTLETT, H., and, having been put by Comp. J. LIGHTFOOT, J., was carried with acclamation.

It was proposed by Comp. J. LIGHTFOOT, J., and seconded by Comp. W. H. HOOK, P.Z., in a few very appropriate words, "That the Consecrating Officers be elected honorary members," which was likewise unanimously carried.

In reply, the GRAND SCRIBE E., on behalf of himself and his colleagues, tendered his warmest thanks, and acknowledged the very kind terms spoken of him for his small services. It was to him the greatest possible pleasure, and he wished the chapter every success. Their pleasure was the more increased by being elected honorary members.

Eleven propositions for exaltation having been handed in, with "Hearty good wishes" the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Comp. Pow, the proprietor, which was most highly appreciated, as was shown by the ample justice done by all the companions.

The cloth removed, the M.E.Z., in appropriate terms, gave the toast of "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry," which was loyally received.

That of "The First Grand Z., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," was as loyally given and received.

The toast of "The Pro First Grand Principal, Earl Lathom; the Second Grand Principal, Earl of Mount Edgcombe; the Third Grand Principal, Bro. W. W. B. Beach; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the M.E.Z. stated, was the most important one of the evening, especially in having the noble representatives sent down and consecrating the Selwyn Chapter, for which they were all indeed deeply indebted to them.

In reply, Comp. FENN said he felt very highly honoured in being called upon to reply. He would rather the G.S.E. had responded by precedence, who could tell much more of the Grand Officers' work than he could. However, on that occasion it had been a most pleasing duty in starting another chapter into the world, with the hearty wish of all the Consecrating Officers that its life would be a most successful one.

The toast of "The Consecrating Officers" followed, in proposing which the M.E.Z. said was the one above all others, for they had indeed been highly honoured, and were deeply grateful. The splendid ceremonies that had been witnessed would be remembered by the companions till the day of their death. He hoped the death of the Selwyn Chapter would be a long, long way off, and he wished the Grand Officers long life and happiness.

In reply, Comp. LETCHWORTH, G.S.E., said how pleased the Consecrating Officers were to hear the kind manner in which their services had been spoken of, and said it only gave them every possible pleasure in launching another chapter, which he trusted would have as great success as the lodge. Personally, he was very delighted to be introduced to Comp. Hook, the father of the lodge, and one of the founders of the chapter, and he was sure that under his fostering care the chapter would achieve that success which the lodge had done.

The toast of "The Principals" was given by Comp. LETCHWORTH, who spoke in excellent terms of each, and especially admiring the courage and pluck of the M.E.Z., who, although he had met with a serious accident—a broken arm—yet had done his duties most satisfactorily. He wished the Principals a prosperous and happy year of office such as they had experienced while acting as W.M. of the lodge.

The M.E.Z., in reply, thanked all most cordially for such a hearty greeting and trusted that the Consecrating Officers would at some future time pay the chapter a visit, when he hoped to be able to give a much better account of himself, having had the opportunity of qualifying himself for the honourable position which he then held.

Comp. E. GAUNTLETT, H., said he felt fully alive to the great responsibility which had been thrust upon him. He should never forget the splendid ceremonies that had been rehearsed in the installations. He would state that during his Mastership of the lodge the formation of a chapter was really his hobby, as Comp. Stone, S.E., would bear out, but now it being an accomplished fact, through his great exertions, he (Comp. Gauntlett) would do his utmost for its success.

Comp. LIGHTFOOT, J., in reply, said this was one of the most memorable days in his life. It was only another great honour conferred upon him as the brethren had done in electing him as W.M. of the Selwyn Lodge. He trusted that the Grand Officers who had done them a great honour that evening would at no great future date visit them when they trusted to give a good report of their work.

The M.E.Z. next gave the toast of "The Visitors" with a most cordial greeting, remarking that no chapter could get on without them. They had several distinguished ones with them, some had left, and apologies for non-attendance had been received from others whom they would be delighted to have had among them, especially Comp. Grumant, who had taken a lively interest in the formation of the chapter. They all deeply regretted his inability to attend on account of the serious illness of his father. Of those present they trusted to see them again to witness their working.

Comp. RUSSELL, P.Z. 738, Natal, replied, and said it gave him very great pleasure to be present there that night. He had just returned to

England on a short visit, after an absence of 42 years. He remembered the neighbourhood in which they were holding their chapter since he was a little boy at school, 50 years ago, and some of the liveliest recollections of his youth were associated with that locality. He was initiated into Masonry in the year 1858—when it was first introduced into Natal—and, with one exception, he happened to be the oldest living Mason in the colony. He had filled all the offices in the lodge, and finally became W.M., and subsequently in the year 1876 he became a Royal Arch Mason, in which Degree he had passed all the chairs. When the Grand Lodge of Natal was formed he was nominated as a District Grand Master, but that position he declined, as he felt his abilities were not equal to so important a position. He was afterwards nominated to the position of Grand Warden of the colony, and that position he now held. He also retained office in his mother lodge, the brethren of which when they knew he was coming to England specially, requested him to see how everything was done in English lodges, and by the kindness of the Grand Secretary he was with them that evening. He took that opportunity of expressing his great delight at the beautiful ceremony of consecration, and also his pleasure at the able manner in which it had been rendered. He was glad to have had the opportunity of witnessing the ability, zeal, and assiduity with which the various companions of the chapter had performed the duties which had devolved upon them. In the colony things were different, and there was not the kind fellowship and brotherly unity which he had observed that evening, and which he predicted would go far to make that chapter as great a success as the Selwyn Lodge, from which it took its birth. He had to thank them for their kindness for allowing him to have the opportunity of being amongst them, and he should carry back to the colony none but the liveliest recollections of his visit, and the cordial hospitality with which they had been pleased to greet him.

Comp. SADLER, G.J., said he was delighted at the kindly reception which had been accorded to the visitors. He congratulated the founders on the success which had attended their efforts, and from what he had seen that evening he felt he might safely predict a most satisfactory future for the chapter. He trusted sincerely that every member of it would prosper likewise.

Comp. HILTON thanked the M.E.Z. for the kindly manner in which he had proposed the health of the visitors. It was with the utmost gratification that he had been able to witness the consecration of the chapter in which he felt a peculiar interest. From the first moment it had his best wishes, and any assistance, individually or collectively, which he could render towards the promotion of its success would always give him the greatest pleasure. He trusted the chapter would always be distinguished by its good fellowship amongst the companions, and that it would be the forerunner of many more chapters in South London. It would always receive his most cordial support.

Comp. VOISEY desired to thank the companions for having given him the opportunity of witnessing another consecration of Royal Arch Masonry, and of enjoying its hospitality. The speech of Comp. Russell had reminded him of a letter he had received from Australia the other day, in which the writer spoke very highly of the way in which Freemasonry was conducted in that country. He thought these things went to show the extent of the cordiality which existed amongst Masons, and he was always glad to notice how in every lodge and every chapter the brethren and companions were delighted to show how well they could do their work. He thought the chapter had a great future before it, and being a local chapter, no doubt, go on and disseminate those grand principles which must tend to the good of Freemasonry in general. He was delighted to see Comp. Lightfoot installed into the chair of J., whom he had exalted some years before in the Sphinx Chapter.

Comps. WILLS and MURCHE also ably responded.

The M.E.Z. next gave the toast of "The Officers," congratulating himself on having such an excellent array, all of whom were well able to perform their respective duties even before the Selwyn Chapter existed.

Each officer most suitably replied, acknowledging the privilege of being among the first set of officers, and pledging themselves to do their very best for the Selwyn Chapter.

The Janitor's toast closed a most auspicious event.

The musical arrangements were under the able management of Comp. W. H. Hook, ably assisted by Comps. C. H. Stone, W. J. Alford, and H. R. Hobbs. Comp. J. Evans ably presided at the organ.

The chapter was furnished by Comp. George Kenning.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

### ELECTION OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

A Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Devon was held at Torquay, on Monday the 17th inst., and was largely attended. Bro. the Hon. Sir Stafford Northcote, M.P., P.G.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. Captain G. S. Strode Lowe, D.P.G.M.; Dr. G. Evans, 372, P.S.G.W.; J. B. Gover, 66, P.J.G.W.; M. Axworthy, 16, P.G.S.O.; J. Oldfield, 16, P.G.T.; W. Taylor, 319, P.G. Reg.; H. Stocker, 15, P.G. Secy.; G. Gurney, 169, P.G.S.B.; T. Worledge, 48, P.G. Std. Br.; W. F. Westcott, 66, S. H. Hare, 36, P. Hannaford, 76, P.G. Stewards, J. Gidley, 383, P. G. Tyler. There were also amongst those present, Bros. C. F. Matier, G. Secy.; W. J. Hughan, P.G.W.; the Hon. H. V. Duncombe, G.S.O.; J. Lane, P.G.S.O.; F. Crouch, 16, P.G.D.; J. Du Pre, P.G.S.B.; C. G. Vicary, 215, P.P.J.G.W.; E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.J.G.W., 96; F. R. Thomas, 35, P.P.G.M.O.; W. Allsford, 16, P.P.J.G.O.; J. Chapman, 35, P.P.G.M.O.; J. Leonard, 16, P.P.G. Treas.; W. Harris, 215, P.P.J.G.D.; J. R. Lord, P.P.G.I. of Wks.; J. Oliver, 215, P.P.G.D.C.; T. C. Lewarn, 76, P.P.G.D.C.; C. H. Fulford, 15, P.P.A.G.D.C.; C. Hunt, 91, P.P.G.S.B.; W. H. Dillon, 96, P.P.A.G. Sec.; J. Dodge, 319, P.P.G. Reg.; H. R. Langmead, P.P.G. Purst.; G. W. Hancock, 16; A. W. King, 169; T. H. Wills, 319; A. W. Searley, 319; G. West, 319; W. H. Lander, 215; J. M. Elliott, 187; A. Roberts, 66; J. W. Cornish, 76; W. G. Watson, 64; Rev. T. C. Lewis, M.O. 438; J. Taylor, S.W.; S. Wills, Chap.; J. W. McKellar, D.C.; W. H. Rowland, S.D.; J. M. Glanfield, Org. 319; J. Endicott, J.W.; W. Cutler, J.O.; R. H. Batstone, Sec. 48; D. Carwithen, S.W. 16; W. Gould, J.W.; E. H. Shorto, M.O. 15; G. Dunsterville, J.W. 35; H. Reynolds, S.W. 383; R. Hambly, jun., S.O. 215; R. H. Grimby, J.W. 215; J. Buiton, I.G. 50; T. S. Crossman, P.S.W.; J. E. Newton, Tyler; T. Beckett, 319; and J. Porter, 16.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY reported that since the last annual meeting there had been 56 advancements in the year, and allowing for deaths, removals, &c., there had been an increase of nine members in the province, making at the close of 1891, 508 members. The restriction that no offices

would be given to members of lodges whose returns were not sent in by March 31st was found to work well, and would be closely adhered to. The application made to the M.W. the Grand Master for leave to alter the name of the Huyshe Lodge to that of Fidelity Huyshe Lodge, No. 91, had been granted. There had been another lodge instituted in the province during the year, that of the Duncombe Lodge, No. 438.

The PROV. GRAND TREASURER reported that all the fees and dues had been received, and after the payments ordered had been paid there remained a balance of £23 13s.

The Provincial Committee recommended that 10 guineas should be voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and five guineas each to the Devon Educational Fund and the Fortescue Fund.

The Committee appointed to revise the by-laws of the Provincial Grand Lodge submitted the improved by-laws.

The reports were all adopted.

Thanks were voted the By-laws Committee.

On the proposition of the D.P.G.M., seconded by Bro. E. H. SHORTO, Bro. Sir Stafford Northcote was recommended to the M.W. Grand Master for the office of P.G.M. of Devonshire for the ensuing three years.

Several brethren joined the proposers in warm eulogies of the P.G.M.

Bro. John Taylor, 319, was unanimously elected Prov. Grand Treasurer, and Bros. Jno. Lane and W. Taylor, Auditors.

In accordance with a new by-law, a Committee of General Purposes was appointed, consisting of the P.G.M., the D.P.G.M., the P.G. Wardens, Treasurer, and Secretary, *ex-officio*, and four brethren elected—Bros. J. Lane, J. B. Gover, F. Crouch, and J. Stocker.

The Prov. Grand Master then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Bro. Capt. G. S. Strode Lowe, 50	...	...	Dep. Prov. G.M.
" The Hon. H. V. Duncombe, 438	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" J. R. Lord, 50...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" J. F. Ellerton, 187	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" Sholto H. Hare, 35	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" T. H. Wills, 319	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. T. C. Lewis, 438	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" J. Taylor, 319...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" C. H. Fulford, 15	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" H. Stocker, 15...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. G. Watson, 64	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" W. F. Wescott, 66	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" A. W. King, 169	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" G. W. Hancock, 16	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" P. Hannaford, 76	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" W. H. Lander, 215	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. Squire, 23	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" A. W. Searley, 319	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. Routledge, 91	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" A. S. Coyte, 100	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" G. Dunsterville, 35	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" H. Reynolds, 383	...	...	
" E. H. Shorto, 15	...	...	
" D. Carwithen, 16	...	...	
" J. Gidley, 167...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

In the evening the brethren dined at the Victoria and Albert Hotel, Bro. Sir Stafford H. Northcote presiding.

Bro. Matier was the guest at the banquet of the Provincial Grand Master, and at the festive gathering, as well as at the Provincial Grand Lodge, the esteemed Grand Secretary was most heartily received, and warmly thanked for his attendance. Bro. Matier meant "business," however, as the new Stewards for the "Mark Benevolent" can testify.

### GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK LIBRARY AND READING ROOM.

After the summer vacation, the Grand Lodge Library and Reading Room is open afternoons and evenings, and a cordial invitation is extended to the fraternity.

From the report of R.W. Bro. Herman G. Carter, Grand Librarian, we excerpt the following:—

"The Grand Lodge Library of the State of New York is acknowledged to be one of the best and most complete Masonic Libraries in the world. Here are to be found the proceedings of all the Masonic Grand bodies, the standard books of the Craft, and the monthly Masonic magazines—a collection that is worthy of the fraternity of this large and growing jurisdiction.

"It is necessarily a continuous work to make additions and keep bound in volumes for reference the proceedings of the various Grand bodies, which are an official history of the Fraternity, and are continually referred to by brethren, not only in our own, but from other jurisdictions. The proceedings and Masonic periodicals have been bound as rapidly as the successive numbers to form volumes are received. The books pertaining to the Grand bodies are classified by the names of the jurisdictions to which they respectively belong, and the miscellaneous works according to the subjects of which they treat.

"Freemasonry is pre-eminently an intellectual Institution. A Masonic library may justly be called the brains of the Fraternity, for it teaches us the accumulated experience of the Craft, and makes us acquainted with the wisdom and intelligence of its greatest and profoundest thinkers, past and present. Each volume in a library, looking silently out from its place on the shelf, contains within its covers the work of some human mind, and each page is the mirrored reflection of an active brain.

"To acquire Masonic knowledge is within the reach of every member of the brotherhood, and the Grand Lodge Library is a place sought after by the intelligent and thoughtful Mason. The Masonic student can here find the beginnings and theories of the fraternity; what it has done and what it seeks to do, and what the sages and distinguished authors have written, as also the fullest discussions on Masonic jurisprudence.

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### LE CLERC'S ARCHITECTURE.

As the editor of the esteemed "Freemasons' Repository" was the first to make known the Masonic character of the rare work on architecture by Le Clerc (English edition and reproduction of plates by John Sturt), I have decided to compile particulars of the treatise for the readers of that valuable magazine.

The original edition is entitled "Traité D'Architecture avec Des Remarques et des Observations Tres-Utilies Pour les Jeunes Gens, &c., by Seb. Le Clerc, Chevalier Roman, &c., a Paris, MDCCXIV. (Quarto viii. and 196 pp., Vol. 1). The "second volume Contenant Les Figures" has 181 plates, in all, on one side of the paper only; all but two being numbered consecutively, these being marked 10 and 11, in different figures to the others.

The first English edition is the one alluded to in the "Freemasons' Repository," July, 1888, with a reproduction of one of the Dedication plates. Vol. 1 (pp. vii. and 144) is of the year 1723. The second is dated in 1724, and is to contain "Two Hundred Copper Plates by John Sturt, Translated by Mr. Chambers."

Notwithstanding this declaration, there are but 181 plates relating to the science, the source of error being possibly the "Panegyrick on Mr. Le Clerc," by the Abbot De Vallemont, who mentions the book is "filled with two hundred figures."

As noted by the Rev. Dr. H. W. Rugg, there are four Dedication Plates, to the Masons, Bricklayers, Carpenters, and Joiners, respectively, the Coats of Arms of these Companies being a feature of the designs. These are not in the original volume of 1714, but that, however, has a fine plate heading, "Au Leteur," of a symbolical character; the Masonic tools, square and compasses, 24-inch gauge, and segment being duly prominent. Also another plate, at head of page 1, of the work itself, which shows a figure seated, with compasses in hand, level at the side, and various designs scattered about. There is also in same work of 1714 a fine initial letter [L] with compasses, rule (placed as we do the square), and segment artistically arranged; besides a beautiful emblematical title to second volume.

The two folios numbered "61" in the original issue, and in the other editions designated 61 B and 61 A, are called "Ordre Espagnol," the first being described as "D'un centre de Colonne." The English editions contain no plate numbered 79, the reason being evident by turning to the French work, that page being a title for following plates, viz., "Les Ordres Des Pilastres."

The second English edition is of the year 1732, and lacks the list of subscribers. The second volume has a fine portrait of Le Clerc, an engraved title, with vignette, and on obverse, a plate, after the style of No. 112, only much more elaborate. Sturt's plates are all reversed designs, which no matter, unless there are letters, as in this instance, when 112 reads "S. H. I." but the plate fronting the first dedication has I. H. S., that presumably being an original arrangement of the designer, by Sturt, though it is not signed.

The title of this issue (2nd vol.) has the number of plates correctly stated (viz., CLXXXI.).

All editions are scarce and valuable. There are both of the English issues and the French of 1714 in the library of General Lawrence, of Boston, U.S.A. The Grand Lodge of England has the 2nd edition of 1732, and Bro. G. W. Bain has now one also of that date.

A brief account is given by Bro. H. Sadler, Sub-Librarian Grand Lodge of England, in the *Freemason* for 23rd July, 1892, and I have two notices of the work in the same well-known paper for 1891, and one for 6th August, 1892.—W. J. HUGLIAN, in the "Freemasons' Repository."

HESSE CASSEL.—Freemasonry appears to have been founded in this Electorate in 1743, when on April 13 the Lodge "Zu den drei Löwen," later, "Marc Aurel zum flammenden Stern," was set up. In 1771 a Lodge "Zum blauen Löwen" appears to have existed, and a lodge "Zum Thale Josaphat" flourished in 1778, but is said to have been of some antiquity even then. Under the Mastership of Von Gersdorff, it counted among its members many of the nobility and officers, and officialty of the Electorate. In 1774, September 29, Von Hund also opened a new lodge under the name "Zum gekrönten Löwen." The history of Freemasonry in Hesse Cassel, subsequently to this period, is very chequered indeed. Several lodges of no little renown Masonically existed in various parts of the principality, such as "Wilhelmine Karoline" at Nassau; "Chevaliers de Catherine," etc., at Cassel, and many others, either at the end of last century or the beginning of this. In 1824 an Electoral rescript closed all the lodges, which were not reopened until about 1849, when the Lodge "Zur Eintracht und Standhaftigkeit," under General Von Helmschwerdt, was founded. In 1855 the lodges were again practically suppressed; but since 1866 they have again met, and are, we believe, at work. In 1817 a Grand Lodge of Electoral Hesse Cassel was constituted, which, however, was closed in 1824, and is not now in existence.—*Keuning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry*.

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No. on Poll.	SUCCESSFUL:	Notes.
1.	Harris, H. R. ... ..	3852
2.	Pinn, C. H. ... ..	3102
3.	Bewsher, C. W. W. ... ..	2870
4.	Bellamy, W. R. ... ..	2632
5.	Evans, R. T. ... ..	2615
6.	Penney, L. G. ... ..	2613
7.	Foster, G. W. ... ..	2599
8.	Matthews, R. H. ... ..	2599
9.	Hales, S. M. ... ..	2594
10.	Frampton, C. H. ... ..	2461
11.	Pattison, S. B. ... ..	2444
12.	Bradshaw, J. R. ... ..	2407
13.	Hills, W. ... ..	2376
14.	Morgan, E. W. S. ... ..	2366
15.	Mattinson, B. C. ... ..	2342
16.	Cowell, J. F. ... ..	2314
17.	Cullis, W. ... ..	2273
18.	Harling, S. J. ... ..	2220
19.	Tanner, H. ... ..	2203
20.	Cracknell, C. H. ... ..	2201
21.	Page, H. J. P. ... ..	2181
22.	Mason, B. ... ..	2036
23.	Slaymaker, A. G. ... ..	1967
24.	Cooper, F. G. ... ..	1669

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The following communications amongst others unavoidably stand over:

CRAFT.—Lorne Lodge, No. 1347; Tennant Lodge, No. 1992; Tilbury Lodge, No. 2206; St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 2259; Barnato Lodge, No. 2262; and Acacia Lodge, No. 2321.

INSTRUCTION.—Fidelity Lodge, No. 3.

ROYAL ARCH.—Lion and Lamb Chapter, No. 192; and Covent Garden Chapter, No. 614.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorsetshire, Provincial Grand Lodge of Wiltshire, Provincial Grand Chapter of Leicestershire and Rutland, Provincial Grand Chapter of Lincolnshire.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1892.

**Masonic Notes.**

Bro. J. S. Cumberland's motion was carried to alter the day for the Council of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys to hold its meetings from the first Saturday to the last Friday in every month, August being excepted, the hour fixed being 4 p.m., instead of 5 p.m. as originally proposed. The change will be doubly beneficial. The meetings of the General Committee of the Girls' School and the Council—which is the General Committee under a new name—of the Boys' School will be held on consecutive days, while, as we pointed out last week, the Secretary and his staff will be relieved of the necessity of remaining on duty for two or three hours after the time appointed for closing business.

As regards the other business, Bro. Richard Eve, Past Grand Treasurer, and Chairman of the Board of Management, was elected Trustee, in place of the late Bro. W. Roebuck, P.G.S.B., and Bro. S. J. Attenborough was appointed Honorary Solicitor to the Institution. The rank of Honorary Vice-President with the rights and privileges appertaining thereto, was conferred on Bro. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., Honorary Surgeon-Oculist, Bro. Wharton P. Hood, M.D., Honorary Surgeon; and Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C., D.P.G.M. Middlesex, for his gift of 130 guineas to found certain prizes in history. To these brethren, accordingly, we offer our hearty congratulations.

The Grand Lodge of all Scottish Freemasonry in India appears to be prospering as greatly under its new Grand Master, Bro. J. W. Smith, as under the late lamented Bro. Sir H. Morland. The regular Quarterly Communication was held at Freemasons' Hall, Bombay, on the 23rd July last, when from the report of Bro. Capt. C. D. Wise, Grand Secretary, it appeared that a new lodge, with the style and title of the Lodge of Charity, No. 783, was consecrated by that officer on the 27th April, Bro. John Harkness, P.M. No. 389, S.C., being installed first R.W.M. On the 30th of the same month, Bro. Capt. C. D. Wise visited Nasirabad, and officially inspected Lodge Kindred Hope, No. 594, S.C., and found it in a state of great efficiency, though it had only resumed work in July, 1891, after a dormancy of about four years.

At the same Communication it was unanimously agreed that the joint Hall Committee, composed of representatives of the English and Scotch Constitutions, in the prosecution of their endeavours to obtain suitable premises for a hall, or a convenient site on which to erect a hall, should have power to enter into an agreement for such a purpose, the Grand Lodge pledging itself to accept the terms of such agreement, provided it shall have been adopted by a majority both of the English and Scotch representatives on the said Committee.

We are glad to find from the annual report to the 30th April last, that the "Old Masonians" have prospered during the past 12 months. The accounts show that the year opened with a balance at bank and in hand and on deposit amounting to £65, and, after defraying all expenses, that there remained a balance on deposit of £100, and at bank, &c., of £7. Upwards of £42 was received in the shape of donations, including two gifts from Bro. Col. Lambert amounting together to £36 15s. while the profits from the Cinderellas and benevolent concerts was exactly £20. Moreover, there has been an addition of 31 to the roll of new members, so that the Association is becoming stronger numerically. The meetings were held monthly instead of fortnightly, and during the past year there were three smoking concerts, three concerts at which ladies were present, and three Cinderella dances, all of which proved successful.

The meeting for the constitution of the newly-formed Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Surrey, and the installation of Bro. Col. Noel Money is fixed for Saturday, the 29th instant, at Croydon. At the same time and place, the Crystal Palace Mark Lodge, No. 450, will be consecrated. The latter has been founded under exceptionally favourable circumstances, and will, no doubt, materially help to strengthen and consolidate the youthful Province.

Bro. Lennox Browne is the subject of a sketch in this month's "Strand Magazine," and in the illustrations he is depicted as a youth, and at various stages after, the last age given being 41. The final portrait is judiciously silent as to age—it is simply Bro. Lennox Browne, "present age." Seeing that photography has not revealed in this picture any marked advance towards old age, we may congratulate our distinguished brother on the prospect of many years of professional and Masonic usefulness.

The *Indian Masonic Review* considers the appointment of Bro. H. J. Whympier to be District G. Master of the Punjab *vice* Bro. E. W. Parker resigned, will give general satisfaction throughout the Craft in India, both from the interest he is known to take in Freemasonry and from "his thorough mastery of symbolical Masonry and ritual." We have already expressed the great satisfaction we feel at Bro. Whympiers' appointment.

We see from the report of the Committee of General Purposes of the Supreme Grand Chapter of New South Wales, as published in the *Sydney Freemason*, that that body has to a certain extent shared in the general depression which prevails among all classes in the colony. Many of the private chapters have sustained losses by erasure of members for non-payment of dues and withdrawals, and the number of exaltations has very greatly diminished. One chapter, indeed, is referred to as having had its membership reduced during the past year from 108 to 59, while the number of exaltees is *one*. Complaint is also made as to the delay by many chapters in making their returns. The chapters are likewise urged to make a vigorous effort to reduce the amount due by Grand Chapter. In other respects, however, the committee feels itself justified in reporting favourable progress.

According to the same report it is stated that two Grand Chapter Officers had failed to pay their fees of honour on appointment, and all such officers are reminded generally that "the superb regalia worn by them has been furnished at the cost of the Supreme Grand Chapter, and that whilst in corresponding grand bodies they would have to pay fees varying from two to five guineas and furnish their own regalia at a cost of from ten to 70 guineas each, the total expense in this Supreme Grand Chapter is the fees of honour, varying from 10s. 6d. to £2 2s., excepting the three Grand Principals, who pay £4 4s. and £5 5s. each respectively."

The *Indian Masonic Review* for September contains two well-written and most interesting articles—one, to be continued from the pen of its distinguished contributor, "H. J. W.," on the "Scald Miserables and Westminster Journal, or the New Weekly Miscellany, May 8, 1742," while the other, which is continued from a previous number, is entitled "How we got our Grand Lodge." We can strongly commend both articles, which contain information that is not generally known, to the notice of our readers.

The Grand Lodge of Oregon, which was organised on the 16th August, 1851, held its 42nd annual Communication in Portland, on the 15th-17th June last,

under the presidency of Bro. Brenham Van Dusen M.W.G.M. As many as 89 out of the 91 lodges were represented, and the proceedings appear to have passed off satisfactorily. The Grand Master, in mentioning that he had officially visited 38 lodges, stated that in several cases the lodge had held a social banquet in his honour, and that at not a single one of these banquets was "wine or any other intoxicants introduced." He added that he was pleased to find that "temperance" was "one of the cardinal virtues of Masonry in fact as well as in name," and expressed his belief that "the end of Masonry is not feasting and excitement; it has far higher and nobler aims; its legitimate object is to bless mankind by setting the example of every moral and social virtue." This is sheer bunkum. We cannot too often point out that it is outside the Province of Masonry altogether to take part in a so-called temperance or other crusade. Temperance implies the moderate use of all God's gifts, and for that very reason is included among the Masonic Fraternity. Will Bro. Van Dusen dare to say that the thousands of Masons who drink wine or other alcoholic liquors in moderation as a part of their daily diet are guilty of intemperance?

The same Grand Lodge has no objection to a Fraternal Congress being held in Chicago in 1893, "but only for the interchange of fraternal sentiments," and the Grand Master has been authorised to "appoint seven Master Masons of the jurisdiction to represent the Grand Lodge in said Fraternal Congress." But it is "irrevocably opposed to the establishing of any body even looking towards a General Grand Lodge."

It is with great pleasure we find ourselves in a position to announce that the centenary celebration of the Masonic Female Orphan School, Dublin, has resulted in a clear gain of £21,630. The gross amount was £25,254, but the expenses, which, but for the gratuitous services of a large proportion of the lodges and brethren who lent a helping hand, would have been far heavier—were close on £3624, the net profit being the difference between these sums. We most heartily congratulate our Irish brethren on a result so magnificent.

We announce with extreme regret the death of Bro. Major Penrice, P.G.D. England, and D.P.G.M. of Norfolk. The deceased was a very able and extremely popular member of the Fraternity in Norfolk, and his death will be a very great loss and very generally lamented.

**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.]

MARJORIE RUTH PAVEY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

May I ask you to add to your great kindness to me by inserting this letter in your paper, that I may express my sincere thanks and gratitude to all those Masonic friends who so generously helped in the election of my daughter—Marjorie Ruth Pavey—to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls?

It is impossible to write to all, as many are personally unknown to me, but I shall always remember with deepest gratitude the kindness and generous help so willingly given both in England and abroad. The interest and consideration shown to me on all sides have taken away the bitterness of having to appeal to strangers for help.—I am, dear Sir, yours faithfully,

RUTH J. PAVEY.

Forestville, Colwyn Bay, October 19th.

**Masonic Notes and Queries.**

1010] WARDENS FIRST, RE W.M.

The "Atholl" Grand Lodge on December 4th, 1811, resolved unanimously: "That from and after St. John's Day next, no Brother shall be eligible to be elected Master of any lodge unless he shall have acted for twelve months, at least, as Warden in the said Lodge." Also, "That no Brother shall be entitled to the privileges of a Past Master, until he shall have served full twelve months as Master in the Chair of his Lodge." These two resolutions were to take effect from the 27th December, 1811, and were duly printed and circulated accordingly, by Bro. Robert Leslie, G. Sec. A copy has lately been secured by the R.W. Bro. H. J. Whympier, C.I.E., District Grand Master of the Punjab, and kindly sent by him to the Grand Lodge Library—one of many such donations. Our zealous brother has also had the sheet reproduced. I should like to know when the *Warden* qualification was first introduced into the regular, or "Modern," Grand Lodge, as I have no memo on the subject.

W. J. HUGHAN.

## Reviews.

## GETHESEMANE, A SACRED POEM.

A short time ago we reviewed in these columns an historical novel by Bro. Nelson Prower, entitled "Reggie Abbott," we have now much pleasure in calling the attention of our readers to a brochure by the same versatile author who in this recent production of his pen modestly veils his identity from the outside world under the *nom de plume* of "Laicus Anglicanus, M.A." The holy subject is powerfully dealt with in blank verse of more than ordinary merit. In the opening lines the description of the country adjacent to the valley of Jehoshaphat is very beautiful. To quote the author "Painter's brush may strive to teach us what the scene is like; but, great as is the talent God has given to noble-minded men who live for art, they bring not home the great reality." The poet's brilliant imagination then conjures up in his "mind's eye" the stirring yet sad incidents in the pure and noble life of the man of many sorrows and their locale. Of the latter, Bro. Prower thus pathetically sings:

"Just at the foot of Olives there lies  
The Garden of Gethsemane, the place  
Most dear to all who love our Saviour Christ,  
Of all the spots in Palestine, for here  
In this sweet Garden we can see Him man,  
Bearing with pain and grief his weight of woe."

The closing episodes are dealt with most dramatically, "When He who saved the world, was by the world mocked, evilly entreated, scourged and slain." The author then presents to us in graceful metre the history and struggles of those who saw "the life and early growth, and lovely health of early Christianity." He next fires our imagination and vividly recalls that traditional scene where in the Imperial City, Gregory, the Pope, whilst traversing its streets saw "that two young boys from Pagan England's shore were lying prisoners in mighty Rome."

"He asked the dealer who had charge of them  
From whence they came, and what the boys were called.  
'Angli,' replied the man, and with a smile,  
'Non Angli,' cried the Pope, 'sed Angeli.'"

Our writer then relates in fascinating language the deeds of the Crusaders in their efforts "to free the land of Christ from Paynim's bloody hand." We seem to hear the war cries of the Templars, those daring men "whose sword hills bore the Cross," during the two centuries in which seven expeditions were undertaken by the Western nations to wrest the Holy Land from the Moslems. The exigencies of our space prevent us giving but one more extract from this truly excellent poem. Bro. Prower ably touches upon the recent persecution of the Hebrew race abroad, and thus denounces the modern oppressors of "the sons of Israel:"

"Oh! those Lost Children! terrible it is  
That still some Christian nations should be first  
To persecute with cruel penal laws,  
And yet more cruel insults, that same race  
Of which was born their Saviour."

English blank verse, we believe, has no greater antiquity than the middle of the 16th century. It was almost universally restricted to dramatic purposes till the era of that great poetic luminary, Milton, who tells some of his disparaging or captious critics that his "Paradise Lost" was "to be esteemed an example, set the first in English, of ancient liberty recovered to heroic poem from the troublesome and modern bondage of rhyming." Dr. Johnson somewhat cynically describes this form of composition as verse where "the rhyme is blanched or missed." Blair, on the other hand speaks almost disrespectfully of rhyme, and evidently pins his faith on blank verse. In writing of the former he says that "the studied smoothness of the sounds, answering regularly to each other at the end of the line, though they be quite consistent with gentle emotions, yet weaken the native force of sublimity." It would be invidious for us to make comparisons, but this we will venture to affirm that Bro. Nelson Prower's sacred poem for originality of conception, constructive dramatic force, and elegance of language will bear most favourable contrast with the efforts of many professional exponents of modern and ancient blank versification.



## Craft Masonry.

## METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

**Temple Lodge (No. 101).**—The regular meeting of this highly flourishing lodge was held at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday, the 4th inst., when there were present Bros. J. Sparks, W.M.; F. Williams, I.P.M.; Harry S. Foster, M.P. (Ex-Sheriff London), S.W.; Harry Wood, J.W.; E. Lardner, P.M., Sec.; C. Plant, I.D.; William Briant, I.G.; Horace Petley, Org.; J. Shelvey, Stwd.; Potter, Tyler; J. H. Wynne, P.M.; H. Brandon, P.M.; J. E. Taylor, P.M.; J. M. Flegg, P.M.; A. Y. Payten, H. Eyre, A. Morant, A. Paine, J. B. Hardwicke, J. L. Lucas, W. C. Keates, R. White, J. Wint, H. F. Game, G. Bridge, H. L. Piper, A. Weston, B. Dowsett, W. A. Perry, H. O. Squires, E. Isaacson, and G. Harrison. The visitors were Bros. E. G. Southcott, 2048; C. H. Stone, S.W. 507; A. Marshall, 1319; G. Godfrey, W.M. elect 2168; and B. P. Lucas, 1489.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bro. Isaacson, 188, as a joining member, which proved unanimous. The ballot was taken for Mr. H. Valentine Game, which proving unanimous, he was afterwards initiated in an exemplary manner by Bro. J. Sparks, W.M. The W.M. very kindly left the chair in favour of Bro. E. Lardner, P.M., to allow him to raise Bro. J. L. Lucas, which he did in a most perfect manner, giving the traditional history and explaining the tracing board. The W.M. having resumed the chair, Bro. Frank Williams, I.P.M., in a highly complimentary speech, then moved the following resolution: "That the brethren of the lodge hereby tender to the W.M., Bro. J. Sparks, and Bro. E. Lardner, Sec., their heartfelt thanks for their indefatigable exertions in bringing the summer outing to a most successful issue, and that the same be recorded on the

minutes." This was ably supported by Bro. H. B. White, P.M., and carried with acclamation.

The business of the lodge ended, the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, superintended by the capable manager, Bro. E. Ashby, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given in becoming terms by the W.M. and well received by the brethren.

The toast of "The Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," received its just measure of praise from the W.M., and was acknowledged by the brethren in the same spirit.

The toast of "The W.M." was next given by Bro. F. Williams, I.P.M., who remarked it was a most pleasurable duty, and one which would be received with acclamation. He did his duty most perfectly, as they had witnessed in the initiation ceremony. He had evidenced his great kindness in leaving the chair to allow Bro. Lardner to raise Bro. Lucas, who had been initiated and passed by him, which compliment was greatly appreciated by Bro. Lardner. He must say with respect to the summer outing (which had been the best the Temple Lodge had experienced), that he hoped the future Masters would emulate their W.M. and Secretary, and each W.M. in his turn have such another outing. He wished long life, health, and prosperity to Bro. Sparks, W.M.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, stated all the brethren knew the magnitude of Bro. F. Williams's heart, and the very kind manner he had spoken of the summer outing and his (the W.M.'s) work, but it was a labour of love. For his part he was delighted that all had enjoyed themselves to such a degree, and that it would be his utmost endeavour to carry out the duties of the lodge to the best of his ability.

The toast of "The Initiate and joining Member" was given by the W.M., who stated it was the toast of the evening, and in some well-chosen remarks dilated upon the care shown in introducing candidates, and upon the friendship and true brotherhood in Freemasonry. He pointed with pride to the gifts which had been sent up to the Charities during the last few years, and trusted that one and all would continue to uphold the standard of Freemasonry to its fullest.

This was most suitably replied to by the initiate and Bro. Isaacson.

The toast of "The Visitors" was given by the Worshipful Master in a most cordial manner, and as cordially received.

Bro. Godfrey replied in very appropriate terms on behalf of all.

The Worshipful Master next gave the time-honoured toast of "The Past Masters," remarking on their capabilities and readiness to assist all whom they could. He wished them long life and prosperity to continue in the same good work for many years.

In reply, Bro. Taylor stated he thanked all for such kind expressions on behalf of the Past Masters. He might be called by some the old fossil, being the oldest Past Master in the lodge present. The Past Masters had always rendered able service, and would continue the same with the greatest pleasure. He must congratulate the initiate and Bro. Isaacson on joining the rank of Temple Lodge, and hoped he should one day see them as the W.M. Also, he was delighted to hear some good news relative to Bro. Thomas, P.M. and Treas., who was always beloved.

The toast of "The Secretary and Treasurer" was given in eulogistic terms. The Worshipful Master said Bro. Lardner was called upon to do almost too much, but such was his ardour for the lodge, that anything he was asked to do was carried out most cheerfully. He personally thanked the Secretary for such fervour and his noble assistance. The Treasurer had been so dangerously ill for a long time, but now there were hopes of his recovery, and he trusted he might be spared and return to the lodge, as no brother would be more heartily welcomed than Bro. Thomas, P.M.

In reply, Bro. E. Lardner, in a comprehensive speech, remarked that such a cordial greeting he much appreciated. He must, first of all, congratulate them on resuming the duties of the lodge, after an absence of six months, all in good health, which was no bad record, and for which they had cause to be thankful. The lodge was in a sound financial position, and he was always most happy when he was called upon to perform any duty. He was very pleased to rehearse the beautiful ceremony that evening, and he trusted the same hearty good feeling, unity, and no divisions would ever be the characteristic of the Temple Lodge. With respect to the summer outing, of which so much had been said, he was delighted to have heard all round such expressions, and from the ladies, too—that they never had such a day in their lives before. Now, for a word of their dear and respected Bro. Thomas, who was on a fair way of recovery. He, Bro. Lardner, had gone to the West of England specially to have a week with him during his holiday, and he must say how delighted he was. His was one of the very highest of characters, and all had a very high opinion of him. He was confident it would be one of the grandest days in Bro. Thomas's life when he is able to return to his duties in the lodge.

The toast of "The Officers" received at the hands of the W.M. his high appreciation of their valuable assistance, congratulating Bro. Foster, S.W., upon his late election as M.P.

In reply, Bro. H. Foster, S.W., thanked all most heartily on behalf of the officers and specially for the remarks made to himself. He was proud to belong to such a lodge, and likewise to the kingdom of Freemasonry, which had such glorious aims in view. He trusted he might be present at the next summer outing.

The Tyler's toast closed a most delightful meeting. Some excellent harmony was given by Bros. Hardwicke, F. William, Horace Petley, Arthur Weston, and G. Bridge, under the direction of the able Organist of the lodge, Bro. Horace Petley.

**Merchant Navy Lodge (No. 781).**—The opening meeting of this lodge (which now numbers about 200 members) was held on Wednesday, the 12th instant, at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, under the presidency of Bro. F. H. Gnoch, W.M., supported by a galaxy of Past Masters, including Bros. T. Neville, Geo. Palmer, J. W. Reeves, F. Robinson, A. H. Shepherd, R. C. Pasfield, and S. W. Timson. The following officers assisted: Bros. W. E. Turriff, S.W.; G. J. Anderson, J.W.; J. B. Daniell, P.M.; Treas.; C. Breden, P.M., Sec.; G. H. Seage, S.D.; T. D. Burgess, J.D.; J. Lancett, I.G.; J. G. Groat, Org.; and A. W. Ellingford, P.M., Tyler. Among the large number of members present were Bros. J. R. Bullen, F. Richards, G. Knopp, J. G. W. Chapman, J. Miller, H. Newton, C. S. Nelson, W. H. Mitchell, jun., C. Porter, W.

Thompson, C. Lewis, J. Spurgeon, sen., F. A. Gardner, H. Lane, T. H. Cooper, S. W. Bull, D. G. Thompson, G. E. Morrow, W. Bent, P. J. Wilson, J. M. Carvell, J. Hussey, P. Saville, G. T. Hughes, R. T. Reader, Edwin Martin, J. W. M. Odling, Edward Martin, J. W. Chapman, H. Truscott, and others. The list of visitors included Bros. J. Smith, 1716; G. W. Walker, 1441; G. J. Burrows, 1805; Snowdon Kirk, W.M. 1716; W. R. Shutt, P.M., P.P.G. D.C. and Prov. G. Treas. Middx.; J. Morrison, 1382; W. Mackay, 1382; R. Perry, P.M. 1382; J. Thompson Stanley, 1325; W. J. Jubly, 975; W. Palmer, 1716; R. C. Miners, 1805; C. P. Allerson, 1259; R. C. Munro, 1805; and J. Mills, 1765.

Lodge being duly opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bros. Newton, Bullen, Mitchell, and Chapman, and Bro. Morrison, of 1382, were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., and Bros. Carvell and Hussey passed to the Degree of F.C. Messrs. W. G. James, J. A. Mills, T. Colquhoun, and F. H. Hughes were initiated.

After the transaction of further business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, provided by the worthy host, Bro. T. C. Cooper.

Having done adequate honour to the banquet, the loyal toasts, and that of "The Grand Officers" were proposed and accepted in loyal fashion.

Bro. Shutt, replying for the Grand Officers, spoke of the admirable working of the lodge, and the hospitality of the reception of visitors. He had long desired to see the working of a lodge of such good repute, and thought that what he had seen was even more than he expected.

Bro. Pasfield, I.P.M., then in a few appropriate sentences proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who as briefly responded.

For "The Initiates" Bro. Hughes replied, and said he trusted that he would prove a good Mason and a worthy brother.

For "The Visitors," of whom the list was a long one, Bros. Snowdon Kirk, W.M. 1716, and Perry, P.M. 1382, replied. Both referred to the very admirable work in lodge and the hospitality at the board, and the latter especially thanked the W.M. for his courtesy in raising Bro. Morrison, of his lodge, as his enforced departure before the next meeting would have precluded him for some time from taking his Third Degree.

For "The Past Masters," Bro. Timson responded with his wonted brevity and point.

Bro. Daniell, Treasurer, having left, Bro. Breden, Secretary, responded for both. He referred to the growth of the work of a lodge so large in numbers and so prominent in the Charities. The ordinary lodge work, together with that of the association, made the offices of both Treasurer and Secretary no sinecures.

Bro. Turriff, S.W., said he was sure all the officers of the Merchant Navy Lodge were zealous to maintain its well-deserved reputation.

The Tyler's toast closed a well-spent afternoon and evening.

The musical honours of the evening were shared by Bros. Palmer, Burgess, Groat, Burrows, and Robinson.

**Perfect Ashlar Lodge (No. 1178).**—On Thursday, the 6th instant, the installation meeting of the above lodge took place at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, S.E. The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously confirmed. The W.M., Bro. A. H. Osman, then proceeded to initiate Mr. Guy Rowland Warren, which he did in his usual impressive manner. Bro. Albert Toley, S.W., W.M. elect, was then duly presented and installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed in a most beautiful and effective manner by Bro. Osman, and at the close he was heartily applauded. A vote of thanks to the Installing Master, the voting of a sum of money to the widow of a late brother, and "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren, brought the proceedings of the lodge to a close, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet table. The banquet was served in a manner which reflected great credit on the worthy host, Bro. James Pearce, and the wines were of exceptionally good quality.

The W.M., Bro. Albert Toley, then asked the brethren to be upstanding, and in a few well-chosen words, he gave "The Queen and the Craft."

The toast of "H.R.H. the M.W.G.M.," was very heartily received.

The next toast, "The Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," came in for a goodly round of applause in the usual Masonic fashion.

In response to the toast of "The W.M.," Bro. Albert Toley briefly replied, thanking the brethren for the great honour they had conferred upon him, and he also informed the brethren that he intended to stand as Steward for the Boys' School during the coming year, and appealed to those present to support him on that occasion. He then proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. A. H. Osman, I.P.M.," and on behalf of the lodge, presented him with a beautiful Past Master's jewel, and while fixing it on his breast, congratulated him upon the great success which had attended his year of office, he having had no less than 14 initiates.

Bro. F. W. Stamp, P.M. and Stwd., then presented Bro. Osman, on behalf of the initiates, during his year of office, with a beautifully illuminated address, accompanied with a collar and Past Master's jewel.

The I.P.M., in reply, said he was quite overwhelmed with so much kindness, and while thanking the lodge and those brethren he had initiated for their beautiful presents, he hoped he should be spared to devote many years of useful service to the lodge.

The Worshipful Master then called upon the brethren to drink "The Health of the Initiate, Bro. Guy Roland Warren."

Bro. Warren returned thanks for the kind reception he had met with.

The toast of "The Visitors" was received most cordially, and the Worshipful Master read the names of those who he said had honoured the lodge with their company—Bros. H. Buckbridge, I.G. 1658; C. R. Williams, P.P.J.G.D. Bucks, and P.M. 2262; J. E. Gentle, 1656; H. Cawthorne, P.M. 432; H. C. Lloyd, 2262; Rev. Henry Wells, P.M. and Chap. 140; C. W. Bellchamber, 765; J. M. McLeod, P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire, and Sec. R.M.I.B.; W. Wingham, P.M. 25; G. Walker, 1471; and R. E. H. Goffin, P.M. 1572, and P.P.G.D.C. Surrey.

Bros. Goffin, Wingham, and Wells, responded on behalf of the visitors, and the Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Past Masters of the Lodge."

Bro. John Porter, P.M., responded. The toast of "The Officers of the Lodge" was proposed by the W.M. in a very neat speech, the names of the brethren who had been honoured with collars being as follows: Bros. W. H. Winter, S.W.; J. O'Dea, J.W.; F. H. Ebsworth, P.M., Treas.; E. Bridges, P.M., Sec.; F. F. P. Carrick, S.D.; J. F. Tee, J.D.; T. Cox, I.G.; J. A. Smith, P.M., D.C.; F. W. Stamp, P.M., Steward; and A. G. Young, Tyler.

The Warden and Bros. Ebsworth, Smith, and Stamp responded. The Worshipful Master gave the toast of "The Masonic Charities."

Bro. McLeod, in a very eloquent speech, on behalf of the Charities, and the Boys' School in particular, thanked the lodge for what they had done in the past, and expressed his thanks to the W.M. for his promised Stewardship at the next Boys' Festival.

The Tyler's toast brought a most happy and enjoyable meeting to a close.

Several brethren contributed songs and recitations, and Bro. E. P. F. Carrick acted as accompanist, and also played one or two choice selections on the piano during the evening.

**Duke of Edinburgh Lodge (No. 1259).**

The opening meeting of this growing lodge was held at the Eastern Hotel, Limehouse, on Wednesday, the 4th instant, under the presidency of Bro. G. Parrett, W.M., supported by Bros. J. R. Omer, P.M.; Atkins, P.M.; Trappitt, S.W.; J. Lusty, jun., J.W.; J. Wakefield, P.M., Treas.; S. J. Beule, acting as Sec.; F. Adams, J.D.; J. Westmorland, I.G.; J. Very, Tyler; J. W. Lawrence, J. McPhee, H. Loader, T. Keen, B. Loader, C. Patterson, H. Warner, E. Dixon, J. Cootie, Wright, Grant, and others. The visitors included Bros. S. W. Timson, P.M., T. Neville, P.M., J. Lancett, and T. Burgess, of 781; T. Hallett, 1816; and J. Mills, 1765.

Lodge being opened, the minutes were read and confirmed, and Messrs. Carl Patterson, H. Warner, and Geo. Dixon, who had been previously proposed and approved, were duly initiated. Bro. Lawrence was passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. Lover and Wright were raised. The ballot was then taken for the W.M. for the ensuing year, and the choice of the brethren fell on Bro. Trappitt, S.W.; Bro. Wakefield, P.M., was again re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. Very was re-elected Tyler for the 10th time. The Auditors having been appointed, Bro. Parrett, W.M., then in the name of the brethren, presented Bro. Atkins, P.M., with a beautifully illuminated vellum address and a purse of money (privately contributed by the brethren). Bro. Parrett, in his happiest vein, expressed the good feeling of the brethren towards Bro. Atkins, who had been Preceptor of their lodge of instruction for 21 years, and had materially contributed to the success of the mother lodge. Bro. Atkins, in returning thanks, referred to his age and his long distance to travel as a reason he was unable to attend all the meetings of the lodge of instruction, but said his energetic Assistant Preceptor, Bro. Lancett, would be able to give them every instruction they could require to fit them for any office. He thanked the W.M. and brethren, and said he would cherish the gift, and would hold the feelings that prompted it as better than gold. It was proposed by Bro. Omer, P.M., seconded by Bro. Trappitt, that in lieu of presenting Bro. Parrett, W.M., with a second Past Master's jewel, that a service of plate be presented to him in recognition of the manner he had fulfilled his duties in his second year of office as W.M. Bro. Parrett expressed his thanks.

Other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, provided by Bro. Keen, the worthy host.

The loyal and other toasts were duly proposed and honoured, and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

**John Hervey Lodge (No. 1260).**

The October meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on the 12th instant, when a large attendance of brethren and visitors indicated keen interest in Masonic matters. The W.M., Bro. Fox, who resides at Sheffield, was prevented by circumstances over which he had no control from being present, and in his absence the duties of the office were ably carried out by Bro. W. F. Potter, I.P.M. The following were present: Bros. F. Varley, S.W.; E. G. Packman, J.W.; J. B. Sorrell, P.M., Treas.; J. R. Reep, Sec.; James Evans, S.D.; John Barlow, J.P., I.G.; W. Henry, P.M., Org.; F. Dangerfield, P.M.; H. Evans, P.M.; H. F. Frost, P.M.; Hame, Pitt Smith, H. Andrews, R. Hill Charlton, Cornell, C. A. Serre, E. Bliss, R. Shuter, C. H. Cox, A. Bull, F. B. Cameron, E. T. Pearce, J. R. Cox, H. Johnson, W. Lamb, Geo. Coulthurst, E. A. Serre, and Freeman, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. B. Thomas, W.M. 1000; Alfred H. Allen, I.P.M. 2268; G. J. Baker, I.P.M. 108; C. Thomasset, P.M. 1861; W. Heath, P.M. 766; E. J. Dodd, P.P.G.O. Kent; J. J. Macfadeyn, S.W. 1397; John Bussey, J.D. 1805; R. Buckleton, 860; P. E. Clunn, 1907; John Le Hay, 1319; T. H. Box, 2411; and J. Ledbury, 2346.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. rose and drew attention to what he considered was a very important incident in the history of the lodge. All present were probably aware that the John Hervey Lodge was so named after a former well known and zealous Grand Secretary of the Order, the late Bro. John Hervey. When he died, his successor, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, had been invested with honorary membership of the lodge and that day it was his pleasing duty to place before the lodge a motion to confer the same honorary membership on Bro. E. Letchworth, a brother distinguished in every sense in the Craft, and who it would be an honour to the lodge to have amongst them whenever it was convenient for him to give them the pleasure of his company. After some further remarks he called upon the Secretary formally to propose the motion, and a letter was read signifying the acquiescence of that brother to accept if elected. Bro. Varley, S.W., expressed the satisfaction he and others felt at the motion having been placed on the summons, and Bro. Letchworth was unanimously elected an honorary member, the Secretary being directed to convey the hope that the Grand Secretary would attend the lodge as frequently as his other numerous duties would permit. The announcement of the death of an old and valued Past Master of the lodge, Bro. Atkins, in Melbourne, was received with regret, as was also that of an indigent member whose case was dealt with by the lodge as regards the funeral expenses being provided out of the Benevolent Fund. Bro. Charlton was raised to

the Sublime Degree, and Bro. Eugene Albert Serre was initiated, and the proceedings in lodge, after some further necessary business, soon afterwards terminated.

The brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern to banquet, and a most enjoyable evening was passed.

Bro. Potter, in proposing "The Health of the Queen," remarked that, while he did not wish to enlarge unduly on the toast, he could not help drawing the brethren's attention to the length and beneficence of her reign, to the mighty empire that girdled the earth, and to the varied millions of people who looked to her for countenance and support.

In proposing "The M.W.G.M.," Bro. Potter desired it to be known that not only did he strive for the good of the Craft, but he was showing them that good works could and ought to be sought for and done outside the lodge as well as in benefiting the Masonic Charities, though, no doubt, they at times needed all their aid and influence.

The Initiate, in a neat speech, in response to the toast of his health (as usual, very warmly drunk), expressed his desire to be a good and zealous fellow worker in Masonry, saying he had himself been struck by learning how much Masons did for one another in their three Charities.

The toast of "The Visitors" was replied to by a number of brethren.

Bro. Dodd, P.M., said it was a great pleasure for him at all times to come amongst Masons of whom he thought he might claim to be one of the oldest there. Especially, however, did he like to attend the meetings of that lodge, as on every occasion of doing so (and he came often among them), he found in the lodge some good work going on, matters of sympathy and Masonic affection, and at the banquet table that perfect freedom of hospitality and good fellowship that is only to be found in the Craft.

Bro. P. E. Clunn, in responding, thanked the W.M. for alluding to his partner, the late lamented Bro. Frank Taylor, C.C. The lodge had lost in him a true and valued brother. He had lost the friend and companion of a lifetime. Not only had they been associated in business, but had been schoolboys together, and in later years had been partners and also Masons. His loss was great, but he felt that Bro. Taylor's had been a well-spent life that would not be without its reward in the sight of the G.A.O.T.U.

In the course of the evening some songs and recitations by the brethren diversified the proceedings, and the usual toast for those distressed terminated one of the customary pleasant banquets of this deservedly popular lodge.

**Islington Lodge (No. 1471).**

The opening meeting of the season was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there was a good attendance of brethren. Those present were Bros. H. B. Harding, W.M.; J. M. Scarlett, P.P.G.W. Essex, I.P.M.; C. M. Coxen, S.W.; R. Loomes, J.W.; H. Cox, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. Herts, Treas.; E. Blinkhorne, P.M., Sec.; A. Cox, S.D.; C. H. Stevenson, as J.D.; D. C. Ritchie, as I.G.; H. Stafford Trego, Org.; G. Couchman, Tyler; Harry Hunt, P.M.; Sidney Kapper, P.M.; F. Meyer, C. Isler, P. Faber, G. F. Thomas, J. Amand, W. Taylor, T. W. Brown, E. H. Bury, H. Dove, A. Pope, F. W. White, T. E. Newman, F. Simmonds, G. E. Walker, A. H. Hertz, and R. C. Black. Visitors: Bros. Milton Smith, J.W. 19; John Dalling, 640; C. Rosser, 1307; F. Cakebread, 1178; Arthur Hart, P.M. 814, P.P.G.S. of W. Somersets; and John Petch, P.M. 2278, P.P.G. Std. Br. Herts.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes confirmed, Bro. Thomas was raised to the Degree of M.M., and Mr. Robert Cook Back having been elected a member at a previous meeting, was duly initiated. Bro. A. H. Hertz resigned the membership of the lodge, he being about to leave for the United States. The lodge was then closed.

After a supper had been partaken of, the Worshipful Master proposed the customary toasts, which were interspersed with songs by Bros. Isler, Melton Smith, E. H. Bury, E. Blenkhorn, and C. H. Stevenson, and a pleasant evening was spent.

**Rose Lodge (No. 1622).**

The installation meeting of this well-known and prosperous South London lodge was held on Saturday, the 1st inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, and was well attended, both by members and visitors, the latter numbering 40. There were present Bros. H. G. Martin, W.M.; J. H. Pullen, S.W.; S. J. Derham, I.W.; T. Loader, P.M., Sec.; T. Pickett, S.D.; S. W. Ballard, D.C.; F. E. Choveaux, Org.; T. E. Webb, I.G.; J. E. Parr, Stwd.; Thos. Bowler, Tyler; F. Hilton, P.M.; W. Hamlyn, P.M.; D. Rose, P.M.; W. Jeffery, P.M.; H. Vickery, P.M.; J. Garner, P.M.; Isaac Dunn, P.M.; T. A. Petherbridge, A. Bishop, L. Meyer, R. Reichenheim, A. Salmon, W. Dawson, Walter E. Jeffery, D. C. Preston, C. G. Goddard, W. Shaw, H. Potter, J. Hight, Bob Rae, G. Thompson, W. T. Nelthropp, F. Williams, J. H. Reap, J. G. Heal, G. W. Nisbett, R. Brambleby, J. Ellison, and G. Plomer. Visitors: Bros. J. G. Maskens, 1839; C. H. Knuth, 1839; R. J. Wishart, P.M. 1789 and 349, P.D.G.S.B. Malta; C. W. G. Burrows, 1831; C. Taylor, 227; Stark, Stevenson, 1901; G. Lewis, 2206; O. J. Von Holtzoff, 1897; H. W. Windsor, 1420; J. Bladon, 1839; W. E. Raw, 1320; L. T. Chabot, 452; H. C. Turner, 1062; H. Broadway, 1320; Z. C. Shipton, P.M. 1901; C. J. Coombs, R. Loyn, F. Butler, C. R. Periven, E. A. Rice, 1320; H. Roberts, 765; R. Carr, J. W. Dewnsnap, P.M. 1839; R. J. Voisey, P.M. 1329; A. Sly, 1320; G. C. Pike, 1320; Rev. O. Brian, F. S. Smith, 2272; Wm. Briant, 101; J. R. Cottrell, 72; T. H. Salmon, C. H. Cox, P.M. 1839; John Morgan, H. M. Crisp, H. B. Burgess, E. E. Smith, 2272; E. Dare, P.M. 1056; T. R. Cass, 1320; and R. T. West, 1744.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the report of the Audit Committee, showing a substantial balance in hand was received and adopted. Bro. John H. Pullen was then presented to the W.M. to receive the benefit of installation at his hands, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, he was installed in a highly praiseworthy manner by Bro. H. G. Martin. The following were appointed and invested as officers for the year: Bros. S. Derham, S.W.; T. Pickett, J.W.; J. T. Loader, P.M., Sec.; F. E. Choveaux, Org.; T. E. Webb, S.D.; S. W. Ballard, J.D.; W. Dawson, I.G.; W. E. Jeffery, D.C.; J. E. Parr and H. Potter, Stewards; and T. Bowler, Tyler. The delivery of the usual addresses was ably rendered by Bro. H. G. Martin, who received the hearty congratulations of the members on taking his seat as I.P.M. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation and one joining member for the next meeting.

A letter from Bro. W. C. Page, P.M., was read, resigning his membership, which was received with very great regret. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a superb banquet, which was prepared by Mrs. Venables in her best style, and gave every satisfaction.

On the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were cordially received.

Bro. Martin, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," stated that he wished him a happy and prosperous year of office. He had had the honour of proposing him as a member of the lodge. He (the W.M.) was perfect in the working of every office, and he felt sure that he would do everything to make the lodge a success. He was loved by all the members for his exemplary conduct, and it was impossible to have a better W.M.

The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm, and Bro. Pullen on rising to respond received an ovation, and it was a few minutes before he was able to reply, when he thanked the members for their very flattering reception. He had looked forward to that night for some time, but did not anticipate the manner in which he had been received. He was initiated by their energetic Secretary, Bro. Loader, P.M., and the splendid rendering of his initiation made such an impression upon him that he would never forget, but at that time he thought that he would never be able to carry out the duties of a W.M., but having attained that position he would do his utmost to make the lodge a great success. He was proud to be a member of the Rose Lodge, and he was more so now he was Master. As the Past Masters had placed him in that position he hoped to carry out the duties efficiently, as they were good enough to think he would, or it would have been their duty to have passed him over until they were satisfied that he was able to keep up the reputation of the lodge for its good working.

In giving the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. remarked that they were always received there with great cordiality and pleasure, that he had heard it stated that when a member visited the lodge for the first time he wanted to come again. They had some distinguished ones that evening, and he gave them all a hearty welcome.

Bro. Von Holtzoff, in reply, stated that this was an occasion he had looked forward to for many years. He had always received every kindness, and he had watched the W.M. step by step in the lodge, and he was more than gratified by his work, and he congratulated him on obtaining that exalted position, and in conclusion remarked that the ceremony performed by the I.P.M. was second to none.

Bro. Wishart, P.M., also replied. He was present at the Worshipful Master's initiation. He had to go to Malta, but postponed his departure in order to see the Worshipful Master installed, and he was pleased to be there that evening.

Bro. Cox, P.M., in an able speech, stated that he had known the W.M. some years. The working that evening was excellent, and it was always so in the Rose Lodge.

Bro. Rev. O. Brian, also replied. In very eloquent terms he stated that he could not do adequate justice, to the toast. What he had seen and heard that night would leave a memory that he could never efface. He felt sure that he was a better man since he became a Mason. The Worshipful Master's bearing in the chair, and the cool manner in which he had conducted the business of the evening was admirable.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the Past Masters," said that the the Lodge would not be the success that it was if the Past Masters had not acted in unity and the credit of its prosperity was due to them. The I.P.M. had kept up the prestige of the lodge. The W.M. then presented him a Past Master's jewel which he richly deserved, as no Master had ever done more for the lodge. If he (the W.M.) could only follow in his footsteps he would be more than satisfied.

Bro. Martin, I.P.M., heartily thanked the members for the jewel and the W.M. for the kind things he had said of him. He tried his utmost to do his best while the W.M., and he was gratified to find that he had given satisfaction to them all. This to him was a red-letter day. He was proud to say that during his term of office the Rose Chapter was formed, which was a great success. In conclusion he stated that he would continue to do all he could for the welfare of the lodge.

Bro. Hilton, P.M., also replied. The members always honoured the toast of the Past Masters. He was glad he had had the honour of introducing Bro. Martin, I.P.M., who had more than done his duty. If they, the Past Masters were ever called upon to do anything they would do it cheerfully.

The Worshipful Master, in giving the toast of "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," stated that he regretted that the former, Bro. Kirby, was ill, and not able to be present, but he was sure he was there in spirit. They were both efficient and indefatigable officers; that what they had partaken of the Secretary had arranged, and it had been an excellent repast, and he deserved their best thanks.

Bro. Loader, P.M., responded. He felt somewhat lost in the absence of his old friend, Bro. Kirby. He hoped to continue in the same lines as he had always done. His heart was in the Rose Lodge, which was his mother lodge, and he was one of the first initiates who had been through the chair.

The next toast was "The Officers," to which Bros. Derham and Pickett replied in suitable terms.

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

The musical arrangements were carried out under the able direction of Bro. Choveaux, Org., assisted by the exquisite singing of the following artistes: Miss Julia Jones, Miss Edith Gibbs, and Bros. Frank Swinford and Ernest Smith.

**Kingsland Lodge (No. 1693).**

The installation meeting of this prosperous North-London lodge took place at the Highbury Railway Hotel on the 4th inst., when there was a large gathering of members and visitors. Amongst the former were Bros. H. J. Hazel, W.M.; L. Simon, S.W., W.M. elect; W. Elliott, J.W.; J. Cooper, Treas.; A. W. Fenner, P.M., Sec.; J. Poiter, S.D.; A. W. Cooper, J.D.; W. Windsor, Org.; H. Mayer, P.M.; T. G. Hall, P.M.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. W. H. Lee, P.P.G.D. Middx.; J. H. Dickinson, P.M. 228; C. G. Gray, Stwd. 1897; Hugo Russ; O. Friedheim, 2353; W. A. Brown, P.M. 1567; J. A. Cayne, 1287; T. Glass, P.P.G.S.B. Jersey; E. H. Cox, P.M. 1839; R. Gillard, J.W. 901; R. Baker, P.M. 2192; J. G. W. James, S.D. 1602; T. Jefferson Nell, 918; J.

Gillert, 217; W. Macaulay, 217; P. E. Kingsbury, 1558; G. Elliott, 2208; C. Fruen, P.M. 1632; and W. C. Archer, 1987.

The lodge having been opened and formal business transacted, Bro. L. Simon was presented as W.M. elect, and was impressively installed into the chair by the retiring Master, Bro. Hazel, in the presence of many Past Masters. The following officers were invested: Bros. W. Elliott, S.W.; J. Potter, J.W.; J. Cooper, Treas.; A. W. Fenner, Sec.; A. W. Cooper, S.D.; S. Robson, J.D.; J. S. Anthony, I.G.; W. Windsor, Org.; A. White, D.C.; G. Cook, A.D.C.; J. G. Harrington and E. Dimes, Stewards; and H. Shepperd, Tyler. The W.M. proved his proficiency for his onerous position by initiating a candidate into Freemasonry in a very able manner, after which relief was dispensed to a deserving case, and the lodge was closed.

After banquet, the usual toasts were proposed, the speeches being interspersed with excellent selections of music, rendered under the able direction of Bro. W. Windsor. Amongst those who contributed to the musical programme were Bros. A. Nash, T. Jefferson Nell, F. Richards, and Mr. J. B. Helsby gave several humorous recitations.

Bro. H. J. Hazel, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," said he was sure the toast would be well received, as Bro. Simon was one of the most popular members of the lodge, and one of the most painstaking and careful Masons. The W.M. had worked his way up, and that he was a good worker, the members had ample proof that evening. It was a great honour to have the privilege of installing Bro. Simon, and whom all present would join in heartily wishing a happy year of office.

Bro. L. Simon, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. for the kind and touching way in which his health had been proposed. The I.P.M. had proposed the toast in far too flattering terms, and he (the W.M.) felt he did not deserve one half of the kind things said. He could only promise to do his best in the high position to which he had been elected. It was a very proud thing for him to have been so elected, and he hoped to uphold the dignity of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Installing Master and I.P.M.," and said Bro. Hazel, I.P.M., had performed the ceremony of installation in a manner second to none, and although he had been present at many installation meetings, he had never heard the ritual better rendered. He wished to pin on Bro. Hazel's breast a Past Master's jewel, which he had well earned by his good and earnest work.

Bro. H. J. Hazel, I.P.M., in response, said his first duty was to thank the Past Masters, officers, and brethren, for the kind support given during his year of office. He felt he must mention Bro. Mayer, P.M., who was untiring in his assistance. The past year had been one of the happiest of his life, and it would be many years ere it was erased from his memory. There was only one thing he regretted, and that was being turned out of the chair so soon. He hoped the W.M. would have good support from his officers, and Bro. Simon could rest assured of any assistance he was able to give.

Bro. W. H. Lee, P.P.G.D. Middx., and others, replied for "The Visitors," and congratulated the lodge on its prosperous condition and the excellent working witnessed. Other toasts were given, and the Tyler's toast closed a very enjoyable and successful meeting.

**Trinity College Lodge (No. 1765).**—The opening meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at Mandeville-place, under the presidency of Bro. J. B. Sargeant, supported by Bros. Biddlecomb, P.M.; Burritt Lane, P.M.; and Plant Martin, P.M. In the absence through illness of Bro. C. J. Ozanne, Bro. B. Lane, P.M., acted as S.W.; S. J. Wilford, J.W.; J. A. Hammond, P.M., Treas.; J. Mills, Sec.; J. Bennett, S.D.; H. V. Geary, J.D.; E. C. M. Fischel, Stwd.; George Harrison, Tyler; B. S. Reed, G. Callingham, F. Robinson, J. S. Eidmans, W. L. Cotton, W. S. Holder, Robert Sladdin, and others. Visitors: Bros. H. G. Irvine, 1644; John Baker, 1112; E. S. White, W.M. 902; and N. Prover, I.P.M. 1745.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bros. Holder and Callingham were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The brethren then proceeded to elect the W.M. for the ensuing year, and their unanimous choice fell on Bro. Ozanne, S.W. Bro. J. A. Hammond, who has filled every office in the lodge, including those of Secretary and Treasurer, having expressed his inability through pressure of business to occupy the latter honourable post any longer, Bro. Burritt Lane, P.M., was then unanimously elected Treasurer; Bro. Geo. Harrison, Tyler for many years, was re-elected; and Bros. Comerford, Callingham, and Holder were appointed Auditors.

Other business having been transacted the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

After ample justice had been done to the banquet, the W.M. proposed the loyal toasts and that of "The Grand Officers."

The brethren having duly honoured these the other toasts followed in order.

During the intervals of the speeches, which were for the most part brief but to the purpose, Bro. Sladdin in an impromptu organ performance, Bros. Bennett, Plant Martin, Sarjeant, E. S. White, and J. Baker in various songs, contributed to the harmony.

**Strand Lodge (No. 1987).**—The installation meeting of this vigorous lodge was held at the Criterion, Regent's-circus, on Thursday, the 13th instant, and was attended by about 100 brethren. The large number of members present included Bros. H. S. Foster, W.M.; F. Jackson, S.W.; C. J. Taylor, J.W.; J. Willing, jun., P.M., Treas.; W. M. Stiles, P.M., Sec.; J. Potter, S.D.; E. Evans, J.D.; W. Merrett, I.G.; W. C. Archer, D.C.; W. S. Hooper and J. N. Hare, Stewards; E. N. Dale, I.P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. J. Sutherland, 1405; E. Harris, I.G. 435; J. L. Doig, 1003; G. W. Fenner, J.W. 1662; C. F. Browne, P.P.G.S.B. Suffolk; G. Hall, 1571; C. O. Burgess, D.C. 2191; J. Rowe, 2191; J. Mills, J.D. 765; F. Kedge, P.M. 2191; D. Saines, 1585; G. Thomas, P.M. 1194; F. H. Denman, 2048; J. G. Hopgood, 1765; T. Owen, P.M. 1287; G. H. Reynolds, P.M. 1614; C. B. Lumley, 2323; J. Mason, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; A. H. Cole, 1744; Geo. Reynolds, P.M. 1614; J. Woodward, 2191; G. H. Fox; S. W. Ludbrook, 95; F. Collins, 1314; F. E. Hedges, 2361; E. H. Mitchell, 1446; W. Duncan, 1446; J. Collings,

1603; W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx.; J. M. McLeod, P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire, Sec. R.M.I.B.; J. G. Walker, 1441; H. Wilkes, 1716; and W. W. Lee, W.M. 2381, J.W. 1897.

Lodge was opened, and formal business transacted, after which Bro. J. E. Thomas was passed to the Second Degree. Bro. F. Jackson was next installed as W.M. by Bro. Foster, I.P.M., in a very impressive manner, and the following officers were invested: Bros. C. J. Taylor, S.W.; J. Potter, J.W.; J. Willing, jun., P.M., Treas.; W. M. Stiles, P.M., Sec.; E. Evans, S.D.; W. Merrett, J.D.; W. C. Archer, I.G.; W. S. Hooper, D.C.; T. C. Seary, Org.; J. N. Hare, J. T. Buston, and J. W. Taunton, Stewards; and R. Whiting, P.M., Tyler. The W.M. initiated Mr. Ernest Woolven in excellent style, and communications having been read, the lodge was formally closed.

After banquet in the Victoria Hall, the usual loyal and complimentary toasts received due recognition.

Bro. H. S. Foster, I.P.M., said that for the first time he had the honour of proposing the toast of the evening—that of "The Worshipful Master"—and circumstances over which he had no control compelled him to propose it. They had that evening installed a brother as W.M. whose election was deservedly popular in the Strand Lodge, and they had had a taste of his quality, which would convince those who witnessed the ceremony of initiation that they had seldom seen it worked better. It was no easy matter to come into the chair and work the initiation ceremony at once, but if the Worshipful Master worked for the rest of the year as well as he had that evening, the traditions of the lodge would be fully maintained. As he knew the brethren were hovering between love and duty—love for the fragrant weed, and duty to their Worshipful Master—he would ask them at once to heartily receive the toast, and wish the Worshipful Master a prosperous year of office.

Bro. F. Jackson, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. and brethren for the cordial proposition and reception of the toast. Whatever he had done that evening had been taken from the working of the Past Masters whom he had tried to imitate. If he had been successful he was proud and pleased. When they had such Past Masters as Bro. James Willing, W. M. Stiles, and others, who had worked so well, it beloveth the members to do their best. He had tried to do that, and should continue to try during his year of office, and hoped to leave the chair with satisfaction to himself and credit to the lodge.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Installing Master and Past Masters," and said that Bro. Foster, I.P.M., had been a hard-working member ever since he was initiated by Bro. Willing, and so industrious had he been that he had worked up to his present proud position. Had Bro. Foster not been a thoroughly deserving brother he would not have been allowed to go up step by step and obtain the pinnacle of a Freemason's ambition—the Master's chair. There were other Past Masters present, including Bro. Willing. If he were to speak for an hour, it would be nothing new for the members to hear the capabilities of the Past Masters extolled, but he would say that Bros. Willing and Stiles had worked well and heartily for the lodge.

Bro. H. S. Foster, I.P.M., thanked the W.M. and brethren, and more particularly for the jewel presented to him, which was an earnest of what he had done in the lodge. He had the honour of being an initiate in the Strand Lodge, and trusted that Bro. Willing was proud of those whom he had initiated.

Bro. E. N. Dale, P.M., also replied.

Bro. J. Willing, jun., P.M., Treas., in proposing "The Masonic Charities," said there was no more experienced, amiable, and genial Mason than Bro. John Mason, who represented the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution that evening. There was also present Bro. McLeod, than whom no brother had done more for the Boys' School. He had the permission of the W.M. and I.P.M. for saying that he (Bro. Willing) would represent the lodge on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and hoped to receive the hearty support of the members.

Bro. John Mason, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., said he remembered the birth and infancy of this lodge and was proud to see what a giant it had become. He had often been invited but it had not been his good fortune to see its growth. The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution had kindly communications from the lodge that they were quite aware and familiar with the names of the members, because with two such good beggars as Bros. Willing, P.M., and Stiles, P.M., and also Bro. Stacey, P.M., their names were sent in from time to time. The three gems that adorned the Masonic crown were the wonder of the world, and at the Jubilee of the Benevolent Institution £69,000 was subscribed, which was an immense amount to get together.

Bro. J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys, endorsed the thanks of Bro. Mason, and asked the brethren to do what they could once more for the Boys' School. There was a peculiar pleasure in Bro. Willing acting as Steward, for he was a member of the Board of Management of that Institution. If there was anything connected with the Institution the brethren wished to complain of, if they would go to the fountain head and speak to Bro. Willing it would receive attention. He hoped the members would send their Steward up with a good list and one worthy of the best traditions of the lodge.

"The Initiate" was duly honoured, after which the W.M. gave "The Visitors," which was acknowledged in cordial terms by the visiting brethren.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" afforded Bros. Willing, P.M., Treas., and Stiles, P.M., Sec., an opportunity of expressing their continued interest in the welfare of their lodge and their desire to promote its best interests.

"The Officers" was given, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

**Cornish Lodge (No. 2369).**—The third installation meeting of this lodge took place on Saturday, the 8th instant, at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Present: Bros. John Roberts, W.M.; N. J. West, I.P.M.; W. Molesworth St. Aubyn, J.W.; Rev. H. C. Shuttleworth, Chap.; W. Lake, Treas.; R. Greenwood, Sec.; C. Venning Burgess, S.D.; C. Rawle, J.D.; J. L. Barrett, I.G.; J. Curnow, R. Bullen, and Edmund Geard, Stwds.; E. J. Mills, Tyler; F. W. Pool, Edwin Richards, H. R. Redman, Geo. W. Williams, E. Trevenen, G. Lory, J. O. Widger, T. Hawken, S. Cope, T. H. Richards, E. Dale, W. R. Richards, R. Mably, G. M. Hamlyn, G. B. Rogers, W. Hill, J. Penberthy, H. Bullen, J. Thomas, S. James, S. Rowe, W. H. Hocken, J. E. H. Stephens, W. T. Brailey, and G. T. Moody. Visitors: F. C. Atkinson, 1648; Alf. Tucker, 1733; S. S. Martyn, 1954; W. D.

Pinchin, 2373; C. Martin, 65; E. C. Fisk, 2323; A. G. Hayman, 200; W. J. Sowden, 2704; H. Smith, H. L. Bating, 2128; A. Sisterson, 1196; H. E. Joyce, 2424; H. L. Bing, 1597; T. C. Thomas, 1853; G. T. Browne, 65; R. E. Miles, 2424; Lennox Browne, 2318; A. Lawrence Fryer, 1624; A. J. Woodward, 87; and W. H. Squiers, 1929.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the emergency meeting held in September having been read and confirmed, letters of regret for non-attendance were read from several brethren, amongst which was one from Bro. J. Henwood Thomas, S.W., which gave much pleasure to all the brethren. It was to the effect that his health was slowly, but it was hoped surely, improving, and that he was looking forward to attending and resuming his position in the lodge—a hope which was cordially reciprocated by all present. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, and Bro. W. Molesworth St. Aubyn was duly inducted by the W.M., Bro. J. Roberts, into the chair of King Solomon. The following brethren were appointed and invested as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. Roberts, I.P.M.; C. V. Burgess, S.W.; C. Rawle, J.W.; Rev. H. C. Shuttleworth, Chap.; W. Lake, Treas.; R. Greenwood, Sec.; J. L. Barrett, S.D.; J. Curnow, J.D.; R. Bullen, I.G.; Rev. E. Geard, D.C.; and J. O. Widger and H. R. Redman, Stewards. The charges were then ably given by Bros. W. J. West, J. L. Barrett, and R. Greenwood. The W.M. then presented to the I.P.M., Bro. J. Roberts, the Past Master's jewel of the lodge, accompanying the presentation by some congratulatory remarks, and expressing the gratitude of the brethren for the services which had been rendered by Bro. Roberts, not only during his year of office, but from the first inception of the lodge. The report of the Audit Committee was then received and adopted, and the lodge was closed.

At the subsequent banquet about 60 brethren sat down, under the genial presidency of Bro. St. Aubyn.

The various toasts—"The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales; the Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom; and the Deputy G.M.,"—were duly proposed and honoured, the latter—that of the Earl of Mount Edgumbe—receiving, as may be supposed, a specially cordial and hearty recognition.

The I.P.M. then gave the toast of "The W.M., Bro. Molesworth St. Aubyn," whom he welcomed to the chair of the Cornish Lodge in the name of all the brethren, referring in the course of his speech to his many admirable qualities, the respect in which his family had always been held, and the certainty that he would worthily fill the position to which the brethren had unanimously elected him.

Bro. St. Aubyn, in reply, heartily thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred on him. He felt proud of possessing their confidence, and would work strenuously to maintain the good name which the Cornish Lodge had in such a short time attained.

The toast of "The I.P.M." was then heartily given, and as heartily received. Bro. West had occupied the proud position of the first W.M. of the lodge, and its success was in no small measure due to the unwearied attention he had given to the interests of the lodge.

Bro. West responded in a very happy speech, in the course of which he gave many excellent suggestions which were of value, not only to members of the Cornish Lodge, but to Masons generally. The speaker's long Masonic career in Cornwall and his intimate knowledge, not only of Masonic matters, but of other interests in the old county gave point and value to his utterances.

The toast of "The Visitors" followed, and was responded to by Bro. Lennox Browne, F.R.C.S., and others.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" was next given, Bros. W. Lake and R. Greenwood briefly responding, and "The Officers of the Lodge," acknowledged by the Senior and Junior Wardens, Bros. Burgess and Rawle, concluded a very successful meeting.

We should not omit to mention that a very excellent musical programme was carried out under the able direction of Bro. R. E. Miles, of St. Paul's Cathedral, assisted by Miss Julia Jones, Miss Bessie Dore, Bros. R. Bullen, Lawrence Fryer, and Atkinson.

**Æsculapius Lodge (No. 2410).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Café Royal, Regent-street, Bro. Brindley James, P.M., W.M., presided, and there were also present besides the officers of the lodge, Bros. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.M., P.G. Chap.; Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.G.D.; M. Coates, M.D., P.M.; W. Ernest Dring, P.M.; Lewis Lewis, H. G. Blackmore, Edward S. Bell, C. Luxmore Drew, E. Yorke Davies, and Samuel Ellis, Tyler. The list of visitors included the following: Bros. John G. Albert, I.P.M. 227; H. H. Shirley, P.M. 1491; William Carey, P.M. 1571; A. Clark, W.M. 1924; A. A. Frigout, P.M. 171; N. W. Herbert, P.M. 173; R. Barton, P.M. 60; Hugh Lane, I.P.M. 379; W. Bott, P.M. 1839; A. C. Treadaway, 1298; H. J. Sharpe, George Ogilvie, M.D., 1872; T. Stennell, 1366; and John Davies, Victoria Lodge.

After the lodge had been opened and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. Brindley James, P.M., installed Bro. Deputy Inspector-General Belgrave Ninnis, M.D., P.M., G.S.B., as W.M. for the year in a most able, masterly, and impressive manner, which evoked praise from all the brethren assembled, and many visitors expressed the opinion that such brilliant working was a credit to so newly a consecrated lodge. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed the following officers for the year, who duly received the official collars: Bros. Brindley James, P.M., I.P.M.; F. Ernest Pocock, M.D., P.M., S.W.; Jacob Pick-tt, M.D., J.W.; G. Danford Thomas, M.D., Treas.; Thomas Dutton, M.D., P.M., Sec.; F. Crawford Thompson, M.B., S.D.; A. Nutt, J.D.; Lennox Browne, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Essex, D. of C.; and Frank Oldfield, P.M., I.G.; E. H. Ezard, M.D., and H. W. Kiallmark, Stwds.; and Samuel Ellis, Tyler.

After the delivery of the addresses by the Installing Master, the W.M. initiated Messrs. William Arbutnot Lane, M.S., London, F.R.C.S., England, and Frank Fowler, L.R.C.P., London, M.R.C.S., England. Bro. J. H. Garland Wrighton, P.M., L.D.S., 1318, was duly elected a joining member. A very handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M. for the very admirable manner in which he had carried on the work of the lodge during the past year. The W.M. and I.P.M. thanked the brethren in very suitable words for the honour they had conferred upon them, but said they would postpone further remarks for the reply to the toast of their healths at the festive

board. After the Auditors' report had been read by the Treasurer and unanimously adopted, the lodge was closed. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given at the banquet by the W.M. with commendable brevity, which were duly honoured, and harmony prevailed, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

**Penge Lodge (No. 1815).**—The first meeting of this lodge for the season took place on Friday, the 7th inst., at the Thicket Hotel, Anerley, S.E., when the S.W., Bro. Henry Loney, was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by Bro. T. West, P.M., assisted by the following Board of Installed Masters: Bros. Count Roman, P.G. Orient of Peru, &c.; R. Jackson, G. Bird, R. A. Tidmas, W. T. Hocken, J. Dibble, I.P.M., and J. Scott Mutch, P.M. 705. The Board of Installed Masters having been closed, the W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. John Dibble, I.P.M.; William Baker, S.W.; Herbert Budd, J.W.; W. T. Hocken, P.M., Treas.; Arthur Bentley, Sec.; J. O. Curtis, S.D.; A. E. Pridmore, J.D.; Thos. West, P.M., D.C.; G. T. Crookford, I.G.; A. Thompson, Org.; W. J. M. Grady and Donati Parsons, Stwds.; and John Whiteman, Tyler. Bro. T. West, Installing Master, then gave the address to the W.M.; Bro. G. Bird, P.M., to the officers; and Bro. R. A. Tidmas, to the brethren. The W.M. then presented Bro. John Dibble, I.P.M., with a jewel, as a mark of esteem from the brethren on his vacating the chair.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet.

Upon the removal of the cloth the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Harmony subsequently prevailed, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BEAMINSTER.

**Beaminstor Manor Lodge (No. 1367).**—The first meeting of the winter session of this lodge took place at the White Hart Hotel on Tuesday, the 4th inst. The brethren present included—Bros. R. R. Samson, W.M.; H. Maunder, I.P.M.; A. Hann, S.W.; O. M. Beament, J.W.; J. Andrews, P.M., Treas.; W. Oxley, Sec.; F. P. Kitson, S.D.; W. R. Pile, J.D.; C. Toleman, P.M., D.C.; C. G. Purkis, P.M., P.P.G.D., Org.; S. R. Baskett, P.M., P.P.G.R.; E. H. G. de Castro, I.G.; and J. Keech, Tyler.

After the lodge had been duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, several communications were read and discussed. Bro. S. R. Baskett was re-appointed Charity Steward to represent the lodge at the meetings of the Dorset Masonic Charity, of which excellent institution he is the Hon. Sec. The following brethren were unanimously elected to form a Charity Committee: the W.M. for the year, Bros. S. R. Baskett, R. Toleman, H. Maunder, F. P. Kitson, and Rev. E. H. G. de Castro. A conversation then ensued upon a proposition which was to be brought before the Prov. Grand Lodge the following week, to the effect that the Prov. Grand Master be asked to allot the various collars to the lodges in the Province leaving it to the members of the several lodges to select the brethren most suitable to secure the collars so allotted, and the brethren present were unanimously opposed to any such innovation, being perfectly satisfied to leave the conferring of Provincial distinctions in the hands of the Provincial Grand Master himself. Bro. Baskett presented the lodge with four very handsome Charity Certificates, which had been awarded to him on the several occasions upon which he had had the honour of representing his province at the Festival of one or other of the great Masonic Institutions. Two of the Certificates had been framed in handsome oak frames with gold mountings by Bro. O. M. Beament, J.W.; one by Bro. R. Toleman, P.P.G.R.; and one by Bro. C. Toleman. On the motion of Bro. C. G. Purkis, a vote of thanks was accorded to all these brethren for their handsome contribution to the lodge's property.

Nothing further offering, "Hearty good wishes" were interchanged, and the lodge was closed, the brethren afterwards adjourning for their customary refreshment.

CHINGFORD.

**Warner Lodge (No. 2256).**—A large number of brethren assembled at the Royal Forest Hotel on Tuesday, the 11th inst., to witness the installation of Bro. J. Speller as W.M. of this successful lodge. Bro. J. J. Briginshaw, P.P.G. Stwd., W.M. was supported by Bros. J. Speller, S.W.; Geo. Hurley, J.W.; Wm. Shurmur, P.P.G. Treas.; R. Kershaw, S.D.; W. P. Allen, J.D.; Rev. M. Rees, I.G.; W. Latter, P.P.G. Org., Org.; W. A. Finch, D.C.; G. M. Long and F. Taylor, Stwds.; T. Scoreby Jackson, P.P.S.G.D., I.P.M.; Courtenay Warner, P.P.S.G.W., P.M.; A. Lucking, P.A.G.D.C.; French Bromhead, P.P.G.S. of W.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. Rev. J. H. Rose, P.M. 1964, J.W. 1678; J. J. Goode, E.M. 1904; W. Hawtin, 1677; W. S. Hooper, 1987; G. R. Rich, 1962; J. W. Simmonds, P.M. 1288; J. H. Collingridge, P.M. 1677; D. P. Holness, W.M. 2374; J. Bladon, P.M. 1839; H. Waller, 217; A. Haynes, 2264; G. Ledson, 503; H. Wand, 2374; C. E. Webb, 1539; G. P. Pointer, W.M. 1613; W. J. Hunter, P.M. 1677; W. Brookman, 2374; W. Mann, 2168; A. Caink, P.M. 1056; W. W. Cook, D.C. 59; S. Dancyger, P.M. 205; F. W. Stephens, J.D. 1348; F. R. Peck, 2374; N. B. Hodgson, J.W. 1613; Arthur Brown, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx.; A. Cowen, 2374; and A. Millward, P.M. 1677.

Lodge was opened, the minutes confirmed, and a satisfactory audit report adopted. Bro. James Speller having been presented as W.M. elect, was regularly installed into the chair by the retiring Master, Bro. Briginshaw. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. Geo. Hurley, S.W.; Wm. Shurmur, P.P.G. Treas., J.W.; Rev. M. Rees and Rev. H. A. Allpass, Chaplains; J. H. Wildash, P.M. 1622, Treasurer; Richard Kershaw, Sec.; W. P. Allen, S.D.; W. A. Finch, J.D.; C. G. Cutchey, D.C.; W. Latter, P.P.G.O., Org.; G. M. Long, I.G.; F. Taylor and H. T. Dummett, Stewards; and John Ive, P.M. 1427, Tyler. The W.M. having raised Bro. A. Holmes to the Degree of M.M., initiated Mr. H. H. Finch. It rarely falls to the lot of a W.M. to be called upon to perform the ritual of two Degrees immediately after

his installation, but Bro. Speller acquitted himself in a highly creditable manner, and convinced those present of his ability to preside over the lodge in a capable manner during the ensuing year. Bro. Briginshaw, I.P.M., was elected to represent the lodge on the Essex Charity Committee. The W.M. has been elected to serve as Steward from the lodge on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The sum of 15 guineas was voted from the lodge funds, to be placed on his list. Bro. J. Cropley, 2374, was unanimously elected a joining member.

The lodge was closed, and the sumptuous repast was followed by the customary toasts.

Bro. Dr. Dring, P.G.D., replied for the toast of "The Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," and thanked the W.M. personally for the compliment paid him. It was the first opportunity he had had in that lodge of returning thanks as a Provincial Grand Officer. They all regretted the absence of the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Philbrick, and deeply deplored the lamentable circumstances which prevented his attendance. There were in the Warner Lodge worthy and distinguished brethren who held high Provincial rank, including Bro. Courtenay Warner, P.P.S.G.W., after whom the lodge was named. There was in that lodge a grand field for Provincial Grand Lodge to choose its officers from, and from what they had seen of the working of the P.M. and I.P.M., there was good ground for anticipating that the Warner Lodge would not be forgotten.

Bro. J. J. Briginshaw, I.P.M., said he felt honoured in having to propose the next toast—that of "The Worshipful Master." From what he had seen of Bro. Speller's working, they could anticipate a very successful year of office for him. He congratulated the W.M. very heartily, for he was the right man in the right place, and had every desire to make the lodge during his year a great success.

Bro. James Speller, W.M., in response, said he was very sensible of the great honour conferred upon him by unanimously electing and installing him as W.M. He had reached the height of his ambition and attained the proud position for which he had craved for 12 or 13 years. He hoped the Great Architect would give him power to carry out the duties to the satisfaction of the brethren and the success of the lodge. He begged them to accept his hearty thanks for the very cordial way in which they had received the toast.

The Worshipful Master, in a felicitous speech, next proposed "The Installing Master and Past Masters," and presented Bro. Briginshaw, I.P.M., with a handsome Past Masters jewel in recognition of his services during the past year.

Bro. J. J. Briginshaw, I.P.M., returned sincere thanks for the reception accorded the toast and for the kind support of the brethren during his occupancy of the chair.

Bro. Courtenay Warner, P.P.S.G.W., said this lodge was one of the things he had been connected with in life that had proved most successful. He never regretted the day he became a Mason with the object of joining this lodge as soon as it was started. He thought the lodge had a brilliant future before it and should always do what he could to advance its interest.

Bro. Jackson, P.P.G.D., also replied, after which other toasts were given and a highly successful gathering terminated with the Tyler's toast.

During the evening Bros. Fred Stephens, A. Millward, and Latter, P.P.G. Org., contributed some excellent musical selections.

MELTHAM.

**Lodge of Peace (No. 149).**—This lodge held its regular monthly meeting on Saturday, the 8th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Wm. Gudger, W.M., who occupied the chair; Jonathan White, S.W.; David Cairns, J.W.; D. White, Treas.; C. Rayner, I.P.M.; F. W. Lewis, Sec.; G. W. Howe, S.D.; C. R. Hampshire, J.D.; J. E. Kaye, I.G.; and Wm. Sanderson, P.M., Tyler.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Henry Holroyd was duly raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. Ramsden, P.M., P.G. Reg., the ceremony was performed by Bro. Charles Rayner, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. After the ceremony, the W.M. announced the next business, which was a vote of condolence to the widow and family of the late Bro. Joseph Brook, J.W. Bro. Rayner rose and said that under these mournful circumstances, he assured them that it was with feelings of the deepest sorrow that he took upon himself to propose that vote of condolence. He felt it all the more on account of the pleasant afternoon he and the late brother had spent together on the day of the sad accident, which caused his death, and also on account of the fact that in two minutes' time after he left him that evening the accident must have occurred—a very sad thing to think of. With regard to their brother's Masonry, he knew that he was a Mason at heart. He should never forget the enthusiasm he displayed that afternoon at the prospects he had before him during the next two years in preparing himself for the performance of the duties of the W.M. He did not know that he had anything more to say, only formally to propose that a letter of condolence be written and sent to the widow and family of their lamented late J.W. The motion was feelingly seconded by a friend of the family, Bro. J. Goodwin, and carried unanimously. The ordinary business of the lodge having been transacted, the lodge was closed.

The accident was caused by his being thrown out of his conveyance in driving home after a visit to Meltham to spend an hour with a friend. It occurred on nearing Huddersfield at 6.45 on the evening of the 26th ult. He never recovered consciousness after it, and died at noon on the 28th. The funeral took place on Friday, the 30th, and a goodly number of brethren attended the funeral to pay their last sad tribute of respect to a much respected member of the lodge and brother in the Craft.

SUTTON BRIDGE.

**Alexandra Lodge (No. 985).**—The annual installation of this lodge was held at the Bridge Hotel, on Monday, the 3rd inst., and, notwithstanding the inclement weather, the following were present: Bros. Rev. G. F. Foxton, P.P.G.C., W.M.; J. E. Townsend, I.P.M.; E. Sunderland, S.W.; Mark Cox, P.P.G.S. of W., Treas., as J.W.; J. R. Clarke, P.P.A.G.P., Sec.; J. G. Dunlop, S.D.; A. H. Brooks, J.D.; C. E. Ward, P.P.S.G.W., D.C.; G. P. Hobson, Steward; P. Jenner, acting Org.; E. A. Sharpe, I.G.; D. Oliver, Tyler; S. S. Mossop, P.P. G.P.; W. Porter, Almoner; H. Patchett, J. Mottram, F. H. Savage; and the following visitors: Bros. W. Dixey,

P.M. and Sec. 442; F. Seward, J.W. 1605; H. Thorn; G. Whitehead; W. R. Girling, S.W., Elworthy, J.W., Moore, and W. Gilling, 309; Horsfield, 2086; and J. W. Smith, Tyler 469.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Foxton, and the chair then taken by Bro. Chas. E. Ward, Installing Master. The W.M. elect, Bro. Samuel John Coupland, P.S.W., being presented by the W.M. for installation, and was duly installed into the chair by Bro. Ward. Bro. Coupland then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Rev. G. F. H. Foxton, I.P.M.; J. G. Dunlop, J.W.; Mark Cox, Treas.; J. R. Clarke, Sec.; Chas. E. Ward, D. of C. and Charity Representative; A. H. Brooks, S.D.; A. E. Sharpe, J.D.; G. P. Hobson, Stwd.; J. Mottram, Org.; F. H. Savage, I.G.; D. Oliver, Tyler. The new Senior Warden and Chaplain were unavoidably absent, and will be invested at the next lodge meeting. The Charity representative reported the result of the recent Charity meeting and the prospects of the lodge candidate for the R.M.I.B.—Bernard Mason—whose case was hard, the province, having exhausted its voting for this election, being unable to assist.

The visitors having given "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed, and the brethren retired to partake of an excellent banquet, served in the usual style of the host, Bro. Clarke, a most enjoyable evening being spent in toasts and harmony.

The Worshipful Master proposed in a few words "The Queen and the Craft," which was most loyally received.

The Worshipful Master also proposed "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; the M.W.G.M., the Earl of Lathom; the R.W.D.G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgumbe; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," which was enthusiastically received.

Bro. J. E. Townsend gave "The R.W.P.G.M., Bro. Smyth; the D.P.G.M., Bro. Sisson, P.G.D. Eng.; and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," in a few appropriate remarks, which were responded to by Bro. Chas. E. Ward, P.S.G.W., who was sure the Provincial Grand Officers recognised as part of their duty, the assisting in every way to promote the good of Freemasonry in the province.

The toast of "The Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. S. S. Mossop, who reminded the brethren that the Masonic Charities were well managed, do a great amount of good work, and were well worthy of support.

Bro. G. F. H. Foxton, in the absence of Bro. Ward, who had to leave, responded, and £1 12s. 2d. was collected.

The "Worshipful Master" was proposed by the I.P.M., Bro. Foxton, and responded to by the new W.M., Bro. J. S. Coupland, who hoped to be well supported by his officers and have a pleasant and successful year of office.

Bro. Cox, P.M., Treas., proposed the toast of "The Installing Masters, Bros. C. E. Ward and J. R. Clarke," which was responded to by Bro. J. R. Clarke, who stated it had been a pleasure to install Bro. Coupland, and was sure he would successfully rule the Alexandra Lodge.

Bro. S. S. Mossop proposed "The Visitors," and reminded them that brethren of Alexandra Lodge always wished to heartily welcome visitors, and were pleased to find them present from such distant places as Hull, Hitchin, and Peterborough, as well as from the neighbouring lodge of Wisbech.

Bros. Dixey, St. Peters Lodge; G. Whitehead and H. Thorn, of 309, replied.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," and said he was sure he might rely upon the regular attendance of his officers, on whom he felt depended the smooth working of the various ceremonies, which he hoped to see worked better and better on each occasion.

Bro. J. G. Dunlop, J.W., responded, and was sure the W.M. might rely upon the cordial support of his officers.

During the evening songs were sung by Bros. Dunlop, Jenner, Mottram, Porter, Girling, Elworthy, Gilling, Mash, Horsfield, and W. Clarke, being most ably accompanied by Bro. Jenner.

The Tyler's toast by Bro. D. Oliver brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

The menu and toast list, which was supplied by Bro. George Kenning, was much admired.

TEDDINGTON.

**Sir Charles Bright Lodge (No. 1793).**—This lodge met at the Clarence Hotel, on the 28th ultimo. Among those present were Bros. W. Middleweek, W.M.; W. H. Windeatt, S.W.; B. Müller, J.W.; R. W. Forge, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; E. W. Warner, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; W. R. Plaford, I.G.; W. Smith, D.C.; W. J. Porter, P.M., P.G.D.C., Org.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., and T. Middleweek, Stwds.; J. R. Barns, I.P.M.; J. Finch, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; E. Hall, E. J. Packington, and others. Bro. R. H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M. in charge, was also present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. A. Foghill was ably passed to the Second Degree by the W.M. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. J. Piller, P.M.; A. J. R. Simmonds, P.M.; and F. L. Chandler, S.D.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary toasts received full justice.

Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C., in responding for "The Grand Officers," touched upon the honour conferred on the province by the appointment of Bro. Lord George Hamilton, P.G.W., as Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex. He was pleased to see several Grand Officers at the last Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, notably Bro. E. Letchworth, Grand Secretary. The Grand Officers were always pleased to visit lodges where the work was well carried out, such, for instance, as in the Sir Charles Bright Lodge. "The Health of the W.M." followed.

In his response, the W.M. said that by some error—he presumed a clerical one—at the last meeting of the lodge he had been made to say that he was a joining member of No. 1793 and an initiate of No. 1656. Of the latter lodge he knew nothing. He was initiated in the Sir Charles Bright Lodge so far back as 1883, and belonged to no other lodge. He was gratified that evening at receiving a visit from the Deputy Provincial Grand Master in charge, and he felt sure that everyone present must have been flattered by the remarks that he had made respecting the working and position of No. 1793. Other toasts followed.

During the evening Bros. W. J. Porter, E. J. Packington, T. Middleweek and E. Hall instrumentally and vocally entertained the brethren.

## WOKING.

**Bisley Lodge (No. 2317).**—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, the 6th instant, when Bro. Major G. Collins was installed W.M. for the ensuing year in the presence of a numerous gathering of members, Grand Officers, and visitors. Amongst the former were Bros. J. B. S. Lancaster, Prov. G.S.B., W.M.; Major G. Collins, S.W.; C. F. Passmore, J.W.; Capt. J. Hoey, P.M., Treas.; E. H. Gale Crowdy, I.P.M., Sec.; J. Webb, S.D.; C. Pulman, P.M., D.C.; J. W. H. Littleboy, I.G.; A. Hayes, Stwd.; C. B. Tubbs, P.M.; A. G. Jackman, A. G. Clinton, J. Tomlinson, C. R. A. Griffin, and A. H. Gale.

The ceremony of installation was performed in a most perfect and impressive manner by Bro. J. B. S. Lancaster, after which the W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. J. B. S. Lancaster, I.P.M.; C. F. Passmore, S.W.; J. Webb, J.W.; J. Hoey, Treas.; E. H. Gale Crowdy, Sec.; J. W. H. Littleboy, S.D.; A. Hayes, J.D.; C. Pulman, D.C.; C. R. A. Griffin, I.G.; A. G. Jackman and A. G. Clinton, Stwds.; and G. J. Mason, Tyler.

The toast list comprised the following items: "Queen and the Craft," proposed by the W.M.; "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., the Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," proposed by the W.M. and replied to by Bro. Gould, P.G.D.; "The Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Col. Noel Money, C.B.," proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. Col. Money; "The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. F. West, and the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. Eager, P.P.S.G.D.; "The W.M.," proposed by the I.P.M.; "The Visitors," proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bros. Law, P.M., P.P.G.D. Leicester and Rutland; E. T. Madeley, W.M. Abbey Lodge; and J. Parsons, W.M. St. John's Lodge. The succeeding toasts were "The I.P.M.," "The Masonic Charities," "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Officers" and the Tyler's.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. C. F. Passmore, Mus. Bac., and amongst those who contributed to the harmony of the evening were Bros. Squire, J. Webb, Askham, Littleboy, Aitken, Black, Jackman, and Griffin.

Among the visitors were Bros. Gould, P.G.D.; Dix, J. J. Black, P.M.; M. Cutting, S. C. Knight, J. W. H. Morrison, W. Brooks, A. McCormick, E. Squire, T. Aitken, P.M.; J. Askham, P.M.; and Dr. Eager, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.

## WOLVERHAMPTON.

**Tudor Lodge of Rifle Volunteers (No. 1838).**—An unusually large number of members and visitors assembled on Friday, the 14th instant, to witness the installation of Bro. Horace Percy Smith, S.W., who is the Hon. Sec. of the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. H. Kitson, P.M.; Capt. J. F. Chapman, P.M.; Capt. R. Longden, P.M.; Capt. Alex. McBean, P.M., P.G.S. of W.; Major J. B. Morgan, P.M.; Major G. W. Walker, P.M., P.A.G. Sec.; Major F. Walton, P.M.; Sergeant-Major J. Woods, P.M., P.P.A.G.P.; John Annan, R. Ault, T. Ridley Bailey, T. Gill Bennett, W. H. Chapman, E. Hickman, T. E. Procter, J. Roper, R. Tildesley, C. L. N. Wilson, and T. Wolverton. Visitors: Bros. G. F. Black, 167; R. Gibson, P.M. 419, P.P.A.G.D.C.; G. H. Stanger, P.M. 419, P.P.G.R.; T. Skett, W.M. 419; W. Howell, 419; Sidney Dean, 419; S. H. Morris, 473; G. Shread, P.M. 482; G. A. Caldwell, 525; Hong Kong; J. Clark, P.M. 526; F. S. Liddington, P.M. 526; W. Davies, 526; A. T. Molineux, 526; Francis Saunders, 526; F. W. Willmore, P.M. 539; D. Mould, W.M. 662; and T. Whitehurst, 662.

Apologies were received from Bros. John Bodenham, P.A.G.D.C.; Col. J. A. Bindley, D.P.G.M.; C. Fendelow, P.G.S.B.; K. G. Salter, P.P.G.W. Salop; M. Barker; J. Dunbar Steen, W.M. 526; and many other brethren.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Francis Nokes, and the minutes of the last meeting read. The Treasurer's report was read, and testified to the flourishing financial position of the lodge. Bro. H. Percy Smith was then installed in due form into the chair of K.S. by Bro. F. Nokes. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Francis Nokes, I.P.M.; Capt. E. H. Procter, S.W.; J. D. Wassell, J.W.; H. Kitson, Treas.; T. Gill Bennett, Sec.; Capt. T. F. Waterhouse, S.D.; J. T. Homer, J.D.; Major G. W. Walker, D.C.; I. Roper, Mus. Bac. Oxon, Org.; W. Gough Allen, I.G.; C. L. N. Wilson, Steward; and Sergeant-Instructor W. Grimes, Tyler.

After the officers had been addressed by the I.P.M., the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet.

After the toasts of "The Queen," "The M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales," "The Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom; the Deputy G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past,"

The Worshipful Master, previously to proposing "The Health of the D.P.G.M.," referred in feeling terms to the great loss sustained by the province in the death of their late P.G.M., Bro. Col. Foster Gough, who was, he said, his godfather in the Craft; he then, in felicitous terms, spoke of the pleasure the return of the D.P.G.M., Bro. Colonel Bindley, in restored health, had given the brethren.

The toasts of "The Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," and "The W.M." were duly honoured.

The Worshipful Master then called on the brethren to drink "The Health of his Worship the Mayor of Wolverhampton, Bro. F. Saunders," who replied in suitable terms.

"The Visitors," "The Past Masters," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast concluded the list.

Much pleasure was added by the excellent vocal and instrumental efforts of Bros. Y. F. Chapman, F. W. Willmore, G. F. Black, Sidney Dean, W. Howell, and A. T. Molineux.

## Royal Arch.

**La France Chapter (No. 2060).**—If there is one thing more than another that demonstrates not merely the zeal, energy, and devotion, but equally the great administrative abilities, varied talents, and complete mastery of their duties, of those to whom H.R.H. the Grand Master has entrusted high position in the Craft, it is the

assured success and continued progressive prosperity of those lodges and chapters fortunate in possessing amongst their working members officers of light and leading in Grand Lodge. Amongst this category we must distinctly mention this chapter, which dates its origin only from May, 1889, but which is now certainly one of the most flourishing chapters, not only as regards numbers, but in the importance and high Masonic status of its members; it is further remarkable as being the only chapter in England and under the English Constitution working in the French language. The ritual is absolutely similar to that in use in English chapters, a most careful translation having been made by Comps. Eugene Monteuis and Henri Bué, both P.Z.'s, and whose names guarantee the excellence of the work.

A meeting of this chapter was held on Monday, the 17th inst., at the Café Royal, Regent-street, the Principals' chairs being occupied by Comps. Ernest St. Clair, as M.E.Z.; Thomas Fenn, P.P.C.G.P., as H.; Frederick Mead, Deputy G.D.C., as J. Bro. Lewis Edward Beer, 2021, having been duly introduced was exalted in an admirable manner by Comp. St. Clair, Comp. Mead giving the historical and Comp. Fenn the symbolical lecture, whilst the mystical was delivered by the M.E.Z. This business being completed, the election of Principals and officers was commenced, when Comp. Thomas Fenn was elected as M.E.Z.; Comp. Frederick Mead, as H.; Comp. Saillard, J.; Comp. Hopkinson was re-elected Treasurer; and Comp. Frank Richardson, D. of C. A Past M.E.Z.'s jewel was voted to Comp. St. Clair on his quitting the chair of M.E.Z., and certainly no outgoing Principal has more worthily deserved and gained this honourable distinction. After the completion of a few less important details the chapter was closed, and the companions dined together, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured.

Several guests were present, amongst whom we noticed Comps. Sir George Harris, P.A.G.S.; Dr. B. Cockburn, P.Z.; and Dr. Chance. During the evening Comp. Dr. E. M. Lott favoured the company with some musical recitals.

## GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

**Industry Chapter (No. 48).**—The annual convocation of this chapter was held at the Industry Masonic Hall, Jackson-street, on Thursday, the 13th inst. Comps. Wm. Brown, Z.; M. Corbitt, P.Z., H.; and Wm. Richardson, J., opened the proceedings, assisted by Comps. R. Whitfield, P.Z.; C. B. Ford, P.Z. 481; T. Dunning, Z. 481; J. Hammond, H. 481; and Wm. F. Carmon, P.Z. 481. The installation of the Principals followed, viz.: Comps. M. Corbitt, P.Z., Z.; Wm. Richardson, H.; and T. R. Jobson, J. The retiring Z., Comp. Wm. Brown, duly installed Z. and H., and Comp. Wm. Richardson, H., installed his successor in the chair of J. The investiture of officers afterwards took place as follows: Comps. R. Stewart, S.E.; R. Hopper Holme, S.N.; John Boazman, Treas.; W. Dalrymple, P.S.; H. Jackson, 1st A.S.; T. W. Bagnall, 2nd A.S.; R. Perry, Org.; and Joshua Curry, Janitor. The Treasurer's balance-sheet, showing a balance to credit of £12 12s. 3d., was received and adopted.

The chapter was then closed, after which the yearly festival was held in the banqueting hall.

## Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

**ST. JOHN'S LODGE (No. 167).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Court House, Harlesden. Present: Bros. S. Hussey, W.M.; W. R. Plaford, S.W.; E. J. Ginder, J.W.; Jno. Davis, P.M., Preceptor *pro tem.*; Arthur Jones, Sec.; W. C. Tebbitt, S.D.; C. Penny, J.D.; Featherstone, I.G.; Craggs, P.M.; Armfield, Mercer, Priest, Thomas, Toley, Cohen, and Jobson. Visitors: Bros. Sims, P.M.; Hall, and Lorich.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. F. S. Priest being the candidate, after which the lodge was called off and on. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor *pro tem.*, assisted by the brethren. On the W.M. rising for the first time, Bros. Thos. Jobson, 834; and S. Cohen, 749, were elected joining members of the lodge. On the W.M. rising for the second time, Bro. W. R. Plaford, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting. On the W.M. rising for the third time, a Committee was appointed to draw up a set of by-laws for the lodge. Bro. Ginder gave notice of his intention to propose at the next meeting that the lodge form a Benevolent Fund, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Hussey on his able occupancy of the chair of the W.M. for the first time. The lodge was then closed.

**PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale. Present: Bros. R. Cory, W.M.; R. T. Redfean, S.W.; W. Wright, J.W.; G. Wood, Preceptor; W. J. Stratton, Treas.; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; W. Parsons, S.D.; W. Chapple, J.D.; E. T. Ginder, I.G.; E. S. White, W.M. 902; E. T. Taylor, J. Thwaites, C. Robinson, G. Duke, and J. R. Hill. Visitors: Bros. J. H. Gibson, 753; and E. C. Fisk, 2323.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Thwaites candidate. The Preceptor, Bro. Wood, delivered the charge to the initiate, and afterwards gave the lecture on the first tracing board. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was next worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Gibson and Fisk were elected members of this lodge of instruction. The S.W., Bro. Redfean was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. In consequence of the sudden deaths of Bros. R. H. Dillon and R. E. Cursons, both for many years members of this lodge of instruction, a vote of sympathy and condolence was passed and directed to be entered on the minutes, and a copy forwarded to the families of the deceased brethren. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**BLACKHEATH LODGE (No. 1320).**—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Milkwood Hotel, Milkwood-road, Loughborough Junction, on Monday, the 17th inst., when there were present Bros. F. Hilton, W.M.;

R. J. Voisey, S.W.; J. Hooper, J.W.; T. R. Cass, Treas.; C. H. Stone, Sec.; H. C. Turner, S.D.; F. W. Bate, J.D.; G. W. Niblett, I.G.; E. A. Rice (Asst. Sec.), J. Price, Sowton, Telling, Ballard, Fisher, Derham, T. H. Salmon, Alf. Salmon, F. W. Bate, Chabot, Munson, Jackson, Shipton, Sercombe, Barr, Porter, Underwood, Telling, Leonard, Roberts, Snell, Pack, Kirby, Dawson, Beecroft, H. Sadler, G. Tyler; Salter, Jeffery, Elgar, Hill, Hobley, Hurdell, Head, Pike, Broadway, Butcher, Southeron, Miller, Hawkins, H. G. Martin, Murché, Ransford, Hope, Hubbard, Parry, Riches, Dean, and Lawley.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees and resumed in the First. The 1st Section was worked by Bro. N. A. Barr; 2nd, Bro. H. C. Turner, S.D. 1662; 3rd, Bro. H. T. Telling, 2182; 4th, Bro. F. A. Rice, 1320; 5th, Bro. T. H. Salmon, 1475; 6th, Bro. R. J. Voisey, P.M. 1641; 7th, Bro. J. Hurdell, P.M. 1348. The lodge was resumed in the Second Degree. Bro. T. R. Cass, S.D. 1320, worked the 1st; 2nd, Bro. W. Dawson, I.G. 1622; 3rd, Bro. C. H. Stone, S.W. 507 and 1641; 4th, Bro. H. Sadler, Grand Tyler; 5th, Bro. R. Elgar, Sec. 1329. The lodge was resumed in the Third Degree. 1st Section worked by Bro. F. W. Bate; 2nd, Bro. G. C. Pike; 3rd, Bro. V. T. Murché, P.M. 1693, Sec. 1641. Bros. Sadler, Dean Broadway, A. G. Telling, H. Roberts, C. Sowton, Parry, Jackson, and Lawley, were elected joining members, and the lodge was closed.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 15th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. Cumming, P.M., W.M.; Craggs, P.M., S.W.; R. J. Williams, J.W.; A. Williams, P.M., Preceptor; M. Spiegel, P.M., Sec.; Hillier, S.D.; Green, J.D.; Bone, I.G.; Powell, Wallace, Dickey, and Hutton.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Powell being the candidate. Bro. Hutton offered himself as a candidate for passing, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was opened and closed in the Third Degree. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Craggs, P.M., was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and after the usual rising, the lodge was closed.

**STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).**—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 14th inst., when there were present Comps. V. T. Murché, M.E.Z.; H. G. Martin, H.; J. Hill, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z.; Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Philips, S.N.; Braik, P.S.; Loader, W. E. Jeffery, Dawson, Derham, Jackson, Walter Davies, and Evans.

The chapter having been opened, the ceremony of installation of First Principal was rehearsed by Comp. Hill installing Comp. W. Davies. The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Derham personating the candidate. Comp. Hill was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, when an installation will be rehearsed. The chapter was then closed.

## Mark Masonry.

## MANCHESTER.

**St. Andrews Lodge (No. 34).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Cooper-street, on Tuesday, the 11th inst. The amount of work which resented itself on the circular was very large, but two candidates only presented themselves. Through the indisposition of Bro. C. E. Towell, W.M., he was not able, although present, to occupy the chair during the ceremony, and Bro. J. T. Richardson, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., kindly took his place. Before the lodge was closed Bro. Richardson presented to Bro. C. E. Towell, W.M., in the name of the members of the lodge, the provincial clothing which he had recently been invested with, and begged of him to accept them as a proof of the brethren's deep regard and affection they one and all had for him, and for the great energy he had displayed, more especially for the great benefit of the lodge. Bro. Towell, who evidently was struck with emotion, replied in a few graceful words. There were several brethren proposed as candidates, and the lodge was closed.

The following brethren were present: Bros. G. S. Smith, S.W.; G. A. Myers, J.W.; A. K. Boothroyd, M.O.; J. M. Veal, S.O.; Fred Stretch, J.O.; S. Kelly, P.G.S.; Chap.; John Walker, Sec.; W. Nichol, P.G.D., D.C.; J. Laurisch, S.D.; J. Lawrensen, J.D.; J. H. Marsh, Reg.; Henry L. Rocca, P.G.M.O.; J. Arensberg, and G. D. Langley. Bro. Wm. Bee was a visitor.

## Ancient and Accepted Rite.

**Adoniram Chapter (No. 101).**—A most interesting meeting of the above chapter was held at Mark Masons' Hall, on Friday, the 14th inst. On this occasion the chapter was honoured with the presence of the following members of the Supreme Grand Council: Ill. Bros. Capt. N. G. Phillips, Col. Noel Money, Frank Richardson, E. Letchworth, 33; Dr. Balfour Cockburn, 32; and Roebuck, 31.

The agenda paper presented a formidable amount of business. The most important was the perfecting of the Earl of Yarborough and Lieut.-Col. Wyndham Hart. This ceremony was conducted for the most part by Ill. Bro. Frank Richardson, the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. Stewart, whose health has been much shaken lately, not feeling himself equal to the whole of the proceedings. After this the ballot for the M.W.S. for the ensuing year was carried out, and the present Eminent Prelate, Bro. George Cooper was declared unanimously elected. The present Treasurer was also re-elected.

After several minor matters had been duly discussed and arranged, the chapter was closed, and the brethren repaired to the Holborn Restaurant, where the usual dinner took place.

The greatest credit must be given to Ill. Bro. Martin, 32, for the excellent arrangements he had made, and which conducted so greatly to everything going off smoothly and orderly, both in chapter and at the banquet.

**Cryptic Masonry.**

**Grand Master's Council (No. 1).**—This council met at the Grand Mark Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 30th ult. Among those present were Comps. B. R. Bryant, G.L., T.I.M.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.D.G.M., P.D.M.; G. Graveley, P.T.I.M., Treas.; Capt. Walls, P.D.G.M., P.T.I.M., Recorder; H. H. Shirley, M.A., C. of G.; John Pakes, S.S.; H. J. Lardner, P.T.I.M.; Sir Augustus Harris, G.D.C.; Robert Berridge, P.D.G.M., S. Treas.; C. F. Matier, P.D.G.M., G. Recorder; S. C. Catterson, G. Briggs, B. Stewart, J. Holland, W. H. Toye, and Major-General T. Cumming. Comps. J. Read and Gordon Miller were visitors.

The minutes of the previous council having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Comps. Lieut.-Col. C. E. Vansittart, Major A. E. Hansard, R.A., E. H. Ezard, M.D., and John Smith, and it being unanimously, they were duly admitted, received, and greeted as M.E.M., R.M., S.M., and S.E.M., the four ceremonies being most ably performed by the T.I.M., with the valuable assistance of Comps. C. F. Matier, H. J. Lardner, and H. H. Shirley. Apologies were received from Comps. Lieut.-Col. Lambert, Major Dunbar, G. Powell, E. Storr, Dr. Pocock, N. Prower, Major W. B. Williamson, R. L. Loveland, and others.

The council was then closed in the Degree of S.M., and the companions adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where an excellent banquet was provided. The T.I.M. presided most ably, and some able speeches were made.

**Allied Masonic Degrees.**

**LANCASTER.**

**Garnett Council (No. 8).**—The installation meeting of the above council was held at the Masonic Hall, Church-street, on Friday the 14th inst., when there were present, amongst others, Bros. Capt. Garnett, P.G.D., &c., W.M.; Henry Longman, P.M.; Thomas Atkinson, G.D.; Benj. Gregson, G.S.B., W.M. elect; Thos. Bayley, J.W.; and others.

The council having been duly opened and several matters of routine disposed of, Bro. Gregson, G.S.B., was regularly installed into the chair by the Installing Officer, Bro. Garnett, P.G.D. Bro. Gregson invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Thos. Bayley, S.W.; Jacob Stanley, J.W.; J. Ellershaw, S.D.; A. Stanley, J.D.; J. Bennett, I.G.; and E. Armitage, Secretary. Votes of thanks were passed to Bro. Garnett for his services as W.M. and Installing Officer, also to Bro. Atkinson for his services as Treasurer.

**BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.**

The October meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall, London, Bros. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President; James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President; and C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, occupied their respective chairs. Bros. E. Letchworth, G.S.; A. A. Pendlebury, A.G.S.; and W. Dodd and W. H. Lee represented Grand Secretary's office. The other brethren who attended were Bros. William Vincent, S. V. Abraham, S. Vallentine, A. Lucking, Geo. B. Chapman, Charles Dairy, T. W. Whitmarsh, John King, Dr. H. J. Strong, W. P. Brown, T. C. Newson, Henry Garrod, E. C. Mulvey, George R. Langley, H. Massey, David D. Mercer, J. H. Matthews, Charles J. R. Tijou, George Read, Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C.; George Coop, James Bunker, J. N. Streater, C. N. McIntyre North, J. Galt Fisher, George Bird, J. K. Pitt, R. Willoughby, J. W. Nash, George Flint, Orton Cooper, J. M. Moore, W. S. Heath, Edwin Venner, T. Sleeman, Lewis Doser, Charles Coleman, J. C. Stone, E. Brooks, Walter Dersham, Robert Gooding, G. Brown, H. G. Pitt, G. Bolton, H. E. Joyce, Dick Radcliffe, Walter Martin, J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B. Joseph Young, John Marshall, E. J. Williams, Bradshaw Brown, John L. Anderson, H. J. Ansell, A. G. Duck, J. Duncan, and H. Sadler, G. Tyler.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master made at the former meeting to the amount of £100. There were 37 cases on the new list, 15 being London, and the remainder from Rochford, Truro, Bromley, Bradford, Monmouth, Launceston, Chislehurst, Birmingham, Plumstead, Harwich, Oxford, Lahore, Southampton, Cape Breton, Ipswich, Barnstaple, Bungay, Topsham, Northampton, Malta, North Walsham, and Cardiff. The petitioners' ages were respectively 91, 79, 77, 75, 74, 71, 70, 63, 62, 61, 60, 59, 57, 55, 54, 53, 52, 51, 50, 48, 40, 37, and 31. The highest number of years' subscriptions were 40, 34, 29, 28½, 26, 24½, 22½, 18½, 18½, 18, 16½, 16, 13½, 11½, 10½, and 9. Two of the cases were deferred being incomplete. The remaining 35 were voted a total of £845. There was one recommendation to Grand Lodge for £75 and two for £50 each. The recommendations to the Grand Master were four of £40 each and four of £30 each. Grants were made—16 of £20 each, one of £15, four of £10 each, and three of £5 each.

The Board sat nearly four hours.

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.**

The Quarterly Court of the Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Friday, the 14th inst., in the large Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. Richard Eve, Past Grand Treas., &c., being voted to the chair. The attendance of brethren was not large at the commencement of the business, but it assumed greater dimensions as the proceedings advanced.

After the reading of the minutes of the July Quarterly Court, Bro. J. E. LE FEUVRE moved a vote of thanks to the Trustees of the late Sustentation Fund, the Earl of Lathom, Lord Leigh, John Moxon Clabon and Richard Eve, Bro. Clabon, he said, had served since April 14th, 1873.

Bro. GEORGE EVERETT, P.G.T., seconded the motion, which was then put and unanimously carried.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed a vote of condolence with the widow and family of the late Bro. W. Roebuck, Trustee of the Institution, and said that he had known him 40 years. He filled many offices of distinction in the Boys' School, and was on the Board of Management. From 1871 to 1885 he was a Trustee, and he always devoted himself very much to the interests of the Institution.

Bro. S. G. HOMFRAY seconded the motion, which was then put and carried.

On the motion of Bro. GLASS, seconded by Bro. PRITCHARD, Bro. Richard Eve, P.G.T., was elected a Trustee in the place of the late Bro. Roebuck, and Bro. EVE, in acknowledging the compliment, assured the brethren that he received this further proof of their confidence with very great satisfaction. He had always taken a deep interest in the Institution, and he trusted it would ever flourish. Whatever he could do he hoped he would have health to sustain him in the performance of his duties.

The following motion by Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND, seconded by Bro. JAMES BRETT, P.G.P., was carried, with the amendment that the hour be four instead of five, moved by Bro. LE FEUVRE, seconded by Bro. JAMES STEVENS, and supported by Bro. T. BATEMAN FOX, of Dewsbury, Bro. J. BODENHAM, and other brethren:—

"That Law XLVIII. be altered as follows:—The Council shall meet at the office of the Institution on the last Friday of every month (except when that day shall fall on the Friday immediately before a Bank Holiday, when the meeting shall be held on the next following Friday), August excepted, at Five o'clock in the afternoon, Elect a Chairman, being a Freemason, at each meeting, and may adjourn from time to time. Five shall form a quorum."

The following motions were afterwards moved by Bro. RICHARD EVE, P.G. Treasurer, Patron, Chairman of the Board of Management:—

That in recognition of the eminent services rendered to the Institution during the past 30 years as Honorary Surgeon-Opticist, the rank of Honorary Vice-President be conferred upon the W. Bro. Jabez Hogg, F.L.S., M.R.C.S., &c., Past Grand Deacon, in accordance with Law XI.

That in recognition of the eminent services rendered to the Institution during the past 25 years as Honorary Medical Officer, the rank of Honorary Vice-President be conferred upon Bro. Wharton P. Hood, M.D., in accordance with Law XI.

That the distinction of an Honorary Vice-Presidency be conferred upon the W. Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D. of C., D.P.G.M. for Middlesex, as an acknowledgment of the services rendered by him in his gift of 130 guineas to found Prizes for History for deserving Pupils in the Institution.

That W. Bro. Stanley James Attenborough, Vice-Patron and Member of the Board of Management, be appointed Honorary Solicitor to the Institution.

All these motions were carried.

The brethren afterwards elected 24 out of a list of 37 boys, into the Institution. The result which was not made known till after we went to press, will be published in our next.

**A SERIOUS ERROR.**

In the *Journalist* of last Saturday, in a biographical notice of Bro. W. M. Duckworth (P.M. 1928), it was stated that, in recognition of his services as the first Treasurer and a founder of the Gallery Lodge, he was elected its Worshipful Master without having filled the offices of Junior and Senior Wardens. Taken literally this is correct, Bro. Duckworth not having served both those offices. But as the statement might lead people to suppose that Bro. Duckworth never served in a Warden's chair, it is necessary to say that he was appointed direct from his position of Treasurer to the post of Senior Warden without previously going through the position of Junior Warden. Freemasons will know that he could not have been elected Worshipful Master unless he had been a Junior or Senior Warden in some lodge for 12 months, and the Gallery Lodge would probably have lost its warrant and its Past Masters been suspended for a period if the brethren had been guilty of such a violation of Masonic law as to place in the chair, without the special licence of the Grand Master, a brother who had not been a Warden for a year. Grand Lodge books will show that Bro. Duckworth was S.W. of the Gallery Lodge for the year from December, 1883, to December, 1884.

**CENTENARY OF THE SAMARITAN LODGE, No. 286, AT BACUP.**

The brethren of the above lodge celebrated their centenary at Bacup, East Lancashire, on Thursday, the 13th inst. It was undoubtedly worthy of the high reputation they have acquired, for they had spared no trouble or expense so as to provide most lavishly for the members and visitors on the occasion, and they were highly successful. The brethren assembled at 1.45 at the Green Man Hotel. Bro. Henry Turner, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., acted as W.M.; Bro. John Wilson, P.M., as S.W.; and Bro. Daniel Hargreaves, P.M., as J.W.

At the opening, Bro. Col. LE GENDRE N. STARKIE, P.G.M., in a short address, entrusted the centenary warrant and jewel to the W.M. The former was read by Bro. JAMES NEWTON, P.A.G. Sec., and returned to the W.M.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER expressed the great pleasure they all felt at seeing Bro. Col. Starkie there that day on such a memorable occasion, and he wished to convey to him from every member of the lodge a very hearty welcome indeed in their midst.

Bro. Joseph Thompson presented the Prov. Grand Master with a gold centenary jewel, subscribed to by the members of the lodge, who also accepted a centenary chain, and invested the Worshipful Master with the same.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER replied in a few well-chosen remarks.

An epitome of the history of the Samaritan Lodge, which had been prepared very carefully and with great ability by Bro. HENRY TAYLOR, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., was read by him, who also gave a sketch of early Freemasonry in Bacup and Rossendale.

The brethren formed in regular processional order, under the supervision of Bros. W. H. Peak, P.G.D.C., and W. Barnes Russell, Deputy P.G.D.C., who carried out their duties admirably, and proceeded to St. John's Church for Divine service. A very powerful sermon was preached by Bro. Rev. John S. Doxey, P.P.G. Chap., Punjab, India, and was assisted in the service by Bro. Rev. Arthur Phillips.

The proceeds of the collection was devoted to the Local Blind and Deaf and Dumb Institutions. The procession returned to the lodge rooms, where the brethren re-assembled, and after "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the numerous visitors the lodge was closed.

The following is a list of those present: Bros. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, P.G.M.; Fritz Reiss, P.S.G.W.; Rev. J. O. Jelly, P.G. Chap.; Joseph Pollard, P.G. Treas.; G. A. Holt, P.S.G.D.; W. Peak, P.G.D.C.; Wm. Barnes Russell, P.A.G.D.C.; John Stewart, P.G.S.B.; James Newton, P.A.G. Sec.; John Handford, P.G.P.; Lucas Edleston, P.G.S.; George E. Hillier, P.G.S.; E. Haward, P.G.S.; Thos. Higson, P.G. Tyler; Edwin Hardman, P.P.S.G.D.; John Taylor, P.P.G.P.; G. H. Clarke, P.P.G.S. of W.; R. Harrison, P.P.S.G.W.; T. Jackson, P.P.G.S.B.; J. W. Kenyon, P.P.G.S. of W.; T. Marshall, W.M.; J. Cockayne, S.W.; W. Barclay, J.D.; John Wilson, P.M.; W. Greenhaigh, P.M.; John Lord, P.M.; A. Hamer, P.M.; J. Blaitwaite, P.M.; James Marshal, Joshua Hoyle, G. Stoneshaw, P.M.; Arthur Steel, 1948; J. Franklin Hurdle, 283; J. Greaves, W.M.; John Butterworth, P.M.; Jas. Marshall, jun., S.W.; Heyworth Howarth, J. Dewhurst, P.M.; D. Hargreaves, P.M.; William Kaye, George Hardman, James Taylor, J.W.; Thos. Graham, James Berry, P.M.; W. Ormerod, P.M.; Edwin Field, T. Rigby, S. Cox, S.W.; Joseph Robinson, William Crawshaw, J. H. Lord, C. L. N. Wilson, T. Ridsdale Bowley, S.W.; Alfred Lewtas, P.M.; Albert Holt, J.W.; John Parsons, S.W.; W. Bracewell, R. A. Buckley, Paul Sagar, John T. Howarth, G. S. Smith, P.M.; J. Hargreaves, J. Ashworth, P.M.; W. H. Maden, P.M.; Cuthbert Blacow, S.D.; and W. H. Kershaw, P.M.

The brethren subsequently partook of a banquet at the Bacup Mechanics' Hall, which was beautifully served by Mr. Jackson, the proprietor of the Green Man Hotel. One very agreeable feature was the fact that the brethren had the pleasure of having ladies present. That alone was sufficient to guarantee the happiness of everyone present. About 1.40 sat down, and everything was of the very best, and the company charming.

The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were duly honoured.

"The Health of the Prov. Grand Master" was proposed by Bro. WILSON in flowing terms, and drunk with enthusiasm.

Bro. Col. STARKIE said: W.M., Ladies, and Brethren, —The stereotype form of being unaccustomed to public speaking, does not exactly apply in one sense, as I am accustomed to speaking in public, but not to ladies. However, it gives me great delight to see them and such a large assemblage of brethren. I thank you, Bro. Wilson, for proposing my health, using such kind expressions as you did, especially in connection of the position I hold with regard to the Institution you have named, namely, the East Lancashire Systematic Educational and Benevolent Institution. All institutions are either for good or evil I am convinced, nor can it be denied this is for good. I have been reminded I have not been to Bacup, but I can assure you if I can be of any use to you in the future I shall be only too pleased to do so. We should establish good and healthy enjoyment; the savage eats by himself; the educated dine together. What could be better than the present occasion to see the laws and evidence of refinement and education which on that occasion especially resulted from the benefit of Masonry. He concluded by thanking them all for the arrangements they had made for the comfort of the visitors, and the pleasure he had received from the musical portion of the programme.

The toast of "Bro. George Mellor, Deputy P.G.M.," was proposed by Bro. DANIEL HARGREAVES, P.M., in a very witty and effective speech, and was heartily received.

Other toasts followed. The evening's enjoyment was greatly enhanced by the beautiful music rendered by Bros. W. H. Kershaw, P.M.; Ridsdale Bowley, S.W.; Cuthbert Blacow, S.D.; and A. Lewtas, P.M.



Bro. the Earl of Dunraven has made a reduction of 15 per cent to all the agricultural tenants on his extensive estates in Wales.

A new flagstaff made from a stout pine grown in Oregon, U.S.A., and said to be 80 years old, is about to be erected on the Round Tower at Windsor Castle.

The Queen has graciously forwarded to the Royal College of Music the sum of 100 guineas (£105), being the amount of her Majesty's annual subscription to that institution.

The Queen has forwarded, through Sir Henry Ponsonby, her annual subscription of £50 to the Army and Navy Pensioners' Employment Association, of which her Majesty is Patron.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught have concluded their visit to the Queen at Balmoral, and the Duke has now resumed his military duties at Portsmouth, where he will be joined by the Duchess.

The annual Cat Show at the Crystal Palace was opened on Tuesday, there being upwards of 600 entries, divided into any number of classes, and including some very fine specimens of the feline tribe.

The 1st Life Guards have been removed from Windsor to Shorncliffe Camp, their place at the former having been taken by the 1st Dragoon Guards. The change of quarters by the two regiments was effected by train on Wednesday.

In our report of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Lancashire last week, we omitted from the list of officers appointed that of the P.G. Treasurer, Bro. S. Scott Young, P.M. 24, for which we tender our apologies to that worthy brother.

The late Mr. George Fowler, of the firm of George Fowler, Son, and Co. (Limited), of Liverpool, who died at Rockferry, Cheshire, on the 8th January last, aged 67 years, has bequeathed £100,000 to be devoted to charitable purposes in England and Ireland.

Princess Victoria Mary of Teck has very kindly consented to become Patroness of the Sister's and Women's Work in connection with the Trinity College Cambridge Mission, Camberwell, which was opened last year by the Prince of Wales and the late Duke of Clarence and Avondale.

News has been received that the P. and O. Steamer Bokhara, having a registered tonnage of 2955, which had been long overdue, has been totally wrecked, having struck on Sand Island, Pescadores, on its voyage from Shanghai to Hong Kong. The captain and the majority of the crew are lost, but 23 persons are known to have been saved.

**LORD MAYOR'S DAY.**—The 17th (Duke of Cambridge's Own) Lancers has been ordered to provide an escort for the incoming Lord Mayor (Mr. Alderman Knill), on the 9th prox. The bands of the Household Cavalry and 17th Lancers and the mounted band of the Royal Artillery have also been ordered to join the Lord Mayor's procession.

The professors of the Guildhall School of Music were entertained at dinner at the Hotel Metropole on Saturday evening last by their new chief, Sir Joseph Barnby, who received a most enthusiastic welcome. Among the guests present were Bro. Sir W. Cousins, P.G. Org., Sir John Stainer, Mr. Sims Reeves, and Bro. Sir Augustus Harris.

Owing to increasing deafness Bro. Earl Cowper has announced his intention of resigning the chairmanship of the Hertfordshire Quarter Sessions, and at a recent meeting of the Court, a vote of thanks proposed by Bro. Baron Dimsdale and seconded by Bro. Abel Smith, M.P., was unanimously passed to his lordship, together with an expression of regret at his retirement.

Bro. Lord Mayor Sir David Evans and the Lady Mayoress entertained the Gaekwar and Maharanees of Baroda at luncheon at the Mansion House on Tuesday, and in the afternoon the Lady Mayoress held one of the largest of her musical receptions. To-day (Friday) will be held the annual ball to the Mayors and Provosts of the United Kingdom, while on Monday the Duke of Edinburgh, Master, and the Elder Brethren of the Trinity House, will be entertained at the usual banquet.

The full membership—2500—of the Borough-road Polytechnic Institution has already been reached, though it was only opened about three weeks ago by the Earl of Rosebery, and there are several hundreds who have applied for admission. About £17,000 is still needed towards completing the institution, of which about £3000 has been promised. It is intended to apply this latter sum towards the erection of a swimming bath and gymnasium, provided the other £3000 which will be required for the purpose is forthcoming.

The value has been sworn at £19,750 18s. 9d. of the personal estate of the Right Hon. Lady Louisa Elizabeth Finch, late of 58, Rutland-gate, who died on August, 26th last, aged 86 years, and who was the daughter of the sixth Duke of Beaufort, and the widow of Mr. George Finch, Burley-on-the-Hill, Oakham. The executors of Lady Louisa Finch's will, which bears date May 14, 1891, are her sons, Mr. George Henry Finch, of Burley-on-the-Hill, M.P., and Mr. Henry Randolph Finch, of Preston, Uppingham. The testatrix appoints a sum of £8000 settled upon her on her marriage in 1832, and now invested on mortgage of Foulness Island, to pay the income of her daughter Louisa for her life, and, subject to her life interest, in trust for her said son Henry Randolph. She bequeaths to her said son her shares in and money deposited with Combe and Co. (Limited), and to her said daughter Louisa and her daughter Mrs. Waller all her Queensland Inscribed Stock. The house in Rutland-gate and its furniture and all the residue of her property Lady Louisa Finch leaves in trust for her daughter Louisa.

Young lady artist, daughter of Exhibitor at the Royal Academy, artistically colours photographs: Cartes, 1s., 2s.; cabinets, 2s., 3s. 6d. Photographs enlarged up to life-size, and finished in oils, water colour, or monochrome. Ivory miniatures faithfully reproduced from photographs, and most delicately painted. Special care taken with the colouring of regalia. Highest testimonials from nobility, &c.—Mabel Vernon, Craven House, Beaconsfield-road, New Southgate, N.

Bro. J. E. Saunders, J.P., has been elected Master of the Wheelwrights' Company for the ensuing year.

The Royal Courts of Justice, which have been closed during the long vacation, will be re-opened on Monday next, the 24th instant, that being the first day of the Michaelmas Sittings.

Princess Victoria Amelia of Schleswig-Holstein has been on a visit to Bro the Marquis and Marchioness of Tweeddale at Gertes, where they have been entertaining a large number of guests.

According to advices from Vienna, it is proposed to organise a long distance ride between the Austrian capital and Rome on the same lines as the recent ride between Berlin and Vienna, the idea being very warmly supported in both cities.

In consequence of the heavy rains which have lately fallen, a serious slip of the embankment of the Great Northern Railway occurred on Monday near Grantham. The result was that the main line traffic had to be worked on a single line until the debris had been cleared away.

It is announced that the London and Provincial Fire Brigades will take part this year, as they have for many years past, in the Lord Mayor's Procession on the 9th prox. Captain Shean will be in command, and Captains Viscount Cantelupe (Bexhill) and Dyson (Windsor) will act as brigade-majors.

It is intended to hold a bazaar in Kensington Town Hall on the 6th December and three following days in aid of the funds for the Poor Children's Free Meals. It will take place under the patronage of the Princess Mary, Duchess of Teck, and her sister, the Grand Duchess of Mecklenburgh-Strelitz.

The Empress Frederick has intimated, through Count Secendorff, that it is her intention to contribute 50 guineas to the Morell Mackenzie Memorial Fund. It has been determined that the Memorial shall take the form of an extension of the Throat Hospital, Golden-square, to be called "The Morell Mackenzie Wing."

Sir Walter Phillimore, of the Western Circuit and the Admiralty Court, has been offered, and accepted, the Judgeship in the Queen's Bench Division vacant by the resignation of Mr. Justice Denman. Sir Walter Phillimore, who is the only son of the late Sir Robert Phillimore, a Judge of the old High Court of Admiralty, was born in 1845, and was called to the Bar at the Middle Temple in 1868.

Thursday, November 10th, is the date fixed by Bro. Irving for the production of "King Lear" at the Lyceum Theatre. "Henry VIII." will be played every evening up to November 4th, with the exception of Saturday night, the 29th inst., when "The Bells" will be given. There will be two matinees of "Henry VIII." on the 29th instant and November 25th, the latter being the last performance of the play.

The Household Cavalry are to be armed with the Martini-Metford, in place of the Martini-Henry, and commanding officers have been directed to send in at once demands for the number they require to equip their regiments. It is understood that the re-armament will extend to all the cavalry regiments, as the weapons become ready for issue. In the new carbine the smaller-bore Metford barrel is substituted for the Henry barrel, and takes the same ammunition as the magazine gun of the infantry.

Bro. Henry Irving's celebrated collection of Edmund Kean relics is likely to have a curious addition made to it. It is not generally known that the great actor was, on October 7th, 1826, elected a Chief and Prince of the Huron tribe of Indians, by the name of Alanienwidet. An engraving is extant of Kean fully attired as a warlike Indian. Recently the original costume—feathers, tomahawk, and all—was discovered among the effects of the late Mrs. Leigh Murray, and it will be exhibited at Clarkson's before being added to Bro. Irving's collection.

The Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne), who was accompanied by her husband, visited Edinburgh on Tuesday, when her Royal Highness formally opened the Parliament Hall in the Castle, which has been restored through the munificence of the late Mr. Edward Nelson. The silver key which was presented to the Princess by Mrs. Nelson was enclosed in a casket made of wood taken from the roof of the old hall. In the afternoon of the same day she presented new colours to the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, the regiment under the command of Col. Chater being drawn up in review order on the Castle esplanade. In acknowledging her Royal Highness's kindness in performing this function, Col. Chater, in the name of the regiment, requested the Princess to accept the old ones, for which he hoped she would find a home. To-day (Friday) the Princess will conclude her visit to Edinburgh, and will proceed to Dundee, where she will receive an address from the Corporation, and visit a Home in connection with the local sick poor nursing society.

A special meeting of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund is convened for Saturday, the 29th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth. There are six candidates for three vacancies, and possibly 700 votes will be required to secure election, but all depends on how the votes are distributed. The highest amounts received from lodges during 1891 are No. 39 (Exeter), £22 11s. 6d., per Bro. E. H. Shorto; No. 1402 (Torquay), £18 7s. 6d., per Bro. John Taylor; No. 223 (Plymouth), £17, per Bro. R. Blight; No. 156 (Plymouth), £15 13s., per Bro. G. Whitley; No. 1550 (Plymouth), £14 10s. 6d., per Bro. C. Mutton; No. 70 (Plymouth), £14 6s., per Bro. W. T. Hocking; No. 159 (Plymouth), £13 11s., per Bro. N. Radmore; No. 251 (Barnstaple), £13 10s., per Bro. J. Brewer; No. 328 (Torquay), £12 15s., per Bro. C. J. Harland; No. 202 (Devonport), £11 15s., per Bro. W. Allsford; No. 1212 (Stoke), £11 5s., per Bro. W. Fowler; and No. 1158 (Newton Abbot), £10 10s., per Bro. R. H. Grimbley.

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In our report of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Lancashire last week we gave Bro. F. Powell as the P.G.O. It should have been Bro. C. E. Towell.

Mrs. Martha Ricks, the aged negress, who, on her recent visit to this country, was received by Bro. the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, has forwarded to the latter a shawl or quilt of native workmanship as a souvenir of her visit to the Mansion House.

Bro. H. M. Imbert-Terry has been presented with a purse of 1000 guineas by the Conservatives of Devonshire, and Mrs. Imbert-Terry was presented with a valuable diamond pendant by the members of the Primrose League of which she was a Ruling Dame.

Our readers will all have been sorry to notice in the daily papers from time to time that Bro. Harry Nicholls, the popular comedian and Senior Warden of the Drury Lane Lodge, has been dangerously ill. The last account of his condition was, we are glad to learn, more hopeful, and we trust his recovery is only a question of time.

The German Emperor has accepted the dedication of a composition by Mdle. Janotha, entitled "The Colberg March." It is written for the band of the regiment in which Mdle. Janotha's brother holds the rank of captain. During her recent stay in Scotland, the Danish pianiste had the honour of playing before her Majesty the Queen at Balmoral.

Mr. Gladstone will to-day (Friday) cut the first sod of the new branch of the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway, uniting North Wales directly with Liverpool, thus saving the long detour by way of Chester. A distinguished company is invited to meet the right hon. gentleman. The new line, which is a short one, starts from Wirral.

At the meeting of the Cricklewood Lodge, No. 2361, on Wednesday last, Bro. James Willing, jun., was presented by the brethren with a handsome silver salver, weighing 120 ounces, in recognition of his valuable services as a founder of the lodge, and his two years' occupancy of the chair. We hope to give a report of the proceedings in our next.

Lord Methuen has decided to make an experiment which is of considerable importance to Metropolitan Volunteer officers—the establishment for their use of a night school of instruction in one of the Volunteer drill halls near Wellington Barracks, commencing on the 16th prox. The school will be under the same regulations as the present day school of instruction at Chelsea, and the hours will be from 6.30 till 10.

"Maria's Christmas Annual," which will consist of a series of amusing episodes of English home life, by Bro. Edgar Lee, will be published early in November. There will be 50 pages of illustrations by Phil May, Wallis Mackay, Bro. Tom Merry, George Cruikshank, Matt Stretch, Harold Furniss, W. Dewar, J. Rogier, Cee Tee, and other well-known black and white artists. The first issue is already fully subscribed.

Verdi's "Otello," which has not been heard here since it was first mounted by Bro. Sir Augustus Harris two seasons ago, is to be revived at Covent Garden some time during the week after next. The cast will be entirely new, except as to the part of Iago, which Mr. Dufriche has already played at this house. Londoners will have an opportunity, for the first time, of seeing Madame Melba in the rôle of Desdemona; Miss Guercia will be the Emilia; and Otello will be played by Mr. Gianini, who has won distinction in the part on the Continent.

At the harvest festival of St. James's, Preston, the "Barton" lectern was dedicated. It stands 6 feet 6 inches high. On the base is the inscription: "St. James's Church, Preston. To the glory of God and in memory of Thomas Barton, who died April 27th, 1892. The gift of his nephew, the Rev. Thomas Barton Spencer, M.A., Vicar, Past Grand Chaplain of England in Freemasonry." The lectern is a facsimile of the one presented by the Baroness Burdett-Coutts to St. Stephen's Westminster. A new Bible has also been presented with the lectern by Bro. Spencer.

Bro. Seymour Smith again announces his annual benefit concert at the Peckham Public Hall on Thursday next. As on former occasions, he is supported by a large number of excellent artistes, amongst whom we notice the name of the veteran, Richard Blagrove. More than ordinary interest attaches to this performance from the fact that the first part will consist of a sacred cantata entitled "Joshua," composed by Bro. Seymour Smith. The second part will be a miscellaneous selection of vocal and instrumental music. All who can attend may be assured of a musical treat.

London was not favoured with a sight of the eclipse of the sun which occurred on Thursday. The obscuration covered nine-tenths of the solar surface, and was at its maximum at 6h 30m, rather more than an hour and a half after sunset in these islands. Except for about an hour the sun was totally eclipsed by mist and cloud so far as the residents in this Metropolis were concerned. New York was not much better off, for, owing to the haze prevailing, the darkening produced by the moon's intervention made little perceptible difference. There the greatest effect was produced at 1.30 local time.

Now that the dark evenings are approaching, fatal accidents are beginning, as usual, to be of frequent occurrence. The market is just now flooded with cheap lamps, many of them of foreign make absolutely worthless, and most dangerous to use; their flimsy brass and glass reservoirs and bad construction, make them dangerous even when used with the greatest care. Messrs. A. C. Wells and Co., Manchester and London, have submitted to us a sample of their unbreakable hand-lamps, which they claim to be absolutely safe, and which will neither break if dropped nor explode under any possible circumstances. The reservoir is made of cast iron, and is indestructible. Very large numbers of these lamps have been sold, and testimonials regarding their efficiency have been sent to the firm from every part of the world, and amongst which is one from the Emperor of Russia, where they are in use at the Gatchina Palace. We advise our readers to make early application to their nearest ironmonger for these lamps.

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